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Headmaster's Report



British schoolchildren now undergo more national tests than ever. Pupils in state schools compulsorily sit tests at seven, eleven, fourteen and sixteen, with the option of further tests two years later. The purpose behind all this is the laudable one of seeking to ensure that all children reach minimum levels in certain basic skills which are the cornerstone of further learning and, therefore, of a full education. It is probably true that, if pupils are to be tested and results made public, there will be greater concentration on these skills.

There are available now, however, highly sophisticated tests of basic skills which can identify a pupil's strengths and weaknesses – and therefore needs – quickly and accurately. Teaching can therefore be tailored to concentrate on specific areas for specific groups, and progress can be properly monitored over the months and years. This represents both true progress and a genuine measure of success for the pupils, teachers and schools.

Unfortunately, the publication of raw results as a measure of achievement has no such validity. Results can be shown to have improved; therefore, it is claimed, standards have risen – or, of course, fallen, if the hurdle has been lowered.

It is sensible and highly profitable to use computer-generated statistics to identify individual targets with pupils (and their parents) and this is what we have been concentrating on at King's over the past two years. The targets must be rigorous (pupils do, in fact, have high expectations of themselves) but should not be the same for everyone. "This is where you are now: what is a challenging but reasonable expectation for where you hope to be by next year?" If this is the basis of discussion between tutor and pupil, then praise can be given where there is genuine improvement, though obviously the results will not all be the same. The converse of this is that able but lazy pupils, whose results do not

match their abilities but who still appear to be doing better than their peers, can now be called to account.

At all levels, now, from Infants to Sixth Formers, King's School pupils' progress is monitored in this way. It is no longer sufficient to consider only the result; progress and effort are also reviewed.

This brings me to the A Level results in 1999. These were the best in the history of the school and they were so on two counts. Firstly, those of whom we expected top grades duly achieved them: eight achieved five As, nineteen achieved four and no fewer than thirty achieved three. Equally importantly, however, if one considers the pupils' GCSE scores as a base-line, information is available on the A Level results of hundreds of pupils nationally over the years from the same base-line in the same subjects, and on this basis no fewer than twenty-four of our pupils scored an average of at least one grade higher than the national average outcome in each of their subjects. This is genuine achievement by individuals.

Behind results lies the aim of encouraging pupils to think for themselves. This, too, we have addressed at King's in a number of ways. We have been, in the last two years, one of the pioneer schools in developing the 'Thinking Science' programme developed by King's College, London. The aim of this is to encourage pupils to develop their abilities to tackle problems by concentrating on the *process* of moving towards a solution rather than the solution itself. Discussion in groups forms an essential part of the method. Initial results are very encouraging and the programme has had a significant impact upon teaching methods at all levels. Consideration is being given to developing a similar programme in Mathematics teaching.

Besides these, there has been extensive growth of interest in the school in studying philosophical questions, both in Philosophy itself and in Religious Education, where numbers have boomed over the past few years.

Creativity (not easily measured) is another key element in a pupil's development, and I am delighted at the level of interest that is evident in the creative subjects, and in the different areas within those subjects, both in the curriculum and in extra-curricular activities. The pages which follow give some indication of how much stress is laid on creativity in the school.

Beyond the concerns nationally about results, there is talk about bringing 'citizenship' into the curriculum. Of

course, it is desirable that pupils should develop into responsible citizens, but that has surely been the aim of schools over the years, and it has generally been achieved by encouraging responsible attitudes rather than lecturing. The opportunities to take responsibility are surely a key element in this. The King's School structure affords this by giving responsibility from a young age and also by having higher expectations of sixteen-year-olds than is normal. Boys' and Girls' Divisions both have their cohorts of prefects, their School Councils and their Charities' Committees: experience gained from serving here is, of course, further developed in the Sixth Form.

These attitudes are fostered richly in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, from team games to individual sports, from Outward Bound activities to Community Service. Again the pages which follow will demonstrate how much we value such experiences.

What of the future? The school is now benefiting from the development in 1993 of opening the Girls' Division, since now, for the first time, the Sixth Form is almost equally co-educational and the pupils have virtually all had their secondary education at King's. The effects are enormously beneficial in every aspect of school life.

The future, from September 2000, also holds out the prospect of new A Levels, with more modular examinations taken both in the Lower and Upper Sixth. Yet another year of public examinations is thus added. There are distinct benefits from the proposed changes. There are concerns (national, not just local) at the possible impact of so many public examinations upon extra-curricular activities. I hope all schools will continue to stress the benefits of a full education, beyond the taking of examinations.

The Former Pupils' project to upgrade the Memorial Pavilion has now been completed, and the facilities are now such that the school can be proud of them, not merely for the obvious benefits for cricket, but as an area for meeting in gracious surroundings. The school owes a great debt to the Former Pupils who have had the vision and persistence to carry this important project through.

So much activity, so many positive achievements! I am happy, in my final report, to pay tribute to the continued support the school and I have had from so many colleagues, both teaching and non-teaching, over the years I have been privileged to work at the school.

A G Silcock, November 1999

Hail...

Welcome to those members of staff who joined King's during the academic year 1998-99. The following have kindly provided brief histories:

Jane Barratt

(Music)

Jane was born in Wigan, Lancashire and educated at Chorley Grammar School. She then went on to study piano, organ and singing at Trinity College of Music, London, before taking a PGCE at Birmingham University.

From 1980 she began her career teaching class music at Knutsford County High School, then Alsager Secondary School.

In 1985 her husband's career took her to Sydney, Australia, where there was ample opportunity to indulge in the outdoor life as well as regular visits to the Opera House for concerts and operas.

On returning to England eighteen months later, Jane then worked as a peripatetic teacher in local schools as well as building up a private music practice, teaching piano, flute and saxophone. This continued until she took up her present post at the King's School. She is in the Register for Professional Teachers in the Incorporated Society of Musicians and is currently serving on the committee of the Manchester Centre.

Away from the musical activities that take up much of her leisure time Jane's interests include hill walking, especially in the Lake District, theatre visits, reading travel books, and she is an active member of the Congleton branch of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Her passion for travel has led to two circumnavigations of the globe and an interest in ethnic music and instruments.

Jane has two young sons who so far are following in Mum's footsteps and are learning the drums and cornet.

Lesley Hollis

(School Office)

Lesley was brought up in the North East but left the area, after a traditional grammar school education, to study French at Leeds University. It was there that she met her future husband, Chris.

Following graduation, and in the absence of any clear career objectives (she only knew that she did not want to teach), she began working in the insurance industry, initially in Leeds where Chris was doing research, and then in Manchester following the couple's move to Macclesfield.

It did not take Lesley long to realise that Chris' commitments to school, through Physics and rugby, were such that if she did not rapidly develop an interest in the latter, she would see little of him, so she tagged along and eventually came to relish her position on the touchline, even touring in Holland with U16 and U14 teams.

Their own two boys arrived and Lesley stayed at home until they were both of school age. For a couple of years, she worked as a school cook and then went back to insurance for a while until the opportunity came to join the rest of the family at King's. Her spare time is again spent on touchlines, now watching her own sons play football. Ideally, she would love to have time for walking and travelling.

Zoe Horner

(Geography)

Zoe was born and brought up in Cheshire and attended Wilmslow High School as a child. After a degree at Salford, she went to Cambridge (Hughes Hall) for her PGCE. She then returned to the North West and taught at a Sixth Form College in Bolton, where she met her husband.

A love of travel and experiencing different ways of life and cultures propelled her to take up a position at a British curriculum school in Bahrain. Shortly after returning from there in 1997, she had a daughter and returned to work part-time.

In her 'spare' time she enjoys reading novels, hill walking/trekking and genealogy. She is now thoroughly enjoying teaching at King's and openly enjoys bringing her experiences of travelling alive in the classroom.

Gareth Jones

(Junior Division)

Gareth was born in Stockport and educated at Stockport Grammar School. He then studied Music at Anglia Polytechnic University before moving on to do his PGCE at Leeds University. He began his teaching career in Chapeltown, Leeds but returned across the Pennines to his hometown, Stockport, where he taught for three years at Broadstone Hall Primary School, Heaton Chapel.

Although he studied music, Gareth would describe himself as a reluctant flautist these days, but he does enjoy the occasional performance. He has a passion for sports, especially football which he plays regularly. He likes watching football and is a season ticket holder at Stockport County. Gareth enjoys a variety of outdoor activities

including walking, skiing and watersports. He is a Mountain Leader and spends a fair amount of his holidays leading walks in the mountains of Britain and Europe.

Liz Mitchell

(Information Technology)

Liz was born in West Yorkshire and had a grammar school education. After school she went on to study Mathematical Sciences at Birmingham University where she became increasingly involved in computing.

Following university, Liz worked as a computer systems engineer and consultant, initially for ICL and then for Hewlett Packard, both jobs involving extensive travel in the UK, Europe and USA. A substantial part of her role involved customer training together with a full range of pre- and post-sales support and account management. Having had a number of years working for manufacturers, Liz decided to experience the industry from a different viewpoint and joined a Management Consultancy company as a computer consultant.

Following the birth of her son, Liz 'retired' from the computer industry and eventually became involved in children's book publishing. She worked as training and development manager for Red House Books and then joined Harper Collins Publishers in their educational sales division. This move brought her into close contact with secondary schools and colleges.

Liz has found that as a part-time teacher of Information Technology at King's she can combine her computing and training skills, enjoy the educational environment and still have time for her family.

Jane Pullen

(German)

Jane was born in Carlisle and lived in Cumbria until the age of eighteen. Before going to university at Bath to read German and Russian, she spent a year in Bavaria, living with a family near Regensburg – her German accent has not been the same since!

Upon graduation in 1991 she took up a position as a Management Trainee with Lloyd's Bank but, realising that this was not her true vocation, she soon turned to teaching and completed her PGCE at Leeds University in June 1994. One very positive result of her time at Lloyd's, however, was that she met her husband through a bank colleague – who was suitably 'punished' by being best man at their wedding!

Her first teaching post was at Bed-

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ford Modern School, where she spent four extremely happy years before the completion of her husband's degree signalled a move north to his new job. Outside school she enjoys watching football, cooking, reading and entertaining friends.

A warm welcome, too, to:

Sinead Ball Chemistry & Biology
Karen Booth Mathematics
Alison Chynoweth Nursery Nurse
Maureen Denovan Infants
Lisa Farrow Physics
Sarah Jackson Laboratory Assistant
Alison Johnson Junior French
Alan McInnes Games
Bernard Randall Classics
Ruth Roberts English
Richard Schofield Econ/Bus Studies
Shirley Searle Classroom Assistant
Margaret Wheeler Boys' Div Secretary
Judi Williams Classroom Assistant

... and Farewell

and our best wishes for the future to:

Karen Booth

Karen came to us via Stockport Grammar School as a part-time Maths teacher. She taught three classes in the Girls' Division and one in the Boys' Division. She settled in well and soon demonstrated her ability in the classroom. When in the Staff Room waiting for lessons, she always seemed to be marking and she will be remembered as always having a pile of orange books by her side.

In her spare time in school she helped with the Maths Clinic and out of school she seemed to have great energy and drive. She ran the PTA at her children's primary school and helped to organise many functions. In addition, she enjoyed catering and was always willing to help friends with their party or celebration. She has now returned to Stockport as a part-time teacher of Maths.

Jenny Burdekin

Jenny joined the King's School staff in September 1992 to teach cookery. As mother of two sons who had attended the school and as the wife of the Chairman of the Education Committee, Jenny threw herself into her new job as though it were a full-time rather than a part-time appointment. She taught with real flair three courses in General Studies: a Year 12 Diploma of Achievement to every pupil in the year, a Year 12 Cookery course to those who opted for it and a Year 13 Student Survival course on how to live off a budget. She also

found time to help Tony Hallatt to administer General Studies, devoting hours to ensure that students received the best possible combination of courses. In addition, she voluntarily introduced Year 7 classes to cookery, taking small groups at a time during the lunch hour.

There was, however, another tremendous contribution that Jenny made to King's and that was in the area of Admissions and Marketing. As a retired Deputy Head of Gawsworth County Primary School, Jenny had enormous knowledge of local schools, which she put at our disposal. She has a wonderful way with people and especially with children, and she used this quality to great effect in welcoming them to Saturday morning tours. She has been a vital member of the 11+ interviewing teams for seven years, knowing which pupils would thrive at King's and, more rarely, which would not. She has always made herself available for the Junior Workshop Day or the King's at Work afternoon, forever singing the school's praises and selling it to our visitors.

She has a passion for music and she has found time to help the Music Department on many occasions as well as singing in the choir.

Jenny has been a wonderful friend and supporter of King's as well as a loyal colleague and we are all going to miss her greatly.

Philip Dobson

Philip joined the King's School as Technician to the Physics Department in the summer of 1981. He had previously worked in the textile industry where his job and the environment had been quite different. However, he soon settled in and adapted to the demands of his new role.

Philip has always been a quiet and affable person who never complained about anything, despite the fact there was often a lot to complain about. He even calmly accepted the advent of the dreaded Sc1 (Science investigation work), the bane of everyone's life, teachers and technicians alike. He never said no to requests for apparatus even when they were last minute and sometimes later than that. His loyalty to the department and the school was absolute and he was always willing to do whatever was required. This was typified by the fact that although he reached retirement age last February he wanted to stay on until the end of the academic year because he thought that it would be in the best interests of the department. Philip did briefly return to the

department for a couple of weeks at the start of the new academic year to help our new technician, Mark Jeffrey, to find his feet.

We already miss the Monday morning match reports on Saturday's game at Moss Lane, the ups and downs of Macclesfield Town FC. Also, next summer will undoubtedly bring back memories of test match commentaries on the radio in the prep room, England on the verge of defeat again!

We are grateful to Philip for all his efforts over the past eighteen years and hope that he and his wife, Susan, enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Margaret Gartside

Margaret joined us in 1996 as a part-time teacher of Chemistry and General Science. Her previous experience included teaching Chemistry and running a department, teaching Maths and, most recently, teaching in a Special Unit for emotionally and behaviourally disturbed pupils aged fourteen to sixteen. Margaret's family moved many times before coming to Macclesfield, with the result that she accumulated a huge variety of experience and learned to be flexible and adaptable.

At King's Margaret taught in the Boys' Division in Years 7 to 11. She was particularly good with the boys on an individual basis, and had endless patience when it came to explaining difficult concepts either in class, or in extra lunchtime sessions. If anyone encountered problems, Margaret was always sympathetic and proved herself to be an excellent listener. She was always determined to find the source of a problem so that it could be treated effectively, rather than simply react to the symptoms. She had a genuine interest and enthusiasm for the subject, which she passed on to her classes.

Even though she was part-time, Margaret contributed significantly to the extra-curricular activities in the school. She helped with the running of badminton in the winter and with tennis in the summer. If she was free, she could be relied upon to provide an extra adult presence if it was needed on trips or community action projects.

Margaret will still be a frequent visitor to the school in her capacity as parent and wife of one of the governors. We look forward to seeing her in the future and wish her well with her next project, which is a course on helping children who suffer from dyslexia.

Linda Graham

Lin joined King's in 1992 job-sharing with Janet Moore in the Foundation Office. Her dry sense of humour and quick wit were great assets – brightening up many a hectic Monday morning and enhancing relationships between teaching and admin. staff. Lin was always willing to be flexible and regularly assisted with office holiday cover – often filling in at the last moment. Her conscientious approach and attention to detail have been very hard to replace.

On her free Wednesday afternoons, Lin assisted the PE Department in her capacity as a qualified netball umpire, also stepping in to umpire weekend matches, often at short notice. Her free Wednesdays were later given over to the Music Department where she helped the Instrumental Co-ordinator produce weekly lesson timetables. In both of these areas, her talents were much appreciated and are sorely missed.

Lin left King's at the end of May, following two bouts of illness, deciding that she would like to spend more time with her family including her lively two-year-old grandson, Thomas. We wish her every happiness.

Claire Hart

Mrs Claire Hart began her first teaching post at King's in September 1996 (when she was known as Miss Priestley!) Arriving fresh from gaining her PGCE qualification at Homerton College, Cambridge, she was Form Teacher to three Year 6 classes where her calm, caring, yet firm approach was undoubtedly a positive influence. She was particularly influential in her subject specialism of English where, working closely with Mrs Hulme, she sought to improve the standards throughout the Junior Division, encompassing the main points of the National Literacy Programme along the way. During her time at King's she has organised and led an English Speaking Board Club and Drama Club, as well as preparing children meticulously to read at many church services. She left to return to Richmond Preparatory School in her native Yorkshire with our best wishes.

Sue Husband

Sue joined King's in 1994 and was the first secretary of the new Boys' Division. Her efforts and personality very much set the tone for the Office. Although she was asked to work from a temporary office in rather cramped conditions, she provided a first rate and friendly service for all boys and

staff working in the Division and she was instrumental in setting up all of the new procedures that we all take for granted today. She also brought with her an interest in trains and rock music, and through these she was able to meet a wide cross section of the school, either at rail enthusiasts' meetings or the occasional rock concert where she might run into rather surprised Sixth Formers. Such was her relaxed personality that she was able to cope with these widely contrasting situations with consummate ease. Never one to get flustered in a crisis, she was the sympathetic arm for a sick boy, or the cool, polite and helpful voice on the telephone to a rather irate parent.

Sue has moved on to a post closer to home where I am sure she will give a first class service. We wish her well for the future.

James Keefe

James Keefe's stay was relatively brief but he made a considerable impact. He came from RGS, Newcastle, to teach Economics and Business Studies – the latter was new to him. It was clear from the outset that he was passing through. He was extremely well organised, dynamic and an effective teacher. His enthusiasm, energy and ability seemed boundless; he took on Careers after his first year and made an excellent job of it, as he did with U14 hockey and U14 cricket. He wrote textbooks in his free time and was a computer wizard. He played football skilfully, and with ferocity and frightening single-mindedness.

Jim is an exceptional person. His modesty, open-mindedness and willingness to listen are not always found in people of his ability. He is well remembered by his colleagues, teammates, and pupils. We wish him well.

Christine Miller

Christine Miller joined King's in 1989 as a Laboratory Assistant in Biology and Chemistry. She worked in both departments, splitting her time evenly between the two, supporting the Laboratory Technicians in their work. Christine was a quiet, friendly member of the Science Department and got on well with teachers and technicians. She did the sort of job which is vital to the smooth running of a busy department but which does not provide a great deal of variety. She was reliable and dependable over the years, and her contribution to both departments was much appreciated. Christine had two children who were very young when she joined us. As they became

older and more self-reliant, she changed her hours in order to accommodate the work of the departments and again we appreciated her flexibility. She contributed significantly to the department's efforts on Open Day, and made a number of posters which were part of the Chemistry Department display.

Christine left us in order to take up a post as a Ward Clerk at Stepping Hill Hospital. We wish her well.

Nick Phillips

Mr Nick Phillips was appointed to the school as Head of French in 1973. During these years he ran the department and taught French at all levels.

Mr Phillips' deep knowledge of the French language and culture was evident to all who knew him. He enjoyed nothing better than conversing at length in French with bilingual colleagues, and his enthusiasm for France found its most valued outlet in the organisation of the school's exchange with Albi over many years. Other exchanges and trips abroad followed, and pupils benefited from a whole range of opportunities to visit France.

Mr Phillips' other great love was music and on numerous occasions he sang with the school choir or the latest Barber Shop group, lending his experience and expertise.

After twenty-six years he has decided to step aside and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Bernard Randall

Bernard joined the Classics Department at King's in September 1998 to help with the teaching of Latin to boys and girls in Years 8 and 9 and to teach Philosophy in the Sixth Form. He soon made an impression with his mild, good-humoured approach in the classroom. He encouraged the pupils to enjoy themselves while learning, often using the video camera as the pupils acted out stories in Latin. However, he always emphasised the importance of a good grammatical base, realising quite rightly that only from a solid foundation could significant progress be made. Nor were his contributions limited to the classroom. He helped out with the training of the Year 8 rugby squad and accompanied the Classics Department trips to Bath, Fishbourne and Chester. He was also a keen participant in staff football and cricket matches where his slow leg spin bamboozled many an opponent. We all wish him well now as he returns to teaching Ancient History at Manchester University and concentrates on finishing his doctorate.

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Ruth Roberts

Ruth came to us in September 1998 with a First Class degree from the University of Oxford and with experience in the world of auctioneering. She joined us to teach English part-time at Fence Avenue. Her love of literature, combined with her enjoyment of the company of young people, made her lessons inspirational and fun. Girls were motivated to learn and to achieve, as they knew that she genuinely cared about their progress. Ruth thoroughly enjoyed her year at King's. She left us in order to pursue her own interests in writing and to look after her two young sons. We wish her every success in the future.

Alison Schreiber

Mrs Alison Schreiber was appointed in 1996 to teach French at all levels in the school, with particular responsibility for eleven- to sixteen-year-old boys. Her deep knowledge of her subject, combined with her sympathetic and supportive approach to her pupils quickly won her the respect of all her classes. Throughout her time in the school she worked hard at developing courses appropriate for different groups of pupils. In addition, she was a sympathetic, hard-working tutor, and she developed such a good relationship with a number of her tutees that a trip to France with them became almost inevitable – and a memorable experience for all concerned.

Mrs Schreiber was also a warm and supportive colleague. Her decision to leave to spend more time at home was wholly understandable but much regretted in the Common Room. In her years with us she achieved much that will be remembered with gratitude.

Elsie Thompson

Elsie was one of the original members of the newly founded King's Infants' Department, which opened its doors in September 1997.

Elsie joined King's Infants as a Classroom Assistant for the Year 1 class. Although a qualified teacher, Elsie had decided that the additional workload from the National Curriculum meant that she had less time to spend on the activities that she enjoyed in the classroom, such as art and craft, and felt that she would be able to enjoy these activities more as a Classroom Assistant.

Elsie was also very interested in Amateur Dramatics and as a member of the Poynton Players, she hoped to spend more of her evenings rehearsing for their regular productions.

After four terms with King's Infants Elsie felt that she would prefer to work part-time, and was offered a position at

Macclesfield's Heritage Centre as a 'Victorian School Ma'am', a role which combined her love of the classroom with her love of Amateur Dramatics.

Denise Wilkinson

Mrs Denise Wilkinson joined King's Juniors from Cheadle Hulme Junior School as a Year 3 class teacher in September 1997. She quickly struck up a rapport with Mrs Williams and together they set very high standards for the youngest entrants to the Division. Through meticulous planning and high expectations, the Year 3 children got off to a flying start with Mrs Wilkinson. She was also the Division's PE coordinator during her short stay of just over five terms at King's Juniors. She made an outstanding contribution to the success in the Junior Division of her favourite game, netball. She worked very hard to build up the girls' skills and confidence to the extent that the 1998/9 Under 11 team were the most successful in the Junior Division's short history, winning both the Macclesfield Primary Schools' League and the local cup competition. She left on maternity leave in May, before giving birth to her first child in June. She decided not to return after baby Caleb's birth and is currently enjoying proud parenthood greatly.

Fiona Williams

Mrs Fiona Williams (or Miss Chisholm as she was then!) was a 'founder member' of King's Junior Division in September 1993. For six years she set high standards in the Juniors with Year 3 classes. Many children will be able to put down their academic success to Mrs Williams' early encouragement and attention to detail, which set the highest expectations. It must have been very reassuring as a six- or seven-year-old child to meet her as your Form Teacher on your first day at a new school. Her efficient, calm and friendly nature have undoubtedly been important factors in the brief history of King's Juniors. She coordinated both History and PSE in the Junior Division, as well as operating as a liaison teacher between the Junior and Infant staff during the inaugural year of the Infant School. Latterly she organised teams for the AJIS quiz competitions, with considerable success. She left with thanks and best wishes to take up a part-time post at nearby Wilmslow Preparatory School. No doubt Mrs Williams will maintain her links with King's through her husband (Mr P Williams in the Boys' Division)!

Biology Department Staff

Three members of the Biology Department staff left King's School at the end of the Summer Term to take up new appointments. All three have made a huge contribution to the life of the department academically, technically and socially and they will be missed by the remaining staff and the pupils that they taught. In addition they all made important contributions outside the department.

Sue Madden

Sue is going to be Head of Biology at Withington School for Girls. She has been an excellent Senior Subject Teacher and will be a very effective Head of Department in her new school. In addition to her teaching commitments she has taken on many roles in the school including pastoral duties, a wide range of field trips, drama activities, theatre visits and skiing holidays. Sue introduced the annual Sixth Form trip to the Natural History Museum which has been very successful.

Neil Walker

Neil is leaving to become the Head of Psychology and Key Stage 3 Science Co-ordinator at Croydon Hurst School in South Croydon. In addition to teaching Biology at all levels, Neil was instrumental in introducing A Level Psychology to the school. He also accompanied numerous school trips and contributed to the sporting life of the school, especially hockey.

Nick Teagle

Nick is going to be a teacher of Science at Westwood Technical College. In addition to his technician duties Nick restarted the Animal Club which has developed into a small zoo under his guidance, built a pond and taken a number of school trips and helped with field courses.

The department will look back on the time shared with all three colleagues with affection and we wish them every success in their new posts.

Art & Design

Pottery Workshops

The Autumn Term began with pottery workshops for Year 10 Art students at Cumberland Street and Fence Avenue. Annie Tortora, a well-known north west artist, demonstrated simple techniques of pottery handbuilding appropriate to the GCSE syllabus and went on to show a variety of decoration techniques which the boys and girls were subsequently able to adapt for the production of their own work, which will become part of their GCSE coursework.

Stapeley Water Gardens

Year 11 Art students were involved in a field trip to Stapeley Water Gardens where they had a day of concentrated drawing from observation. The subject matter, a variety of exotic plants in jungle situations, provided a wealth of visual information for use in the production of ceramics, textiles, drawing and painting.

Life Drawing Classes

The Department has now been running life drawing classes for a number of years. Sixth Form students spend one evening per week after school in the Autumn Term honing their drawing skills and since this venture started, the study of the Human Form has become a significant part of the Sixth Form course. The standard of students' drawing has improved considerably across the board and it is felt that the discipline that life drawing imposes to drawing of all kinds has had, and continues to have, a beneficial effect.

Field Trip to North Wales

The Lower Sixth Art & Design Field Trip to Nantlle in North Wales was the highlight of the Summer Term. Ten students accompanied by Mr Seddon and Miss Inman took part in a concentrated long weekend of intense activity, including building environmental sculptures, drawing slate quarries, waterfalls and Mount Snowdon, and absorbing the qualities of the surrounding countryside. We arrived via a visit to Ruthin Craft Centre and the David Frith Pottery in Denbigh. David was generous enough to give us a throwing demonstration of his huge pots for which he is deservedly famous.

We stayed at the Trigonos Centre which provides full board accommodation in twin and triple bedded rooms. The food is simple and wholesome, largely grown on the premises, and plentiful. The centre provides a library,

art studios, games room, common room and kitchens for student use. Spontaneous activities, such as building a campfire at dusk and spending considerable time talking and socialising around it, helped to cement peer relationships. The whole weekend provided an intense, maturing period for those involved as well as providing a wealth of visual information to provide the basis of work in school during the Upper Sixth year.

Sixth Form Exhibition

In the last week of the Summer Term we held an Open Evening at which all the Upper Sixth A Level candidates displayed their work. The Lower Sixth students were also represented. This was well received.

GCSE Exhibition

At the end of the Summer Term, families of Year 11 girls on the GCSE course were invited to attend a private view of their daughters' GCSE Examination Exhibition. The girls showed expertise in painting, textiles, ceramics and printmaking and the evening was a great success.

Activities Week

The Department ran a Raku Workshop for all Year 8 girls at Fence Avenue and a Pottery Workshop for all Year 7 boys at Cumberland Street as part of the Activities Week held at the end of the academic year.

The Clothes Show Live 1998

The Annual Girls' and Sixth Form Division trip to the Clothes Show took place in December. After fending off the talent scouts on entry to the NEC, the students were able to gain valuable insights into the running of the Fashion Industry. Prestigious Fashion and Textile Colleges such as St Martin's and Cordwainer's were represented to give advice to students on training and careers in the Fashion Industry, and students were able to gain valuable ideas for their own work by looking at the work that degree students had produced. New this year was the Style Arena, which was too much for Mrs Hardman to resist as she went for the full head to toe makeover! After completing their research there was plenty of time for essential pre-Christmas shopping before the grand finale of the Catwalk Show where the students were able to see the work of top British designers such as Matthew Williamson, Ben DeLisi and Workers for Freedom. As ever, it was a great success and remains in the Department calendar.

Girls' Division Set Design

During the Spring Term, Year 8 and 9 girls worked on producing the set for this year's Drama production, *The Cagebirds* and *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*. For *Ernie* they used the inspiration of the artist Ralph Steadman to create black and white dream-like images of birds, soldiers and carnival masks. This was contrasted with the garish, bright, flashing curtain and fairground stalls for the fairground fantasy scene. For *The Cagebirds* the set was minimal except for the suggestion of a gilded cage on a platform at the back of the stage to add to the sinister unease of the piece. It was an extremely professional work for the girls, all of whom were under fourteen.

Christmas Card Competition

In the Summer Term all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a somewhat unseasonal competition to find a design for this year's Christmas Card for the East Cheshire Hospice. The competition was held in June 1999 to allow time for the winning entries to be printed and was open to all schools in East Cheshire. Sarah Levitt of 8SG was chosen as the overall winner for her design in oil pastel of a colourful Christmas tree which, in the words of Dr Priest from the Hospice, 'simply leapt off the page'. She was presented with a framed copy of her design and two tickets to see Manchester United in action. The judges were also so impressed with the entry from Laura Tunwell of 8RSH, a sophisticated design using handmade papers, that they awarded her the runner-up prize of a framed version of her design and two tickets for a Macclesfield Town game (some would suggest that this prize was better than the winner's!) Both of the designs are now in production ready to be sold for Christmas 1999.

Other Activities

The school participated in a sculpture project in which Year 8 and 9 pupils built site-specific items for placing along the River Bollin.

During school examination week workshops for Year 6 pupils from other schools were conducted at both sites as a taster for prospective pupils.

In the Summer Term visits were made to the end of year shows at Northwich, Stockport, Manchester and Macclesfield Art Colleges.

Mr Seddon and Miss Inman were both able to take part in the Summer ISADA Conference which was hosted by Monmouth School for Girls, whose new Headmistress was our recently

departed Dr Despontin. The conference was largely ceramic-orientated and the programme included visits to Wally Keeler's Pottery Studio and Cardiff Museum; and talks by Claire Curneen, Kate Malone and Zoe Whiteside.

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

PS/DI

Drama

The Drama Department presented yet another varied programme of stimulating and unusual productions. After seeing Voltaire's *Zadig*, Alan Ayckbourn's *Ernie's Incredible Illusions*, David Campton's *The Cagebirds* and Frank Loesser's *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, no one could accuse the Drama Department of being stuck in a groove.

Zadig was perhaps the most adventurous choice of the year and had first to be adapted from Voltaire's novel before any work could begin on the acting. Frank Walker, assisted by Sam Fox and Ben Crabstick, undertook the dramatisation but, as work progressed, it was soon

play was delivered in a fast, zany and entertaining style while exploring interesting philosophical ideas.

In a production which presented battles, journeys and tournaments, the emphasis was firmly on teamwork but there were many delightful, individual performances such as Alex Healey as the lugubrious fisherman, Daniel Lewis ranting in jealous fury as the apoplectic Arimazes, and Esmé Patey-Ford as the wronged Queen Astarte. A mad and unjust world presented *Zadig* with infuriating obstacles and Ziad Sawas portrayed his bewilderment and frustrations with sincerity, creating a firm anchor for an evening of considerable excitement and thought-provoking humour.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying by Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows is chiefly remembered as a film, its large cast of characters making it an expensive production for smaller theatres. It was exciting to give the piece an airing at King's and particularly rewarding to see how fresh the humour of the piece still is and how well Loesser's songs work in context. The theatrical impact of numbers such as 'Happy to Keep His Dinner Warm', 'Paris Original', 'I Believe in You' and 'Brotherhood of Man' make one regret that the piece is so rarely presented.

The production was staged in record time but the commitment of the cast was such that the polish of the final performance did not in any way suggest that the rehearsal period had been a comparatively brief one. The central roles of J Pierrepont-Finch and Rosemary were beautifully sung and convincingly acted by David Botham and Annie Phillips while J B Biggley was played with remarkable assurance and excellent comic timing by Andrew Unterhalter. Tom Masheder made the most of his opportunities as the male chauvinist Mr Bratt, ogling Hedy LaRue, the pout-ing, blonde bombshell whose IQ is as low as her typing speed. Hedy was played with aplomb by Tory Harle while Edward Coxson won over the audience with an hilarious performance as the spoilt and conniving Bud Frump.

The imaginative production called upon the chorus to represent lifts, revolving doors, the executive wash-

room and most effectively, an enormous typewriter, in addition to depicting hosts of office workers. The production kept up an exhilarating pace and the musical numbers were given a thoroughly professional backing from Mr Green's well-trained and talented musicians. The production was directed by Mr Walker.

FW

Girls' Division Drama

The Girls' Division production this year was presented in the form of two one-act plays involving pupils from Years 7 to 11. They were well received by the audiences who attended and a great deal of pleasure was derived from those who took part in the performances. The plays in question were *Ernie's Incredible Illusions* by Alan Ayckbourn and *The Cagebirds* by David Campton. *Ernie* follows the adventures of a young man who possesses the ability to be able to hallucinate into the most hilarious and incredible situations, the consequences of which affect all those who happen to be around at the time. Victoria Blackburn gave a stunning performance as *Ernie*, ably assisted by Kate Howell as Mum and Charlotte Baskeyfield as Dad. There were many excellent performances from those with supporting roles such as Kate Owens as the German Gestapo Officer and Katie Steele as Granny to name but two of this highly dedicated team.

The second play, *The Cagebirds*, provided a total contrast. This play was a challenge for the Year 10 and 11 girls, being a somewhat more complex play of a rather symbolic nature. The plot deals with the theme of those who are trapped in their own world unable to break free or to communicate with others and what happens when the



discovered that ideas improvised in rehearsal would also help to shape the final text.

The wide range of locations and extraordinary action of the piece made naturalism impossible and suggested a stylised treatment. Much use was made of mime and movement and all the actors, with the exception of the eponymous hero, played many parts. The



'Wild One' is introduced into their midst by their mistress. It is difficult to single out any one performance since all the girls were excellent. They were all highly committed members of this small cast play.

As in previous years, we had the pleasure of the company and participation of some of the young men from the Boys' Division. They were both supportive and dedicated members of the cast of *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations* and I know their presence was appreciated by all concerned.

A magnificent set was in evidence, as usual, designed by Debbie Inman who organised a talented team of young ladies to complete the task. John Gibbons came to the rescue as far as the more complex feats of set building were concerned and for this we were extremely grateful.

There were many other members of staff plus parents and pupils who helped us to present these memorable performances in February this year.

SG

Music

It would be hard to imagine the musical year at King's beginning in a more exciting way than on this occasion. There is no larger, more spectacular musical work for soloists, choirs, organ and orchestra than Mahler's 8th Symphony, the so-called *Symphony of a Thousand*. There is no more prestigious, exciting venue for a performance of this work than the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, complete with its majestic organ, to cap the Mahlerian orchestral sound in fitting manner. The orchestra for this ninety-minute symphony is huge, as it needs to be with the involvement of many soloists and several adult choirs, plus children's chorus. On a Sunday evening in October, trebles and sopranos from King's Boys' and Girls' Divisions provided the children's chorus parts in a marvellous performance by the Stockport Festival Choir and Orchestra. Our children impressed everyone involved with their professionalism and superb singing in rehearsals and concert, and I was thrilled, as Director of Music, to be able to sit behind them at the console of the most exciting organ I have ever played. The rest of the Autumn Term had to be good to follow this, and it was. The Saint Cecilia Concert at the end of November seems to get better and better and this was no exception, with the Foundation Orchestra, Choir and Big Band playing to their customary high standards, the Swing Training

Band making their superb debut, their conductor, Ron Darlington, preparing these keen, young musicians superbly for eventual invitation to join the Big Band. The Wind Band brought together the bands of the Girls' and Boys' Divisions, who rehearsed their parts separately each week and came together for one rehearsal, on the day of the concert. Flute Ensemble and Acid Jazz Band gave tremendous value, but most exciting of all, perhaps, was the first performance of the only truly 'Foundation' ensemble, the Foundation Strings. This involved violins, violas and cellos from all Divisions, from Sixth Form down to Infants, plus staff and a few parents. We had met together for a string afternoon one Sunday in November and what a joy it was to see all the string players of King's playing together, and what an encouragement to the younger players! One of the most memorable items in the concert was the Girls' Division Choir, with strings and percussion from all Senior Divisions, in the mesmerising 'Songs of Sanctuary' of Karl Jenkins.

The Foundation Choir had its busiest term ever, or so it seemed. As well as singing in the Saint Cecilia Concert, the choir sang the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Chester Cathedral and in St Michael's Parish Church, in addition to joining for the third year running in the Christmas Concert of the Northern Chamber Orchestra in the Heritage Centre. To forge a continuing relationship of this nature with a fine professional orchestra is a great tribute

to the choir. As if these performances were not enough, the choir had one more full day's concentrated recording session in the Cumberland Street Hall, to complete the CD which was begun a year earlier. Mrs Beesley and I then spent a day with the recording engineer, preparing the final master from the various 'takes'. *Prepare Ye!*, a CD of music for Advent and Christmas, went on sale in time for Christmas and proved a great hit (copies still available through the Foundation Office).

The Spring Term included some lunchtime concerts in the Parish Church, a new venture started in the Autumn, in which King's musicians alternated with pupils from Chetham's School to provide lunchtime musical entertainment for members of the public, all in aid of various charities. The Big Band continued to give various concerts of their own in a variety of venues in Macclesfield, Congleton and elsewhere. They even performed outdoors (in the cold wind of a Macclesfield February) at the opening of a new company called 'Mailboxes' in Park Green. The Band have such a reputation for excellence that they have to turn down more invitations than they can accept. A special concert in February had only two participants but made up for that in the volume of some of the performances. 'The Organists Entertain' was an evening of music for organ solo, organ duet, saxophone, violin and piano, performed by King's Organ Scholar, Thom Petty, and the Director of Music. The final item, the Toot Suite by PDQ



The Foundation Choir

Bach, the least important member of the Bach dynasty, had the Organ Scholar blowing a train whistle, which set the seal on an evening which was not all intended to be serious. The money raised went to support the Organ Scholarship fund. The term was dominated, however, by preparations for the superb, hilarious musical, *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*. This was prepared from scratch in the space of four weeks and was a stunning success. You will read more of this in Mr Walker's entry for Drama, but I would wish to pay tribute here to the wonderful group of pupils who worked with such concentration and dedication to make the event possible in such a short time.

The Summer Term began with a day of real excitement for the young musicians of the Big Band and the Training Band. Jazz^{fm} brought a professional jazz quartet for a day of workshops with the school bands, culminating in an evening joint concert. This was truly remarkable performing from all concerned and the proceeds from the concert, together with a generous, anonymous parental donation, enabled the Big Band to purchase a high quality drum kit for use in concerts.

The Music Department continued its run of success in public examinations with another year of superb results. Just before the examination candidates left in May, the Spring Concert provided the final major musical event of the school year to include all the Foundation and Divisional choirs, bands, orchestras, ensembles, etc. The success of this and similar events should not be taken for granted, but prompts a number of thoughts: first, a feeling of gratitude to one's many colleagues, whose constant dedication to teaching individual instrumentalists and singers each week, or to rehearsing groups and ensembles, ensures not only continued success in regular instrumental examinations, but also maintains the high standards that people now expect of concerts at King's; second, a sense of gratitude also to the many pupils who attend lessons and rehearsals, practise hard and reap the benefits in the joy of high-quality music-making together, with a special thanks to those senior pupils who work so efficiently in stage-management on concert nights; finally, a reminder of what music tries to be about at King's, as the frequent comments from audiences allude not only to the very high standards of musical achievement but equally to the tangible sense of pleasure conveyed by all the performers. Music must be

fun, even when it is the result of hard work.

We leave till last an event which proved to be possibly the highlight of the year. On the final evening of the school year, all the choirs of the Senior Divisions joined together in a concert in the new Macclesfield Methodist Church. *King's Sings for Kosovo* was organised by Mrs Beesley and included superb performances from the Foundation Choir, Girls' Division Choir, various soloists and vocal ensembles, and some stunning playing from the new Organ Scholar, David Baskeyfield, whose appointment was announced on that evening. A new choir, the Sixth Form Chamber Choir, made its debut and the whole event was a wonderful celebration of the joy and importance of choral singing at King's, and a fitting way of ending the school year and taking King's Music into the wider community, raising over £1,000 for the refugees of Kosovo.

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Junior Division Musical Year

On 30th September we held our Harvest Service and were treated to items from all the children in the Junior Division. Year 3 sang 'The Sower', a musical version of the parable that Jesus told, and Year 4 reminded us of our response to the good things around us with 'I nearly forgot to say thank you'. Year 5 sang a beautiful and thoughtful song, 'Beauty for brokenness' and Year 6 performed 'The song of Caedmon' which praises God for his goodness.

In November the Year 3 and 4 children presented *Ali Baba! The Musical*, a hilarious panto based loosely on the traditional tale. Ali Baba had fallen on hard times and now works as a delivery boy for a Pizza Parlour. He stumbles across the ill-gotten gains of the local villain, Mustapha Shower, but it is his cousin Cassim who is caught and made to write out the entire National Curriculum as a punishment! When Ali suddenly opens 'The Golden Pizza', Mustapha realises that he has the wrong man and visits the restaurant to sort Ali out! With the aid of his slave girl, Sandy, Ali adds a mystery potion to his pizzas which he serves to Mustapha and his forty thieves. The Sandman Supreme pizza sends the baddies into a deep sleep and when they wake they have completely changed their characters. A happy ending – phew! Ali and Mrs Ali Baba were played by Lucy Hutchings and Emily Middleton, Mustapha and his sidekicks, Slap and Tickle, by Robert

Wreglesworth, Sophie Hallam and Oliver Gilman, cousin Cassim by Joseph Ollier and Hamid and Sandy the slave girl by Nicola Keys and Natalie Coleman. The Year 4 children were suitably tough as the Forty Thieves and the Year 3s were enthusiastic pizza delivery boys and girls. All the children sang, danced and accompanied the songs with percussion instruments.

In November, the Junior and Infant string players joined with the Senior Boys and Girls to become the Foundation String Ensemble. We spent a productive Sunday afternoon at Cumberland Street having sectional rehearsals and went on to perform in the St Cecilia Concert. The Juniors and Infants learnt much from this experience and especially enjoyed playing in a large ensemble.

Our Christmas Service was a thoughtful and memorable occasion made so, especially, by the talents of our Junior musicians. David Kennerley, Ben Illingworth, Charlotte Friday and Rebecca Stanford sang 'An angel said to Mary' whilst Eve Marchant and Emma French danced an interpretation of the song. The Year 3 song 'Infant Holy' was accompanied by a cello counter-melody played by Austin Sependa and the Year 5/6 choir gave a spirited rendition of John Rutter's 'The holly and the ivy'. Year 4 sang 'Riding out across the desert', a country-style version of the journey of the King's. Year 5 performed 'Who would think that was what was needed' – thought-provoking words set to the traditional tune of 'Scarlet ribbons' – and Year 6 sang the lively carol 'Oh were you there?' written by the singer/songwriter Peter Skellern. All the school sang our final song, 'Noel, Noel', and its accompaniment of glockenspiels and claves made this a joyful ending to our service.

In March the children from Year 5 took part in the Macclesfield Music Festival at the Leisure Centre. As part of a combined choir along with eight other local schools, they performed four traditional sea songs, 'Ocean Commotion', a series of songs with an environmental theme and four songs from 'Cats'. One group of King's children performed a dance to 'Skimbleshanks, the railway cat' and another played a glockenspiel accompaniment for 'Memory'. The Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble represented the school with an individual item – a most polished performance of the Black Beauty theme, 'Galloping home'.

In May thirty-five Year 5 and 6 children were selected to form a com-

petition choir and this new ensemble entered the Alderley Edge Music Festival. They sang the set piece 'Newlyn Harbour' and 'McCavity the mystery cat' as our own choice. The children sang with confidence and obvious enjoyment. After a most interesting adjudication which helped them to think about their singing technique, we were awarded a noble second place.

The choir also entered the AJS Music Festival in May which was held at Wythenshaw Forum. We competed against eleven other choirs from independent schools around the region. This was a slightly more nerve-racking occasion but the children gave of their best and we were awarded first place and carried home a splendid shield.

I must mention the help and assistance given by Andrew Green and Jo Beesley who acted as accompanists for the competitions and for their added input into rehearsals which helped to give the children's performance that final polish.

In May the Junior Strings again became part of the Foundation String Ensemble and performed three pieces in the Senior Summer Concert. They also played one of these pieces, 'Sheep may safely graze', in the Founders' Day Service in St Michael's Church.

At the end of June we began our three-day, 'in-school' Music Festival. We had around 120 entries from the Junior children with classes for piano, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and voice. Linda Pyatt, Jo Beesley and Andrew Green, who acted as our eminent adjudicators, in some classes had a difficult job awarding first, second and third places, as the standard was high and the competition fierce! All the children did their best and were a credit to their instrumental teachers. The 'Young Musician of the Year' cups were awarded to the child in each year who achieved the highest marks, these being David Kennerley (Clarinet, Year 6), jointly to Edward Beesley (Piano) and Sam Lea (Percussion, Year 5), Lucy Hutchings (Voice, Year 4) and Charlotte Bailey (Clarinet, Year 3).

We finished the year with a Summer Concert. The Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble played 'Dr Who' and 'English Country Garden'; the String Ensemble serenaded us with a 'Song for a summer's morning'; the Year 3/4 choir offered a 'Calypso' and performed 'So you want to be a musician?' with added instrumental accompaniment; class winners from the Music Festival played solos and the Year 5/6 competition choir sang like true winners.

Finally, a massed Year 5/6 choir sang 'No man is an island' – a song which encourages us to work, play and sing together. There was not a dry eye in the house!

I would like to mention the valuable help given during the year at our musical activities by many members of staff from the Junior and Senior Divisions: Pennie Aspinwall and Alison Johnson (String Ensemble), Karen Wells and Gareth Jones (Wind, Brass and Percussion Ensemble), Philip Atkinson and Linda Pyatt (accompanying) and Jo Beesley and Andrew Green (String Ensemble and Choir). A big 'thank you' to all of you from our Junior Musicians.

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Infant Musical Year

The Infant Harvest Festival was held on 22nd October. Although it was only a few weeks into term, all the children, from the tender age of three to the extreme age of six, sang heartily on this celebratory day. The parents in attendance helped out with 'We plough the fields and scatter', but the Infants delighted all with their musical offerings – 'God made furry things', 'Driving in a car' and 'Cauliflower's fluffy'. The Year 2 children, tutored by Madame Johnson, sang a French translation of 'I can sing a rainbow' with multicoloured handkerchiefs as props. We were fortunate to have Rev S Gales, Vicar of Lindow, as our speaker. The children were enthralled by his skill in puppetry, which he used when communicating his harvest message.

Our December production was 'The bossy Christmas fairy' by Patricia Lee. This is a cautionary tale featuring the

fairy from a Christmas tree who imagines that she is the most important part of the season. She learns from the children who live in her house that the nativity figures hold the dearest place in their hearts and at this point she stops being so bossy! The fairy was played with suitable precociousness by Laura Boyd. Year 2 children also appeared as the Narrators, Children, broken Fairy Lights, Baubles, Snowflake and Nativity figures. The Nursery pupils were charming as the Fairy Lights on the tree; the bumptious Chocolate Santas were our Reception class and the Year 1 children's performance as the Tinsel (choreographed by Mrs Eardley) received a show-stopping ovation!

We finished the year with a summer concert. Firstly, we heard performances from some of the youngest instrumentalists in our school: Allie Potter (piano), Laura Boyd (recorder), Anna Beesley (piano and violin), Sophie MacFadyen (piano) and Naomi Gibson (piano). We were then treated to a performance of 'Pirates! With Molly on board'. All the Infant children joined in with the singing, dancing, and providing percussion accompaniments. Special mention should be made of Victoria French as the swashbuckling Blackbeard, Naomi Gibson as Molly and James Plowright as the Island Chief who calls on the pirates for assistance.

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Biology Department

Lower Sixth Field Course

As the Summer Term came to an end, forty-one Year 12 students and five members of the Biology staff (S Madden, J N Walker, J R Pattison, C J Buckland and W D Beatson) 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. Day trips were made to the rocky coasts of Anglesey, the sand dunes of Harlech, the moorlands around Betws y Coed, and 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 data collection skills which were put to good use in individual project work at the latter end of the week. The nature of the work was novel and required long hours of application both in the field and in the laboratory, as the data collected had to be 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. The teaching provided by the two lecturers, Pete and Jim, was first-class. The interesting written material which was circulated, 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 excellent and the students made good use of the bright, sunny days and warm summer evenings to enjoy Wales at its best. Spirits remained cheerful throughout. Once again students found opportunities to shine in ways that are not possible at school and there was a very good atmosphere at all times.

Sadly, Dr Madden is leaving King's School to take up a new post as Head of Biology at Withington and the students organised a special presentation to say farewell and wish her well in her new post. The success of the field

course is due to the energy and enthusiasm invested by Dr Madden and she will be missed by pupils and staff alike.

CJB

Chemistry Department

Chem Quiz Competition

In May Matthew Batchelor, Jonathan Gartside, Yannick Malins and Robert Colville represented the school in the Chem Quiz competition. This is run by the Royal Society of Chemistry at Manchester Metropolitan University. The boys had to complete a number of tasks as accurately as possible. These included a 'pub-quiz', an observation exercise and a practical exercise. The team were awarded second place overall out of a field of thirty-four. However, they won the practical section and since this was the most technical part of the competition, this was particularly pleasing.

RSC Lectures

The Royal Society of Chemistry stages a series of evening lectures for Sixth Formers at the University of Manchester. We attended two of these last year, travelling by mini-bus into Manchester. One of the talks was an entertaining, practical demonstration about the reactions of the elements of the main groups. The speaker, Colin Chambers, will be doing the same lecture for a group of local teachers at school on 4th November 1999. In return, he will be doing the demonstration for the Lower Sixth during the afternoon of that day.

Villiers Park

In November, Chris Gartside attended a project week. He planned and carried out a project on the preparation and testing of dyes in Organic Chemistry. He learnt a range of new practical skills and enjoyed the opportunity to meet like-minded students from all over the country. He first became interested in this topic when he completed an extension project in the Lower Sixth, so it was very satisfying to be able to extend his knowledge further and to learn more about the practical aspects of making dyes. It was an intensive and challenging week, which has left Chris in a strong position for his university interviews. Chris is intending to study Chemistry at university.

Chemistry Olympiad

The Chemistry Olympiad is an international competition held annually in July. The search for the British team starts in February in the form of a three-

hour examination completed in school. This year four students opted to take part and spent a quiet afternoon in the Board Room puzzling over some very interesting and rather obscure chemistry problems. The standard is very high and we were delighted that James Rider, Jonathan Mitchell and Mark Goodsell were awarded Bronze certificates.

Spectroscopy Visits

The A Level Chemistry syllabus includes a section on spectroscopic methods. We have the facility to run infra-red spectra at school, but mass spectra and NMR require machinery which is too sophisticated to run at school, so all the Upper Sixth students went on a visit to a spectroscopy lab to see these spectrometers in action. Two groups went to the analytical lab at AstraZeneca on the Hurdfield Industrial Estate and two groups had a very interesting and informative morning at Keele University.

Chemistry Camp

The Salter's Company have a long tradition of supporting Chemistry education. Their latest initiative is to run a series of 'Chemistry Camps' for Year 10 students at various universities around the country. They have proved to be very popular and very over-subscribed. Last summer, however, one of our applicants was successful and Hannah Hardill attended a camp at Birmingham University. It was obviously a very memorable experience, as can be seen from the following report.

'Every year Salter's Company run three Chemistry camps for Year 10, in which they are given a chance to explore aspects of Chemistry that would otherwise not be available to them. I was lucky enough to go to the one held at Birmingham University at the beginning of July. There were fifty of us and we were divided into groups of ten shortly after arriving at the halls of residence where we were staying. Each group had a teacher who would help them throughout the week. They kicked off the camp with a social event - a treasure hunt around the grounds of Birmingham University. Our group had three maps and very little knowledge of where we were. It proved a great way to get to know each other and by the end we felt quite at home. After this there was a team-building game in which we had to build a tower (ours failed miserably!), then a quick game of pool and to bed. Once in our rooms we discovered the phones! This exciting find meant the next few hours were

taken up ringing everyone.

The next day we were given the programme which indicated that the days would be taken up with two different activities to do with Chemistry and the evening would be social activities. We started off with trouble-shooting. Each group had ten problems that they had to solve by using their knowledge of Chemistry. At first glance they all looked somewhat scary, but having read them through it became clear what to do. This trouble-shooting was extremely satisfying as it made you feel that your schoolwork for the past four years had actually achieved something. In the afternoon Dr Plevey and his wife treated us to a chemical magic show. This was just a bit of fun and it proved an entertaining few hours. In the evening we went bowling and had an excellent time. The next day we made a biological enzyme reactor. This sounded hard at first but after it had been explained what we were to do it was not that bad. It was somewhat like making frog-spawn, dropping mashed up potato into a solution. The only hard thing about it was the large number of titrations that we had to do. Our teacher was slightly worried about us being around such expensive glassware as we had already managed to break fourteen test tubes! The afternoon was fun. We had to mix different quantities to make a solution to alter the rate of the reaction. The solution would remain colourless and then instantly change colour. We had to time these to intervals in the teletubbies' song where a voice had recorded teletubbie names. This was hard and nobody managed to get all of them on time. In the evening we had a visit to the sports centre.

The next day was a trip to a sewage farm in the morning. This was not something that I was looking forward to, as it did not seem like it would be that interesting. However, the trip was quite good. They explained all about ozone and free radical electrons, and talked us through all the stages of sewage processing. In the afternoon we did chemiluminescence, which is where chemical reactions produce light without heat and they glow very brightly. This was fascinating and in the dark our experiments made the lab look very strange. In the evening we went climbing in Birmingham and this was the social activity most enjoyed. Next day we had a prize-giving in which every group had to make a demonstration and then we went home.

The week was amazing. The people there were excellent and I made loads

of friends. I had a marvellous time and given the choice would do it again. I am still in contact with many of the people and there are serious plans to meet again soon.'

Hannah Hardill F10/LF

Oxbridge

Over the last few years, a steady stream of students have proceeded to Oxford or Cambridge to study Chemistry or Natural Science. It is worth noting, however, that Brasenose College, Oxford, now has a 'King's Chemist' in each of the four years. Paul McKeating has started his fourth year research project, Richard Hibbert is entering his third year and faces the prospect of finals in summer 2000, Daryush Farshchi is enjoying the 'exam free' second year, and James Rider is in his first year. We wish them all a successful year.

In September 1999, a record eleven students started university courses in Chemistry or Biochemistry.

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Geology Department

Geology Field Courses

This year's fieldwork followed the usual pattern, with an introductory day trip into the Peak District for the new Year 12 in September and two days for Year 13 geologists, one in October investigating the 250 million year old desert at Alderley Edge and one in March studying the even older volcanoes and tropical lagoons of the White Peak. On each occasion a piece of coursework was started, with follow up work back at school.

At Easter the twelve Year 12 students were taken on a 'two-centre' field trip, with two days in South West Scotland and three days in the Lake District. From our base at Ayr Youth Hostel we visited the area between Girvan and Ballantrae and studied an exotic sliver of ancient oceanic crust that was pushed up when Scotland collided with England 350 million years ago. This suturing has provided the geological foundation for the devolution argument ever since! We then moved south to Cumbria and the Shap Wells Hotel, from where the usual tried and tested locations were visited. The weather was dry and mild throughout the trip and ideal for fieldwork.

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Physics Department

The Inner Secret of the Universe

On Monday 12th October a party of twelve Sixth Form Physics students and two members of staff attended an evening lecture organised by the Manchester Literary & Philosophical Society specifically for young people. The venue was the Reynold Building at UMIST and the speaker was Dr Fred Loebinger from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Manchester.

During a most interesting and highly entertaining lecture, entitled 'The Inner Secrets of the Universe', Dr Loebinger explained that scientists have long been attempting to find the basic building blocks which make up the universe. This quest has prompted the development of large particle accelerators, and has reached the strange, sub-nuclear world of quarks, leptons and gluons. Placing a particular emphasis on the prominent part played by Manchester scientists, Dr Loebinger provided us with an insight into the development of this fascinating subject. With the aid of slides and photographs he explained how particle accelerators work and in particular he described the Stanford Linear Collider in the United States and the development of both the Super Proton Synchrotron and the Large Electron Positron Collider at CERN on the Swiss-French border. Finally, he described the latest discoveries and discussed what the future is likely to hold in the field of nuclear physics.

Physics Olympics

The Liverpool Physics Olympics went international for the first time in 1998 with competitions being held simultaneously (or as near as the very different time zones would allow) in Australia, Yale University in the USA and at Liverpool University. The competition was organised by the Department of Physics at Liverpool University and was again sponsored by the local Electronics Company 'Brain Boxes'. A team of four Upper Sixth students (Alex Flynn, Mark Goodsell, Jonathan Mitchell and Chris Barringer) represented The King's School in the Liverpool competition, in which twenty-eight schools from the Midlands and North of England took part. The competition took its usual form of five thirty-minute practical activities each with a Physics component but also requiring teamwork, lateral thinking, organisation and planning and, to be completed in any



spare moments, an Orders of Magnitude Fermi Quiz. At the end of the day the teams were brought together in the main lecture theatre for a debriefing on their performances in each of the activities and the award of prizes. Each competitor received the Liverpool Physics Olympics International '98 tea towel, but history has not recorded how many parents learnt that their offspring now owned such a useful piece of household equipment! The King's team had made good use of their Physics knowledge to measure the lift of a helium filled balloon with only basic equipment and received a Liverpool Physics Olympics International '98 T-shirt each for their first place in this activity. Their engineering experience had been put to good use in the construction of an electromagnet, to lift as many paper clips as possible, and when trying to construct the largest possible overhang, using a pile of house bricks, they had shown themselves to be competent bricklayers (as well as displaying some nifty footwork when gravity got the better of enthusiasm). At this stage in the 'debriefing' our team was in a very strong position but, despite Jonathan's magnificent performance in the role of a surveyor's pole, their surveying skills had been no match for the remote surveying problem they had been presented with and their position declined. The final task, to time the period of energy exchange in a Wilberforce spring (not easy when the clock is out of sight at the back of another laboratory fifty yards down the corridor), had been approached in a novel way by our team. They had rejected the more popular system of using a chain of signallers and employed their own heartbeats. Unfortunately they had failed to allow for the effects of the excitement of the event on their pulses and did not obtain a very accurate time. Therefore, as far as

the King's School team was concerned, their final position depended very much on their performance in the Fermi Quiz. As it turned out, they had performed well in the quiz and their overall performance gained them well-deserved Bronze Medals. The main aim of the event was for the competitors to have fun using their Physics skills and in this, as in previous years and despite bad weather forcing all of the events indoors, the organisers had been most successful.

Opening Windows On Engineering

In November two engineers from British Aerospace visited the school to talk to our GCSE students, both boys and girls. Mr Mike Green, a systems engineer, explained how over the years a variety of solutions have been found to overcome the problem of build up of ice on the wings of aircraft. Chemical de-icers, hot exhaust gases from jet engines, and, strange as it may seem, inflatable rubber 'boots' are just some of the techniques which have been employed. Mr John Smart, a materials engineer, discussed the importance of choice of material in a design with particular reference to drinks cans. Our students were then encouraged to list the properties, which might influence the choice of materials in a given situation. With little prompting, the students quickly produced a list, which included density, strength, ductility, cost, thermal stability, resistance to corrosion and machinability. Mr Smart then went on to explain the importance of testing materials both before and after their incorporation into a particular design, some of the most obvious tests being for corrosion and fatigue as well as quality assurance and failure analysis. After each talk the students were invited to ask questions about engineering in general or the particular topics discussed.

Christmas Lecture and Tour

In mid-December ten Lower Sixth students, accompanied by a member of staff, visited the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Liverpool. The morning began with an introductory session in which questions such as 'What is a Chartered Engineer?' were addressed. This was followed by guided tours around various engineering departments, which included short talks and demonstrations. In the afternoon Professor Bungey, from the Department of Civil Engineering, treated us to a fascinating lecture entitled 'From the Romans to Astronauts - Challenges for Concrete'. Here we learned about the history of concrete which dates back as far as 5600 BC, although concrete as we know it was apparently invented by the Romans. An explanation of the composition of concrete was also provided and we watched a demonstration, which showed that it hardens as a consequence of a chemical reaction rather than drying. We discovered how versatile concrete is as a building material and about plans for using it in the construction of space stations and even structures on the moon, the latter depending upon the availability of water. We departed from the university with a greater appreciation of concrete, a material that we had perhaps formerly regarded as a rather dull substance.

Paperclip Physics Competition

This was organised by the Institute of Physics, the regional heats of which took place in early February at the University of Salford. Teams of between three and six Lower Sixth students were asked to provide a five-minute presentation to a group of three judges, one of whom was a non-scientist. The task was to explain the physics behind some application or device, or to demonstrate a law or principle of physics. The fact that the students could only use items found in the home in their demonstrations made the task even more challenging.

Our first team (Jonathan Brunt, James Howard, Richard Cowgill, Chris Watts and James Coates) explained the difficult concept of electromagnetic induction, and their presentation included a hand-powered torch. Our second team (Jessica Williams, Alexander Hibbert, Charlie Orford and Keith Mosedale) used some imaginative home-made models to help explain how a colour picture is obtained on a television screen. Our third team (Chris Holden, Henry Simms, Amanda Thomas, Charlotte Hall and Adam Bexson) made

good use of a loudspeaker and some excellent diagrams to explain how sound is produced and how it travels through the air.

Although none of our teams was placed first, they all performed extremely well and received special commendations.

Physics Olympiad

Four of our Upper Sixth students volunteered to enter the 1999 British Physics Olympiad, which took place in February. The competition is in the form of a three-hour examination and is designed to test the more talented Physicists. Philip Hart received a Participation Award, Chris Barringer and Jonathan Mitchell received Commendation Awards and Mark Goodsell gained a Silver Award, only 100 of which were awarded nationwide.

Engineering Education Scheme

The scheme, intended for Lower Sixth students, is part of the Engineering Education Continuum and is co-ordinated by The Royal Academy of Engineering. The aim of the scheme is to encourage the UK's most able students to consider engineering as a career.

A professional engineer from a local company liaises with, and advises, a small group of students over a period of four to five months. They work as a team on a real industrial problem for which the company needs a solution. At King's the students selected were Jonathan Aitken, Mark Frederick, Chris Gartside and Alex Grimes and the professional engineer was Mr Raj Jagpal of Zeneca (now AstraZeneca) Pharmaceuticals. In late October, Mr Jagpal visited the school to outline the nature of the problem for which the team had to find a solution. A few days later the students visited the Zeneca site in Macclesfield to gain some first-hand experience. The students were asked to design, build and test a device which would deliver tablet blister strips, in a specific orientation and at a specified rate, to a packaging machine. Furthermore, the device had to comply with the various regulations, which apply to pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, cause no damage to the blister strips and be within budget.

In early November the team attended an Induction Day at BNFL Capenhurst, where students were given more details about the scheme and provided with some advice and guidance. Over the next few weeks the team considered various designs and experimented with different ideas. In

January the team attended a residential project development workshop at Lancaster University where they were able to build and test a prototype machine. They were also required to give a short presentation on the progress they had made so far. During the next three months the team had to complete the project and produce a written report for submission to the assessment panel. In early April the team visited Zeneca where they gave a presentation to an audience of senior managers. The team also had to field a number of searching questions, which they dealt with in a confident manner.

The culmination of the whole project was the Presentation and Assessment Day held at Runcorn in mid-April and attended by all the schools in the region who had participated in the scheme. During the morning each team had to set up a display stand, give a presentation to the assessment panel and face a question and answer session. The King's team was successful and in the afternoon the Duke of Westminster presented the students with their Engineering Education Scheme certificates. Later, the team members also received CREST Gold Awards in recognition of their project work in the field of science.

An Insight into Engineering

Once again the school was invited to nominate one student to attend a one-week residential course in Engineering at Villiers Park near Oxford, which was to take place in May. Mark Frederick, our nominee, was duly accepted. The intensive six-day course consisted of short lectures and seminars on mechanical, electrical, chemical, environmental and aeronautical engineering. Mark also took part in a Great Egg Race event as well as taking up the challenge of building a pinball machine. Two visits were arranged for the students, the first being to a company which constructed and maintained helicopters. However, the high point for Mark was the trip to the Benetton factory where Formula One racing cars are manufactured and tested. In addition to a tour of the plant, Mark was delighted to be allowed to sit in a real Formula One car. It was clear that Mark gained much from attending the course and in his own words, 'It was a great week, with the friendliest teachers, and a great, sociable atmosphere that I really enjoyed.'

Headstart

The Engineering Education Scheme's Residential Headstart programme is

aimed at Lower Sixth students who are genuinely interested in finding out about careers in engineering. Applicants are able to choose from over twenty universities throughout the country, but there is a selection process and places are limited. Whilst the courses vary from university to university, they all aim to introduce students to the different branches of engineering, provide hands-on experience of real engineering problems, show what it is like to study for a degree in Engineering at university, explain the career routes available and help students to decide which university course to apply for. This year six of our Sixth Form students (Jonathan Aitken, Adam Bexon, Richard Caswell, Mark Frederick, Chris Holden and Marcus White) were successful with their applications. Here are some of their experiences.

Jonathan Aitken spent five days at the University of Leeds following a course in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. He attended lectures on topics such as Computer Aided Design, General Engineering, university admissions and careers. He also took part in a project in which he was required to design and build an 'adder' circuit. During the course he met and spoke to several professional engineers, some from local companies, and he found this extremely valuable.

Adam Bexon was interested in finding out more about Engineering in general and Chemical Engineering in particular and the course at the University of Loughborough seemed to fit the bill. It included a visit to the East Midlands Airport where he discovered how civil engineers had designed the 'check in' area to maximise the space available. He was also required to give a presentation on how air traffic control at an airport might be improved. There were lectures on lasers, GAP years and the Year in Industry scheme. Adam thoroughly enjoyed his time at Loughborough and felt that he had gained a great deal from his visit.

Richard Caswell travelled all the way to the University of Portsmouth in order to attend a course organised by the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering. A visit to the Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Invincible allowed him to gain first hand experience of engineering in action as well as the opportunity to talk to several engineers. A sailing trip on a yacht around the Solent helped to emphasise the importance of teamwork and communication. There were also sessions in the laboratory with microcontrollers

and lectures on topics such as radio communications. Richard found the course most challenging.

The course attended by Marcus White and Mark Frederick at UMIST gave them an insight into several aspects of engineering: Civil, Mechanical, Aeronautical, Electrical and Chemical. They were involved in two projects: in the first they had to design and build a system to provide a water supply by pumping water from a river and in the second they had to design and build a straw bridge which would span a fifty centimetre gap whilst supporting the weight of a drinks can. During a tour of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering Marcus was particularly impressed by the Mach-2 wind tunnel, used to study airflow around high-speed aircraft. Marcus and Mark now both have a better understanding of what a degree and a career in engineering entails.

For his course Chris Holden visited the University of Surrey where he attended lectures on all aspects of engineering. In the practical sessions he built electrical circuits, took part in some surveying exercises and investigated the stress and strain experienced by a drinks can as it is opened. He also had to prepare a presentation on the topic of Atomic Force Microscopy. Not only did Chris find out more about engineering, but the course also gave him a taste of what it is like to be a university student.

All six found the experience worthwhile and would certainly recommend it to potential engineering students.

Museum of Science & Industry

As part of the activity week in July two Year 9 forms, one boys' and one girls', and four members of staff visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. We followed the Energy Trail in the Electricity Gallery, which culminated in a vision of energy for the future. Then in the Xperiment Gallery our students were able to discover the wonders of Physics for themselves through the imaginative interactive displays. The exhibits in the Air and Space Gallery guided us through the history of flight and in the Power Hall we took a trip back in time to the age of steam power.

CREST Silver Award

CREST (Creativity in Engineering, Science and Technology) is an established nationwide award scheme, enthusiastically supported by UK businesses. The scheme offers students the opportunity to work as problem solv-

ers individually or in teams across the complete spectrum of science and technology. It aims to encourage and accredit students' project work, often in collaboration with industry.

Having already achieved a Bronze CREST award, Kate Baker decided to aim for Silver with an astronomy project, which involved the study of sunspots. By careful drawing of the spots on several consecutive days she was able to see them move across the face of the Sun as it rotated. She was therefore able to determine the rate of rotation for the equatorial regions of the Sun. This project required careful use of the department's telescope, as it is dangerous to look directly at the Sun. Kate safely projected the image of the Sun through the telescope's eyepiece onto a white screen: not an easy task. For her excellent work she gained a Silver award. Kate, who is now studying in the Lower Sixth, is considering topics for investigation at Gold award level.

The Year in Industry Scheme

This nationwide scheme is part of the Engineering Education continuum. Its primary purpose is to help our most able students to find interesting work in industry for a year between school and university. This enables them to see what working in industry is like and allows them to make informed career decisions. It also develops their personal and interpersonal skills and helps them achieve better degree results and improve their employment prospects.

This year Alex Flynn was successful in his application to join 'The Year in Industry Scheme' and he commenced his placement at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Macclesfield in September. In October 2000 he will take up his deferred entry place at Cambridge where he will study Natural Sciences.

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Science Department

Zeneca Science Prize

In April, Thom Petty, Matthew Seaborn, James Ritchie and Andrew Ham represented the school in the annual competition held at Zeneca for A Level project work. They researched the issue of World Energy Resources and presented the case for ethanol as a fuel, on the basis that it can be made by fermentation from starchy waste material. At present, ethanol is manufactured on a large scale by a batch process. The team developed a way of producing the enzyme required for the process in a renewable form, and presented a proposal for a continuous process for the production of ethanol. They were awarded second prize in the local competition and won a place in the National Finals of the 'Zeneca Life Science Award'. They travelled to Cardiff with Mrs Stutchbury and Mr Buckland, and presented their project alongside winners from other parts of the country. They all achieved CREST Silver awards and were highly commended by the judges. They also won £500 for the Science Department, which will be spent on data-logging equipment. The most exciting part of the day was a request from a TV crew to do an interview for a digital TV channel: BBC Knowledge. James Ritchie (shown below) was spokesman and spent about thirty minutes being interviewed about his project.

Chester Zoo

All Year 7 pupils visited Chester Zoo in October as part of a unit in their Science course on the variety of life. Girls and boys went on successive days and completed various tasks during the visit relating to work that had been done back at school.

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Chemistry Club

Chemistry Club in the Boys' Division takes place in C2 on a Monday lunchtime. There is an opportunity to try novel and interesting experiments or to take experiments done in class a little further. The favourite experiment in recent weeks has proved to be the preparation of a substance which explodes on contact. Mrs Stutchbury was not amused to experience a series of small explosions as she walked across the front of C1 in the lesson immediately after lunch!

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Chess Club

1998-99 was a very quiet year for the club. The decision was taken to move the equipment and re-site the club in rooms J7 and J8, and also to open it up every lunchtime. Despite publicity to this effect, for much of the Autumn and Spring Terms only a handful of Sixth Formers played.

Instead of inter-form competitions, November saw inter-house chess for the first time. Early games were well supported, but towards the end many matches were effectively decided by defaults. Two competitions for the Blake Trophy (Years 7 and 8) and Lawton Cup (older pupils) were organised. The former was not well supported but Sixth Formers made the latter a great success with Paul Adams the eventual winner. The club will revert to twice weekly in the future.

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Science Club

Science Club runs at Fence Avenue on a Wednesday lunchtime for Year 8 girls. Each week there is a different activity from one of the science disciplines. If they wish, in Year 9 and 10, girls can then attempt a bronze or silver CREST Award. This involves doing their own investigative project over a period of a few weeks and presenting their findings in a report.

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Tuesday Club

A new club was established this year. The Tuesday Club – so called because it meets at lunchtime on the first Tuesday of the month – aims to provide information and insights into Higher Education, careers or topical issues. Sixth Formers enjoyed presentations on such topics as Genetic Engineering, problems in American society and pos-

sible solutions, Gap Year opportunities in Africa, Sports Journalism, a career in industry, market research techniques and advertising.

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Orienteering

This year saw many changes in the orienteering club personnel. Most notable was the departure of Mike Nolan after two years at the school, in which he had given much of his free time to the club. About five or six of the regular attendees in recent years decided to retire early for more sedate pastimes. The key though to the club is the injection of new blood at the start of each year. This year there was considerable interest from Year 7 boys, many of whom competed all year and made excellent progress. Most notable of the newcomers were: Sam Baker, William Malins, Matthew Boyd, David Johnson, William Arnold and Joe Gaffney.

After a number of smaller events, ideal for beginners, the school attended the British School Championships (at Cannock Chase) with high hopes of a place among the top ten. Many of the senior runners made a welcome return to help King's to a very worthy seventh place nationally. It is worth noting that orienteering is a very fast expanding school sport and each year the opposition is much stronger than the year before. The best individual performances came from Anika Bulcock (Year 6) who was seventh, and Nick Mills (Year 9) who was sixth.

The Spring Term started with many badge events all fairly close to Macclesfield. Alastair Patrick was on particularly good form with wins at Hopwas Hays and Delamere Forest. Matthew Boyd won at Trentham Gardens and Chris Watts in M18A came third in a high quality field. The event at Delamere saw three new orienteers join the club, David Johnson, who won the Yellow course in his first event, Emma Fitzgerald and Ali Quas-Cohen. All three have attended regularly since this fixture.

All the way through the summer there were evening events after school, as well as the normal Sunday events. This gave newcomers and experienced orienteers plenty of opportunity to improve their skills and collect colour badges. As with last year the older orienteers had a chance to compete against the teachers (Mr O'Donnell, Mr Colville and Mr Lock). With the developing ability of Richard Bradfield and Chris Watts the head to head races were getting closer and closer. All the

summer events were grouped together to form a galloper for Deeside Orienteering Club. Congratulations should go to two class winners of this, Richard Bradfield and Tom Bradfield. They each won a trophy, a T-shirt and a certificate. The school also had three class runners-up. So congratulations to Alastair Patrick, Chris Watts and David Edwards.

One of the first events of the Summer Term was a match with King Edward's School, Edgbaston at Lickey Hills, Birmingham. Excellent runs by Yannick Malins and Tom Bradfield ensured a clear win for the school. This was the only such fixture that the school had all year. In the badge event at Torver near Coniston Alex Clarke-Williams used his running speed to ensure victory. The major summer event was the British Championships, held at Graythwaite estate in the Lake District. Best performance came from James Watts who achieved a championship time. There were also good performances from Richard Bradfield, Chris Watts and Alex Clarke-Williams. The summer was finished off on a high with the Senior World Championships held in the Scottish Highlands. Chris Watts and Richard Bradfield were the two King's orienteers who attended the spectator competitors. Richard was one of the few junior orienteers from the UK who was asked to carry one of the Nations flags in the opening ceremony. He carried the Irish flag. Also at the event was old boy Ian Bratt, who is the manager of the South African team.

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King's orienteer in full flight

Pakistan Expedition

What makes expeditions to the Karakoram Mountains so enjoyable and memorable? Partly it is the mix of Pakistani culture and British Empire history; partly it is the spectacular landscape which constantly astounds; and above all it is the high adventure that is more or less guaranteed when one travels in this part of the world.

This was the school's third expedition to Pakistan and this one involved twelve Sixth Form students led by Harry Lock from King's and Robin Andrews from World Challenge Expeditions.

The trip was highly successful in that, in addition to achieving all of its educational aims, everybody completed both the short 'acclimatisation trek' and the main, fifteen-day trek to the difficult and remote Shimshal Pass. This 4500m pass is geographically significant, since it marks the watershed between the Indian Subcontinent and Central Asia. In addition to this, four students and HEL reached the 6050m summit of Mingli Sar Peak and enjoyed spectacular dawn views over the Karakoram Mountains.

Other highlights of the trip included yak riding, pushing and towing jeeps through landslides, crossing rivers with the water swirling around one's waist, traversing narrow footpaths on the walls of a gorge, gasping for air as we neared the mountain summit, two seventeen-hour overnight bus journeys up the Karakoram Highway, Pakistani music, exhilarating scree runs and sleeping out under starry skies. As well as all this, two students were dramatically evacuated by helicopter because of medical problems which could not be resolved in the field. They made a full recovery fairly quickly, but not before news of our adventures had been picked up by media organisations as small as the *Macclesfield Express* and as large as CNN (both equally inaccurate in their reporting!).

This was no regular package holiday and the expedition was so structured that the students themselves took on responsibility for its day-to-day running. At times during the trip, while watching students doing tasks such as haggling for goods in the local market or organising the loads for the porters, it would cross my mind – is this really education? I would decide after the shortest of pauses that the answer was gloriously and unequivocally 'yes'. Four weeks in Pakistan probably delivers more 'life skills' to a young person than twelve months in the classroom. It is



also highly educational for the leaders, since in the course of a single day one might be called upon to inspect a vehicle for roadworthiness, attend to a team member who is suffering from persistent diarrhoea and vomiting, and lead the group along a difficult stretch of the trail – none of which are covered during teacher training courses!

For Pakistanis, life is an adventure, travel especially so: they love to be out on the open road or trail. Our local guides and porters had a tremendous enthusiasm that saw them through all the inevitable delays and frustrations of living and travelling in a Third World country. At the same time they live uncomfortably by any standards and their access to medical facilities is very poor. We visited the large village of Shimshal, two days walk from the nearest jeep road. Here they only got electricity (from a local hydro-scheme) two years ago, though even this stops in the winter when the water supply freezes. Medical facilities and sanitation are basic and life expectancy is low. Fuel for cooking and heating comes from burning yak dung. This tenuous grip on life was brought home to us when, back in the capital city and about to fly home, we learnt that one of our strongest and fittest porters, called 'Hero' by the students with whom he was a real favourite, had died from nothing more than diarrhoea a few days later. Pakistanis are mostly friendly and polite people who, though proud, like to share a good joke and are incredibly industrious and patient. Long after one has forgotten the precise details of a mountain climb or a trek, one's fond memories of the people linger on.

In 2002 the school will return to Asia

on its quincentenary expedition, but this time we will probably venture into the Indian Himalaya in search of experiences as vivid and worthwhile as those we enjoyed in Pakistan last summer.

Team members: Owen Ashcroft, Lauren Ballarini, Oliver Burr, John Clarke, Duncan Farrar, Mark Halman, Stephen Manwaring, Mark Richbell, Oliver Savage, Tom Vaughan-Jones, Richard Wilkinson, Simon Woodcock.

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Memmingen

In July, twenty-seven members of the Lower Sixth met at Manchester to take part in the second half of the tenth annual exchange to Memmingen, in the south of Germany.

On arrival we discovered, following our work over the past few weeks about stereotypes, that life in Germany was quite different from life at home, and in some cases, what we had expected. Over the next two weeks we were able to make new friends, experience a new culture and customs, and in some cases meet up with old acquaintances from past visits.

We were welcomed by all with great hospitality and over the fortnight were fortunate enough to visit places such as Lindau, Meersburg, Kempten, Munich, and the fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein. We also took part in the school's 'Wandertag', an annual excursion, which seemed to include walking and lots of rain, as well as some lessons with our exchange partners in the Vöhl Gymnasium. The hospitality continued with the Bunter Abend party in one of the town's function rooms, where we were greeted

with a rendition of the Beatles' song 'Love me do' and a humorous presentation about the Germans' visit to England. The two schools were congratulated by the Mayor, Herr Holzinger, on the success of the exchange over the past ten years.

Graham Williams, 12JEP

Theatre Trips

Girls from Fence Avenue had opportunities to watch several plays in 1998-1999. Groups of girls enjoyed performances of *Two* at the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, and *Troilus and Cressida*, by the RSC at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. Texts being studied in class were also performed at local theatres: we saw an excellent amateur performance of *Educating Rita* at Wilmslow Green Room, *The Taming of the Shrew* at Buxton Opera House, and *The Woman in Black* at the Palace Theatre, Manchester. Girls' study of these plays was enhanced by visits to school by actors from *Educating Rita* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.

NJC

French Exchange

The annual exchange visit to La Rochelle was this year probably the most successful ever. As usual, the French staff and pupils experienced wind and rain during their visit to Macclesfield in March, but this year the snow – unwelcome to us – was a treat for the Rochelais and enhanced their weekend activities.

Visits as a group were made to Chester, Granada Studios, Old Trafford, the Potteries, Waterworld and finally, their favourite excursion, Styal Mill. Friendships were established quickly, as could be seen at the evening disco and all participants were eager to meet up again in late May.

Following a long, but good-hu-



moured overnight coach journey, Mr Batchelor, Mrs Green and Ms Taylor arrived with forty-six Year 9 and 10 pupils in France in May, where our first stop was the Mont St Michel. Tiredness resulted in lots of photos being taken, but very few pupils were keen to walk very far uphill. Fortunately, a lengthy sleep on the coach, excitement and apprehension ensured that everyone was wide-awake when we arrived later in the day in La Rochelle. Having practised thoroughly the all-important 'Vous êtes très gentil(s)', 'Merci. C'était délicieux' and well prepared for lots of kisses, French-style, from the families, the first evening went well.

Any shyness was rapidly dispelled, as Manchester United were playing Bayern Munich in the European Cup final, so requests for TV or radio coverage and results simply had to be communicated to the family in French. A perfect ice-breaker!

Just as the French had expected rain in Macclesfield, so we expected sunshine in La Rochelle and we were not disappointed. We enjoyed perfect weather as we undertook the Treasure Hunt in the town centre, lazed on the beach following our visit to the 'Rémi Martin' brandy distillery in Cognac and visited the scientific theme park, 'Futuroscope'. Further visits as a group included the unforgettable 'Maison de Pierre Loti' in Rochefort. This was the home of the 19th century writer who organised the most extravagant parties, even in comparison to those of current rock stars, and decorated his home accordingly, in the most eclectic of styles.

An innovation this year was a day's cycling on the Ile d'Aix. Having made the short ferry crossing, close to Fort Boyard, to the island, we hired bikes and toured the predominantly pedestrianised island. A highlight for many was the 'ramassage d'huîtres'. Under Serge's expert tuition, we learnt how to collect, open and sample oysters straight from the rocks. It was amazing to see many thousands of oysters, forming a solid carpet, just waiting for consumption. Staff certainly appreciated the delicacy, but for many pupils it was a taste not yet acquired.

And so the visit was drawing to a close. Compliments about the King's pupils had already been received from many different sources: the parents were delighted with their willingness to practise their French and try out new things; the French staff were impressed by their behaviour around school and especially in the canteen; museum staff were impressed by their attentive-

ness and good manners; even the ferry personnel complimented us on the tidiness of our lounge on departure.

The farewell disco was held in a stifling heat, but King's staff made a formal presentation of a silk painting of the 108 steps to M Froment, the Headteacher. The following final morning was spent in school, where we visited lessons and pupils helped in the teaching of English. The football match, 'France v Angleterre', resulted, of course, in an English victory, but as we boarded the coach for the return to England, it was obvious that all participants had benefited not only linguistically but had also really appreciated the interchange of ideas and customs.

We should like to thank all those involved, including Mr Phillips, M Froment, Mme Coutin, Mme Boyer and especially Mme Govin. We are already over-subscribed for the Exchange Year 2000!

GG

Year 7 French Visit

Midnight, Thursday 22nd April saw sixty-seven excited Year 7 boys and girls armed with pillows, work books and endless supplies of food waiting for their double-decker coach at the Rock Block. Despite the video entertainment and the novelty of the Portsmouth-Cherbourg crossing, the journey seemed slow and tiring, but spirits rose as we approached Château Beaumont, a 19th century château set in ten acres of grounds in the peaceful countryside of Normandy.

The pace suddenly intensified as dormitories were allocated. These were named after French personalities and towns, with information on these on the door, which the conscientious pupils were soon keen to copy for inclusion in their scrapbooks. Luggage was unpacked rapidly and it was time for the first French meal.

Meals were served in a rustic building with low arches, with the emphasis on wholesome food with a traditional French flavour. Soup, fish and sauté potatoes pleased most pupils, but no sooner had we finished than it was time for the fire drill and learning to form the correct line in the correct place in front of the correct château 'animateur'. Exploration of the grounds and 'un chocolat chaud' was more than enough for both pupils and staff on this first evening and at 'lights out' many pupils were already asleep.

Saturday morning saw a sunny day and a whole group visit to the weekly market at Laval, five miles away. This

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was a typically French market, with every sort of cheese, fish, fruit and vegetable on display. Flowers were in abundance and especially Lily of the Valley, which is traditionally offered on 1st May. The market traders were happy to wait patiently as our pupils formulated their sentences, as they bought souvenirs. The bee-keeper, who produced Eiffel Towers as candles, was well rewarded however, as his stock was sold out after our visit. After a picnic lunch in the picturesque town itself, our next stop was a hypermarket, where purchases were again made, but this time the emphasis was on reading the signs and prices and deciding if articles were good value.

Returning to the château, the activities themselves began. Over the next one-and-a-half days, all pupils tried out a variety of skills, on a rota basis, and each time supervised by a member of the château staff and a King's teacher. Activities included mountain-biking, quads, orienteering and 'Night line' (a short obstacle course, where pupils were blindfolded and had to rely on the instructions given by the pupil in front of them). These activities all resulted in very muddy clothing, but fortunately they were interspersed with archery, aeroball, fencing, volleyball, table tennis and a CD ROM session.

Our two evenings at the château were spent in different ways. The Saturday evening meal was 'the French experience' with frogs' legs and snails. Once they had braved their first mouthful, a good number of pupils went on to appreciate this meal, but equally many ended up eating lots of bread and dessert. The evening's activity was Le Quizz. Working in groups, pupils had to find and produce various objects, but obviously the definitions of the objects were open to interpretation. 'Trouve une grenouille' (find a frog) was simply the production of a French sweet, in the shape of a frog, which by now all pupils had discovered and bought. Attempts to drag the French staff to the check-in desk were also accepted! Although we were competing against another school, King's received most of the prizes.

The talent show for all pupils was held on the Sunday evening. Hours of practice resulted in an enjoyable show. Slick timing and movement in dance routines, good attempts at comic sketches and from those who had preferred to play table tennis rather than practise, a few nursery rhymes!

Monday, we were off to Paris, but despite our early morning call, there was another fire drill. It was a false

alarm but at least it meant we could say 'Au revoir' to our favourite château staff, who had lots of prizes to distribute. Several hours later, we were lining up again, this time at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. The lengthy ascent, as a result of huge numbers of visitors, was nevertheless worthwhile as we appreciated the splendid views from the top.

The time in the centre of Paris was limited but Mr Phillips was a tour guide par excellence as we passed the Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, etc, etc. Stopping at Notre Dame, we took a one-hour boat trip on the Seine, where we were able to view other major monuments.

Our overnight stay in a hotel on the outskirts of Paris was not without incident as a pupil fell ill, but nevertheless 98% of the party spent the next day enjoying the magic of Disneyland, Paris. Despite minimal linguistic opportunities, for a twelve-year-old this had to be the highlight of the visit and formed the basis of much of the conversation on the return journey.

Scrapbooks produced later by pupils testified to the success of the visit and were read with interest by the accompanying staff, Mrs Green, Mrs Schreiber, Ms G Taylor, Ms H Taylor, Mr Batchelor and Mr Phillips. Our thanks go to Andy Millington of Brown's Coaches and all the château staff for a most memorable visit.

GG

Classics Trip

Following what has now become something of a tradition, Mr Houghton led a party to Italy during February half-term holiday. The team from last year's trip to Sicily remained intact, but on this occasion Mr Houghton, Mrs Turner, Mr Killen and Mrs Houghton were joined by Miss Inman and Mr O'Donnell who completed the dream tour line-up.

This year the trip did not get off to the best possible start as our flight departed almost twelve hours late after being delayed in Delhi, en route for Manchester. This meant that we only arrived at the hotel about an hour before our first day of sightseeing in Rome began. Although we were obviously tired, the splendour of, for example, the Colosseum, Pantheon and Roman Forum was such that we all enjoyed the day.

After spending a further day in Rome, principally visiting the Vatican City and the Catacombs, we moved on to our second base in Sorrento. On the following day our viewing of Vesuvius was unfortunately restricted due to the

icy conditions on the approach road. However, something positive came out of all this, as the extra time created enabled us to see Herculaneum in addition to Pompeii. Our new guide in Sorrento, Bart, immediately won the troops over with his detailed knowledge of the sights and a penchant for obscure English idiom which put even Gianluca Vialli to shame. Incredibly enough, Bart revealed that his girlfriend, now working in a beauty parlour in Sorrento, was from Macclesfield. She had obviously been captivated by his suave manner, as some of our girls appeared to be. Bart formed an amazing double act with unflappable, Dean Martin look-alike Marshall who was our regular coach driver.

Thursday was spent exploring the island of Capri, an experience which everyone enjoyed greatly. We were, however, somewhat naïve in opting for the longer of the two possible walks in the afternoon. The combination of the rugged terrain and warm sunshine contrived to expose the lack of fitness of certain members of the party, with Mr Killen, consistently off the pace of the leading pack. The large amount of pizza consumed by Craig 'Beaver' Barrow at lunch also took its



toll during the latter stages of the trip.

Friday was a more relaxing affair, with visits to the picturesque locations of Amalfi and Ravello. The relatively long distances covered in the bus once again gave Mr O'Donnell the opportunity to keep large numbers entertained with his seemingly endless repertoire of card games.

On the final evening we organised the traditional entertainment night. The standard of sketches was very high, with Jonathan 'Jackson Jonathan' Pedley showing considerable talent as a comedian. The excellent atmosphere of the evening was typical of a very

successful and harmonious trip. Most of the credit of this must, of course, go to MTH whose first-rate organisational ability and interpersonal skills were, as usual, in evidence.

RJK

PGL Royal Oak

After an excited and emotional end to their Junior careers, forty Year 6 children, accompanied by Mrs Hadden, Mr Jones and Mr Shaw, set off on the four-hour coach journey to the PGL Royal Oak Centre on the shores of Lake Llangorse, South Wales. As always, the party were met by enthusiastic PGL staff who swiftly sorted the party out into groups under the supervision of groupies, Nicki and Carrie. Over the next two and a half days the children experienced abseiling, rifle shooting, quad bikes, orienteering, raft building, initiative exercises and windsurfing. The hot weather enhanced the usual levels of enjoyment with the wet activities being very wet indeed - the lake's temperature was in excess of 70° F!

Ideal conditions for windsurfing were undoubtedly a highlight of the week-end. Mr Jones soon mastered the basic techniques, eventually being rescued as he headed off into the distance towards the far shore! Jacob Rhodes fell victim to the Llangorse Lake Monster who sucked away one of his training shoes!

The raft builders also enjoyed excellent sessions, although 'raft unbuilding' might be a more appropriate description as one group sought to sabotage the other group's raft before the inevitable break-up of the craft. One of the raft building groups was filmed on their activity by a camera team from the children's ITV programme *Energize*. Their efforts will apparently be viewed on national TV in March/April 2000. We await their TV debuts with interest! The 'PGL Throat' took a few victims as an endless supply of songs (notably the 'Banana Song') led by Nicki and Carrie occupied the journey between Royal Oak and Tan Troed where the 'dry' activities took place. They were also sung on the journey home, before the summer holiday really began!

GJS

Ski Trip

Alpine ski reports in the days leading up to the holiday had been promising and so it was with great expectations that the party of thirty-five children and four adults arrived at La Joue du Loup in the southern French Alps. We were

not disappointed as a snow base of around thirty centimetres lay in the village with much more at altitude. Indeed the snow conditions turned out to be absolutely perfect. We were joined by a group of boys and staff from Audenshaw Grammar School and divided into four ability groups. It was good to meet up with instructors Paul (still a sprightly seventy-nine years of age!), David and Eric again. They were joined by Florence who kept the Intermediate group busy all week.

Weather conditions were perfect for the first three days with clear, blue skies and warm sun, although the latter part of the week became disappointingly cloudy with a strong, cold wind on two days. This did not interfere with lessons and a wide variety of blue and green runs were experienced by all the groups, with the intermediates and advanced groups tackling a few 'interesting' reds.

Not only did the whole group's skiing techniques improve but also their French speaking. There were many opportunities for conversation in the restaurant, supermarket, shops and on the chair lifts. Some of the party were so keen to practise that they communicated in French with a group of puzzled English people!

There was a full programme of activities including the now traditional talent show on the last night where each room were asked to perform. Acts included slapstick comedy, sketches, versions of *The Price is Right* and *Blind Date* (featuring Alex Crawley as a Yorkshire-born Cilla Black!) and room 105's version of *Tragedy* by Steps, including some interesting dance movements from Adam Cookson and Jack Shaw resplendent in blonde wigs made of string! The evening was completed by the staff's version of *Tragedy* entitled *Joue du Loup* (where the snow is deep and the slopes are steep it's Joue du Loup...).

There were many interesting and funny moments both on and off the slopes with the 'Roberta' Award being given to Nicola Coveney, Jenny Bradbury, Alex Crawley and William Soutter for a variety of gaffes.

Reports of approaching poor weather led to a hasty exit on the Friday evening, with drivers Dave and Glyn ploughing through heavy rain which swept across France. The twisty mountain roads led to some queasy tummies but eventually the party returned to Fence Avenue safe and sound to reflect on a most active, eventful and enjoyable holiday.

GJS

Junior Trip to Chester

After arriving at the Dewa Experience Museum, our guide took us on a fascinating tour. Initially we looked at a number of typical Roman shops and their wares - the children loved this! We saw a typical Roman Centurian's quarters and learned how tough being a night watchman was. The Roman Baths and the pub followed.

We watched a short video about Roman Chester before looking at some actual excavations. In the 'hands-on' room, Year 4 loved having a go at many activities but especially loved trying on the replica armour. It was very heavy!

After lunch our Roman Centurian gave us a fun packed tour of Roman Chester. We chanted through the streets as new recruits to the 'Mighty Roman Army'. We looked at the amphitheatre, had a mock battle and asked lots of great questions. All in all, this was a really successful day.

LT

Boreatton Park

Following a morning of excited good-byes to friends and teachers, a lucky group of Year 5 and 6 children dragged their unnecessarily heavy luggage to the coach awaiting a happy send off at 1.30 pm. With the sun shining, the coach headed for the Shropshire countryside, stopping once for recovery and refreshments. We approached the entrance of the park with the singing becoming progressively raucous. The excitement was building.

Our group leaders, Ellie and Gavin, were waiting to whisk us away to the mobile home site where we unpacked and unwound. The children played happily and explored the area, many for the first time.

We had our first of many hearty meals at 6.25 precisely. The food was well accepted by the children, plentiful and reasonably healthy. Following dinner the children dressed up the leaders using items of clothing and accessories they had packed. The Posh Spice look-alike was most successful. Settling down to sleep was hard following such an exciting and eventful day. In the peace of a pleasant evening the lights dimmed and some sleep was possible by 3.00 am.

The next two days proved full of strenuous activity and sunshine. Activities were planned both before breakfast and after dinner using up what was left of any remaining energy. The children took part in several activities led

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by qualified instructors. These included quadbiking, giving Patrick Rooney a run for his money. He eventually found the track.

On Saturday the children practised rifle-shooting. Abseiling was the most popular and enjoyable activity, though unfortunately not for Andrew Kimber who was dangling for two minutes off the tower while ropes were untangled. Jonathan Powell shouted to the instructor to pull up the ropes following his descent, but, by shouting too soon, he was still attached and was dragged up with them.

The Puzzle Park was a case for Mission Impossible and proved a test for even the most able minds. Due to the warm weather, water fights were a popular activity especially when the group leaders became involved.

Saturday night ended peacefully with everyone extremely tired after a strenuous day. Thankfully, Sunday morning breakfast was timetabled a little later. Following breakfast, raft building was a wet experience even for David Gierc and helpers. They were told that their raft was by far the best. On hitting the water, it promptly sank. Those few who were not wet by the end of the session were thrown in.

Another wet activity followed lunch with the kayaks. Excitement grew during the day with midnight feasts being discussed and lots of stocking up to be done from the tuck shop. The variety pack and sherbet sticks were most popular but most children that night were in bed asleep by 11.00 pm. The staff sat up, watching the stars and chatting until the early hours.

Monday morning arrived so soon. The children packed and prepared for the coach. After breakfast, there was time for one more activity – archery. By 1.00 pm we had eaten our lunch and with the coach packed, we said our goodbyes to our two marvellous group leaders. They had been so well-organised and involved in their work. Unfortunately the whipround tip followed the final tuck shop visit, but we were sure that the token was appreciated.

A group of quiet and tired children pulled into the school car park at around 3.15 pm to a warm reception from Mums and Dads. With the sun still shining, the children could contemplate the long holiday that lay ahead.

PAT

PGL France

An early start set the excitement levels high as forty-eight Year 5 and 6 Junior children assembled on the Rock Block

preparing to embark on a new French adventure. Mr Batchelor, Mrs Aspinwall, Mrs Turner and Mr Atkinson accompanied the excited youngsters as we made an early train through the Channel Tunnel and arrived at our first port of call – Boulogne and the aquatic Sea-Life Centre. Friendly rays, sea lions, tuna and not so friendly sharks amazed the children who marvelled at their underwater beauty and prowess, and the 3-D theatre show wowed us all!

We arrived at our PGL Centre, Le Pré Catalan, at Hardelot in the early evening to discover what the remainder of the holiday was to include. We were blessed with beautiful weather for our on-site activities of climbing, archery, rifle-shooting and initiative exercises as the children displayed their own skills in certain fields – and even their lack of initiative in some cases!

In order to appreciate the French culture, day visits included such places as a chocolate factory (oh that smell!), a visit to a local Sunday market at Etaples where the children were given extra spends so that they could embark on a trip to a French café and order their refreshments – *en français* of course! We also visited a French bowling alley where competition was fierce. Mr Batchelor proved, as always, to be a real expert while Mrs Turner and Mrs Aspinwall deserved credit for perseverance! A shopping visit to la Cité d'Europe challenged the children to come to terms with the French franc and all the children enjoyed the morning visit to *la boulangerie* where we learnt about the french *pain* and *baguette* and we were given the opportunity to try out our own expertise at making some croissants. You would not believe just how much butter goes into producing them!

Highlights of our four-day visit included the French Evening given at the centre, where we were able to sample the delights of snails and profiteroles to dissipate the taste of garlic for those who were so brave as to try this distinct delicacy. Also, the disco proved a great success as the YMCA and the Macarena involved a number of somewhat reluctant dancers who eventually entered into the spirit of enjoyment.

Monday evening returned forty-eight happy children safely to Macclesfield exhausted but appreciative of the opportunities they had been given over the last four days 'en France'.

PJA

Go for IT! Holiday

As the Easter Term ended, a group of seventeen Year 4 children accompanied by Mrs Williams and Mrs Wells went to Winmarleigh Hall near Garstang for an action-packed IT holiday. We enjoyed a variety of activities over the two and a half days such as archery, initiative exercises, climbing, orienteering and quad biking. These activities were complemented by a range of IT activities such as manipulating a digitised self-portrait photograph, exploring the Internet and producing a newsletter recounting the adventures at Winmarleigh Hall.

Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and learned a lot from their IT experiences as well as from the range of activities on offer.

KW

Visit to Bramall Hall

All three Year 5 classes visited Bramall Hall, accompanied by several parents, Mrs Wells, Mr Jones and Mrs Cole. A fascinating and active tour included an introduction to the history of the Tudor hall, a demonstration of the early security arrangements, re-enacting a meal in the dining room, a visit to the chapel where family weddings took place, Tudor writing, dressing in Tudor clothes and copying a wall painting in Tudor tones. From outside, the typical Tudor black and white patterns, as well as chimneys, were strikingly visible. Year 5 pupils also took an interest in the stocks in the courtyard – would they be preferable to a breaktime detention?! Packed lunches were eaten in the 'barn'. Despite the showers, there was time for a quick walk in the gardens before it was time to return to school.

JC

Museum of Science and Industry

The second Year 5 visit was in support of the science and technology curricula. The visit started with a session in the 'hands on' activities area called Xperiment. Pupils were reluctant to tear themselves away from these stimulating interactive displays! Another part of the visit was a lesson on simple machines using cogs, gears, levers, etc. The Power Hall had a range of large, steam-powered machines on display. Most pupils were eager to fit in a visit to the Air and Space Gallery and the Dinosaur display. A very full day but even so the shop was certainly not missed out.

JC

Brain Training

All pupils in Years 7 and 8 have a series of lessons designed to improve their thinking skills. These lessons are taught about once a fortnight in General Science in addition to their Science lessons. The programme was devised by King's College, London, and is known as CASE (Cognitive Acceleration through Science Education), or to most of our pupils as 'brain training'.

The lessons work by presenting the pupils with a problem that they cannot solve easily, but that they can resolve through discussion in groups. This is followed by whole class discussion of how the problem was resolved, with pupils explaining their reasoning to the class. The emphasis is on how the problem was solved rather than what the solution is.

We measure the cognitive ability of all pupils shortly after they arrive in Year 7 and then re-measure it after the CASE programme at the end of Year 8. The present Year 9 was the first year group to go through the full CASE programme, and they have shown very significant gains in their thinking skills, well above that expected by normal development.

To obtain the full benefit from CASE, it is essential that staff are properly trained in the CASE methodology. We have just completed a two-year training programme with King's College, London, and as the results with the current Year 9 show, we are having a big impact on pupils' thinking skills.

The King's School is one of the pioneering CASE schools in the North West, now having substantial experience of CASE and being one of very few schools to have been trained by King's College. CASE has been shown to improve GCSE performance in the three core National Curriculum subjects of Mathematics, English and Science (other subjects have not been analysed), and we are sure that the improvement in our pupils' thinking skills will benefit them greatly in the years ahead.

RG

Creative Writing

1998-1999 was an exciting year for poets and writers at Fence Avenue. In November 1998, Melvin Burgess, the author of the controversial teenage novel, *Junk*, visited school for a day. He ran writing workshops and answered questions in an Open Forum at lunchtime. Enthusiastic poets also heard the poet, Brian Patten, read his poetry

at the Silk Heritage Centre in November. In January 1999, Hayley Tilley, then in Year 9, had a poem, 'Lies', published in 'Young Writers' Magazine'. At Easter, sixteen pupils accompanied Miss Chadwick to a rambling cottage in Hebden Bridge to participate in a week of creative writing. Inspired by two resident poets, they developed the skills of drafting, editing and performance. In addition, the sought-after award of 'Poet of the Term' was awarded to Hayley Tilley, Eleanor Cowan, Alice Betton, Andrea Howarth, Miranda Swift and Jenny Mayo. Miranda and Jenny were also thrilled to see their poems in print in the 'Times Educational Supplement' in June. Such successes are testimony to the talent which flourishes at Fence Avenue.

NJC

Outdoor Activities

Autumn Term

As ever, the year began with some very successful visits to Buxworth. Whilst the centre has served us well in the past, we are now reviewing how we carry out the Year 7 trips and may well relocate deeper into the Peak District for next year. Whilst further away, it would have certain advantages.

The Outdoor Activities Club continues with great support from Years 7 and 8. This term began with a 'wild camping' trip to Snowdonia where pupils experienced being high in the mountains for two nights in what turned out to be good weather. A full circuit of the Glyder range and an ascent of Moel Siabod were achieved. Our second outing was a day of rock-climbing on Stanage edge, again blessed with good, sunny weather, if somewhat cold. The young pupils seem to have great confidence which bodes well for the future. Our final trip was a multi-activity weekend at Malham Youth Hostel. A walk round Goredale preceded a caving expedition through lower and upper Long Churn on Saturday, followed by a gorge scramble on a drizzly Sunday morning near Buckden.

The Duke of Edinburgh groups began this term to prepare for their respective expeditions. The Silver group is twenty-six, with the Bronze at twenty.

Finally, at the very end of the term PME and HEL accompanied the Pakistan expedition group on a training trip to Sedbergh School where they spent two nights out under canvas being put through their paces by an outside leader and instructor. The weather was once more kind to us.

Spring Term

With a mix-up on bookings, the term began with a half-weekend trip to the Lake District instead of Wales. It proved to be to our advantage as a fair amount of new snow had fallen, then skies cleared to leave a hard frost which lay over the fells most of the day. It was a fine walk, up the side of Great End and over the Scafell massif, descending along the corridor route back to Seathwaite.

Later in January, much the same enthusiastic group went on another trip to Helvellyn where we were well received. This time we scrambled up the knife-edge Pinnacle Ridge on St Sunday Crag, then walked round and over Fairfield before returning to Patterdale.

The Duke of Edinburgh practice expeditions had to be delayed by two weeks because of the arrival of deep snow, but when they took place the first day was dry if windy. This lulled the groups into a false sense of security as it then rained hard all night, reducing the campsites to paddy fields. Morale was low as the groups arrived in Edale.

The final event of the term was the Scottish winter trip. Leaving after school, the group travelled to the luxurious Youth Hostel in Stirling, then on the next day to Glenshee where many winter mountaineering skills were practised. The weather was kind with only the odd snow flurry. The next two days saw us cross the Cairngorm plateau, under blue skies and hard snow over Ben Macdui to a cold camp in the Lairig Ghru, followed by a gale-assisted departure to Loch Morlich next day. After seeing off overnight rain, a reduced team climbed Lochnagar, enjoying wide views in the improving weather, whilst the rest circled Loch Muick. It was a very successful trip and thanks must go to KS and JRD for their help.

Summer Term

The Gold Award group began the term with some preparatory work toward their Exploration. This year, the theme of Cumbrian Sports was taken. On a fine May weekend, whilst Year 8 pupils were struggling up Lorton Gully on Grassmoor, the Sixth Formers were at a Hound Trail in Lamplugh, where they were astonished by the speed of the dogs over the fells. Later on, they were astonished again at the tales of speed over the fells as recounted by Billy Bland, one of the greatest fell runners ever. After some questionnaire work the next day to assess local familiarity with these sports, two of the group entered the Fairfield Horseshoe

fell race, a tough nine-mile race from Rydal, completing the course successfully. They laid the foundations for an excellent spell of project work in early July, at the same time as the Silver candidates would be trekking over the fells. When the groups went to the Lake District on expedition, it turned out to be mixed weather yet again, but all the groups coped well. The Silver expeditions found the terrain demanding and the weather a nuisance but they did well, coaxing the less enthusiastic to help them get round. All eighteen pupils were successful. The Gold fulfilled all their objectives with meetings and visits to various widespread locations. Their one disappointment was to turn up at Langdale Gala field to discover it was the next day, which caused problems with their schedule. The sun shone for the last day and a half and spirits lifted accordingly.

The Outdoor Activities Club had a superb, sunny day on Birchens Edge, rock climbing to quite a high level with a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils. In addition, HEL led a demanding walk along the twenty-mile long Griststone Way with a few keen souls; most of them did it with ease and more of this activity has been programmed in for next Autumn Term.

PME

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

The Award unit at King's continues to flourish. Throughout the year seventy young people have enjoyed the experience of being involved in the scheme. At King's the Award Scheme is an activity involving both boys and girls, a truly cross-site activity.

An aspect of the Award Scheme, often overlooked, is the involvement of adults at all levels and in all sections. As a participant makes progress, they have the opportunity of working with adult instructors, assessors and mentors who quickly become friends. Youngsters are often surprised when teachers can share unusual hobbies and sports such as bell ringing, military modelling, air pistol shooting and fly-fishing. Sharing experiences and enthusiasms with adults is certainly a new experience to many young people and friendships are formed which last long after the four years of the Award Scheme.

This year the Gold and Silver expeditions were carried out in a new area of the Lake District. Three Silver and two Gold expeditions were based on Seathwaite in the Duddon valley. The

two Gold groups chose the exploration option rather than a straight expedition but returned to a topic which had proved so successful for a previous group in the Borrowdale area. The topic, traditional Cumbrian sports, gave one group the opportunity of meeting the world famous fell runner Joss Naylor. Joss congratulated two of the group for their creditable performance in the nine-mile Fairfield Horseshoe Race. George Birkett of Little Langdale held the other group spellbound with his tales of hounds and hound trail meets. However, he refused to divulge his secret feeding formula on which his dogs thrive! Both groups will remember their practice expedition where they attended a hound trail meet and saw just what is involved in the training of these wonderful animals.

The Silver group enjoyed a new course for the Service Section of their Award. The course based on a ROSPA programme covered all aspects of accident prevention in the home and activities undertaken by youngsters in the hills, on water and on their cycles. The evening spent with fire fighters from Macclesfield Fire Station was much appreciated, particularly the session in the smoke tent.

This year the Bronze Service Section was done in two very full weekends where all participants successfully passed the St John Ambulance Association's Life Safer Plus examination. The trainer and assessors all commented on the high standard achieved by the group who are all now trained to a standard higher than many members of staff.

The following awards were presented at North East Cheshire Award Committee's Presentation Evening held at Zeneca.

Bronze: Jo Adams, Kate Baker, Jackie Barker, Matthew Batchelor, Alice Betton, Andrew Bruce, Rosa Caulfield, James Childs, Edward Clapham, Louisa Ham, Antonia Harding, Stephen Hart, Nick Humphrey, Lyndsay Lomax, Natalie Pagano, Ian Pardo, Nicholas Parnell, Natalie Pepper, Tony Robson, Heather Swift, Allan Williamson.

Silver: Oliver Barber, Nicholas Battersby, Rosanna Betton, Daniel Capper, Richard Caswell, Clare Charles, Sian Fullaway, Chris Gartside, Hannah Hallam, Alex Hibbert, Anna McKeating, Tom Newham, Nick Patterson, Esmé Patey-Ford, John Percival, Angela Quartermaine, Henry Simms, Louise Southern, Michelle Tinker.

JRD

Sixth Form Community Action

In 1998/9 the number of students involved in both Wednesday afternoon placements and special events doubled. Placements include: The Mayfield Centre, East Cheshire Hospice, The Larches, Trinity House, local primary schools and Park Lane School. Some students visit the elderly in their own homes and this year started to visit those in hospital under the guidance of the Age Concern Project Manager, Rohanna Darlington. In the Summer Term, we added Charity Shop voluntary work to the options available.

In December, we held a Christmas Party in the Cumberland Street site for the elderly friends of the girls at FA as well as our own. A short entertainment followed by carol-singing, tea and Bingo was the programme for the event.

In May, we took part in a day trip to Blackpool, along with other students from Independent Schools in the North West. Carys Jones and Doug Currie accompanied forty children aged eight to nine from the inner-city Salford parish of St Paul's. First stop was the funfair, followed by a fish and chip lunch. Games on the beach and tea at a local school rounded off a fun, but exhausting, day!

In June, Sixth Form students ran a craft activity of weaving willow stems at the Bollin Valley Taster Day, to which disabled visitors come from all over the North West.

In addition, several students have spent time after school and in their holidays to take part in paired outings and play-schemes (Friends for Leisure) and holidays for the disabled (Winged Fellowship).

Students who take part in Community Action may have had no previous experience so we try to support and prepare them through termly training sessions. In November, six students attended a weekend national conference in Derbyshire. Through lectures, workshops and presentations we learned about other schools' activities and programmes as well as developing our own skills and awareness. We came back to school inspired and enthusiastic, ready to share our experience with the rest of the team.

This year, for the first time, Colours were awarded in recognition of loyal commitment to Community Action. It is not so much that students *need* to be rewarded for this involvement which brings so many benefits, but rather that the school wishes to show how it values their work. A further example of this is the Silk FM Community Action

Award which Jo Southall won in the Under 18 category. Although her involvement in the community – especially her work with Friends for Leisure – is extensive, she would not want it publicised except to encourage others to take up voluntary work.

GDT

Charities

A variety of fund-raising activities took place across the four Divisions of the school during the year. The Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal was well supported in November and Save the Children benefited from the end-of-term Carol Service collections. In March, Charities Week, culminating in a fancy dress day to coincide with National Red Nose Day, proved both enjoyable and successful, raising in excess of £4,000. Once again, the Charities Committees in the four Divisions came up with a list of original and worthy causes to support with the money raised. This included Children with Leukaemia, Terrence Higgins Trust, Actionaid, Intermediate Technology, Park Lane School, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, World Wildlife Fund, and Amnesty International.

There was a tremendous response to the Children's Aid Direct Appeal for educational packs for displaced children of Kosovo in the Summer Term. Sixth Formers coordinated the Appeal in the Boys' and Girls' Divisions and over £800 was raised. 200 packs were made up with basic educational essentials (exercise books, pens, pencils, etc). These were taken to a depot in Marple and from there to Reading and, on 16th July, on to Pristina.

A concert put on by the school's choral singers raised an amazing further £1,040 which went to Task Force Albania, a charity dedicated to relieving the burden of the refugees.

PRMM

Sixth Form Charity Fund-Raising

Once again, students had fun raising money through a variety of events.

Now firmly established in the school calendar is 'Roses for Valentine's Day'. Students in the Senior Divisions are invited to buy a silk rose for someone they care for. If they are too shy to present them personally, for an extra small fee Sixth Formers deliver them. Twenty dozen roses were sold and our Charity Fund was off to a good start.

Next came Charities' Week; dressing up for Red Nose Day always creates a festive atmosphere and this,

along with a five-a-side football tournament (mixed teams, of course!), videos, barbecue and a Jerry Springer Show, added more funds to our collection.

At the end of the Spring Term, working with Friends of King's for the first time, we held our first Fashion Show. Brave young men and women – and even braver staff – took to the catwalk to model clothes by Russell Kellar and Patricia Thomas. Everyone enjoyed the evening so much that we hope to repeat the event next year.

Money from the events totalled £2108. Sixth Formers then voted for which charities to support on a local or national scale.

Finally, the Charities' Committee organised the collection of money from Senior Divisions and assembled 200 educational packs for Kosovan children. These were taken to a distribution point along with old stock donated from the School Shop.

We hope to continue such a programme next year. Our thanks go to all who supported these events.

GDT

Long-Serving Staff

In the Summer Term four members of the teaching staff (Mr T J Adams, Mr L A Batchelor, Mrs A M Cooper and Mr P Seddon) were presented informally with 'mock medals' in recognition of their long service to the school.



Junior Maths Challenge

In April a number of Year 6 children entered this competition, aimed at Year 7/8 pupils (ie Seniors!). The eight children below were awarded certificates for their outstanding performances.

Silver Certificate: Duncan Howsley, David Kennerley, Austin Sependa.

Bronze Certificate: Daniel Robinson, Kay Doncom, Nicola Bridge, Anika Bulcock, Chris Yeates.

GJS

Visit by the Fire Brigade

The Fire Brigade finally made it at 2.15 pm! An unexpected emergency delayed their arrival. Whilst part of the team set up the 'smoke' tent, we were entertained in the classroom!

Year 4 watched a video about a) the danger of fire and b) how to keep safe in the event of a fire. Family fire exit plans were greatly stressed. A question and answer session followed before we went outside.

We split into two groups; one to experience what it is like being in a smoke filled room and the other to look at the amazing equipment on today's modern fire engines. All in all, this was a great visit, extremely worthwhile and good fun at the same time.

LT

Infant School Talent Show

The children in the Infant Department finished off the Easter Term with a Talent Show to entertain their parents and teachers. There was great enthusiasm and all the four classes were well represented. From the youngest children, aged three, to the oldest children, aged seven, the talent was amazing.

There were ballet and disco dancers, songs and poems, pianists and violinists and even a young comedian. Mrs Rhodes was the compere and Mrs Coleman organised the music.

Mrs Lea played the piano to accompany some of the children. We all had a brilliant afternoon and the confidence the children showed was a credit to King's.

JTS

Aladdin Presto Puppets

In February, the Presto Puppet Theatre Company visited the Junior Division. An excited audience from the Infant School and Years 3 and 4 were invited to a wonderful performance of *Aladdin*.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and listened carefully to a talk from the puppeteers afterwards. They described the puppets used in the production and how they were made and operated. Greta Byrne (Year 3), James Plowright (Year 2) and Johnny Marshall (Year 3) volunteered enthusiastically when asked to work some large puppets on stage.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Many thanks to the Presto Puppet Theatre Company for another super production.

RHC

1st XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	12	0	8	401	296

If ever the highs and lows of sport were reflected in a season, it was 1998/99! High quality victories were recorded and subsequently followed by poor defeats. Our first venture into the Daily Mail Cup saw us reach the quarter-finals, but injury and fatigue adversely affected normal fixtures and a potentially devastating Sevens squad was undermined by lack of tournaments and, again, injury.

Early season saw the team in credit, but possibly underachieving. A hard fought game against Lancaster was lost in poor conditions after a half-time lead was squandered. In this game a weakness in the side's kicking game was discovered, as was the pack's difficulty in playing 'wet-weather' rugby – two problems that would haunt the team later in the season. Then followed a poor away win at KES Aston when we were ultimately saved by scrummage dominance and the hitherto undiscovered finishing power on the wing of Bush. There then followed one of the high points of the season. Away at QEGS Wakefield the decision was made to play a very limited kicking and driving game instead of the traditional King's running game. This coupled with offensive defence pressurised QEGS and ultimately laid the foundation for a first time 13-11 away win, with tries from centres Cooper and Isherwood.

However, this massive high was followed a week later by a very deep low, as over-confidence, poor decision-making and bad finishing allowed us to sink to a bad loss at Manchester Grammar School. This game also highlighted an ongoing problem with interpretation of

the laws of the game at tackle and ruck. This problem had been noted at Lancaster and Aston, but came to a head at Manchester Grammar School. If anything there is a huge difference between what is allowed on televised rugby and what is allowed in schools and junior clubs. However, more worryingly, there is a difference in interpretation between regions and individual referees.

Ultimately these problems were solved by seeking advice from the Manchester referees' society's senior referees and by seeking expectations and clarification from referees before the game.

As if to demonstrate the rollercoaster nature of the season, the following week saw possibly the best performance of the year as the powerful Woodhouse Grove outfit were contained and ultimately defeated courtesy of two superb long-distance tries finished by the powerful Spicer, now playing in the centre with Isherwood moved to full back and developing second row Keep.

The team then appeared to be performing well, with the forwards driving and making good yards and the backs playing really incisive rugby. However, typically this peak was followed by another trough. Nevertheless, the physical St Ambrose outfit were comfortably defeated 39-5, with Isherwood scoring two scintillating tries from full back. The following week the visiting Dulwich School were neatly defeated in an outstanding first half display which again saw flowing moves result in length of the field tries finished by Keep, Cooper and Spicer. Unfortunately, our performance in the second half tailed off and what should have been a destruction petered out into a merely sound 31-7 win.

The season's problems really started just after half-term with a spell of four games in fourteen days; an unsatisfac-

tory situation precipitated by the inability of other schools to play Daily Mail Cup games on the appropriate dates. Weather conditions also meant that all of these games were played in cold, muddy, energy-sapping conditions. In our first Daily Mail Cup round a comfortable 64-10 defeat of Bolton was recorded, followed by a somewhat inefficient away victory over a competent Newcastle side, a game which was brightened by an outstanding performance by Sweetzer. The following Wednesday saw the next Daily Mail round away at Crossley Heath, Halifax. Injuries were by now taking their toll. Stand-off Horrocks was missing as were two members of the pack and we stuttered to a 28-5 victory.

Fatigue and injuries were major issues in the following two games where we disappointingly subsided to a 6-23 defeat by Wirral in which key forwards Moran and Selbie were injured, and a 14-40 defeat by the powerful Kirkham Grammar School side (a game in which King's played extremely well with flanker Neary being forced to play at stand-off!). The run-up to Christmas closed with a scratchy 29-27 win at Birkenhead, a performance which provoked a major sense of humour loss from forwards' coach Percival.

By Christmas, the side's strike-potential had been realised, but it was felt that the forwards had blown hot and cold and our kicking game could be virtually non-existent. Furthermore, the loss of Selbie highlighted line-out problems that previously had only been 'bubbling under'. Certainly, hooker Brooks encountered throwing in problems, but his diligence in working at this area can only be commended. Similarly, the lift, movement and timing of the jump was not always 100% and these factors combined with poor conditions and a lack of genuine height lead to line-out problems. These problems were only put to rest by the emergence of Leech as a genuine first team forward and line-out jumper who, with Keep assisting, produced some dominant end of season performances.

In the new year, Adams Grammar School were defeated 16-7 and Rydal 34-12, before a tight loss against KES Lytham in which two missed scoring chances cost us the game.

There then followed a remarkable game of rugby away at Merchant Taylors' Crosby in the next round of the Daily Mail Cup. King's secured only 20% of possession and 20% of field position but won 12-5 through astonishingly disciplined defence and two fine tries through Tunwell and Spicer – an even more astounding victory in that it was achieved despite the absence of a number of key players.



Not surprisingly, a low followed and a tired 31-0 defeat by Bradford Grammar School was followed by a 12-15 defeat at home by St Edward's Liverpool.

Perhaps the season was ultimately epitomised by its final game, the Daily Mail Cup Quarter-Final against QEGS Wakefield. Playing in appalling conditions, King's could not match the control of the Wakefield forwards or the kicking game of their half backs and slithered to a 15-0 defeat in which effort and endeavour were never questioned but possibly tactical awareness was missing.

In conclusion, this was an unusual season; a potentially outstanding side underperformed somewhat due to 'outside circumstances' such as fixture congestion and through its own lack of concentration in the 'less glamorous' matches. We should realise that everyone we play considers King's to be a 'big game', possibly we do not pay the respect to all the sides we play.

On the positive side, from a coaching point of view this was a very fine set of players to work with who were highly skilled and motivated and always set high standards in their approach and preparation. They deserved more from the season. It is hoped that many of them continue to be involved in the sport. In the pack Masheder, Brooks, Challiner and latterly Higgins were a good front row. Masheder, in particular, after a slow start to the season revealed that he could go further in the game, as could Challiner. Brooks was a great organiser and technically sound player in all departments. In the second row, duties were shared between the potentially outstanding Keep and Unterhalter or Farrar. Keep and Unterhalter are highly mobile, handy forwards. Farrar is a more 'old-fashioned' second row who has the capacity to dominate opposition packs, but never quite reached a sufficient consistency of performance. In retrospect it was a coaching error that he was not used to greater effect in the line-out.

The back row suffered more than most with injury, but Selbie, Moran, the ever present and improving Levings, Neary and Leech all played well. Next year's back row could be a very useful unit indeed!

At half back Sweetzer who captained the side and Horrocks always played with flair and endeavour. If there is a better defensive half back pair in the country than these two, I have not seen them! As stated earlier the outside backs were capable of real incision. Cooper, Spicer and, latterly, Orme were powerful runners and strong in defence. The back three of Tunwell, Bush and Isherwood had real strike potential and always cre-

ated problems for the opposition. Tunwell, in particular, returning to rugby from hockey had a fine season and became an ever present. Bush showed himself to have real pace and was the year's leading try scorer. Isherwood, although his season was restricted by injury, had pace and the ability to time a run and break the opposition line. It is hoped that his injury problems will allow him to play a fuller role next year.

PFH/PIP

Sevens

In many ways the Sevens season typified the slightly unlucky nature of the whole season. It was felt that this side had real, national potential. This proved to be the case, but again external factors intervened. To begin with, the Oxford tournament was cancelled. Then the County Sevens was organised on the same day as the Stonyhurst Sevens. Finally, the Solihull tournament was abandoned in the group stages owing to bad weather. In short, late tournament cancellation prevented us from gaining the necessary Sevens tournament practice.

Initially, things looked promising. King's played good wet-weather Sevens at Solihull to defeat KES Aston and Bedford School before the tournament was called off. These games showed us that Spicer, Isherwood, Cooper and Tunwell could all finish from distance, while Sweetzer, Emslie and Horrocks could construct openings. The forwards, Selbie, Moran, Brooks and Cooper, could all graft and secure the ball.

The Stonyhurst tournament again saw good performances as King Edward's Liverpool, Giggleswick and Birkenhead were defeated comfortably with some good rugby played before a five try to three defeat by Sedbergh, which saw us qualify second in the group. King's then defeated RGS Lancaster 22-21 in the quarter-finals which saw us through to the semi-final against hosts Stonyhurst, and a hard fought five try to three defeat. This tournament revealed that we had the ability to compete with the best Sevens' sides in the country, but we were undone by lack of tournament practice which affected our fitness and defensive tightness. Greater efficiency would have seen a victory over Sedbergh and King's qualifying in the other side of the draw from Stonyhurst; then, who knows?

This was our final tournament before the nationals: an unsatisfactory situation. However, on the same day as Stonyhurst, our B Sevens team competed at the Cheshire Sevens, winning two games to Bishop Heber and Altrincham Grammar School before losing to Wirral and narrowly against Lymm Grammar School.

Good performances were produced by Lees, Higgins, Farrar and Leech, with much valuable experience gained by other players.

In the national Sevens, the first game was vital and unfortunately we lost five tries to three against Strade Grammar School, Llanelli, in which we were beaten one-on-one five times. No defensive organisation can compensate for this. As a result, we were dependent on other teams defeating Strade and winning our remaining games. This was achieved with style with wins over St Ignatius 50-0, Cwmcarn 47-19 and KES Aston 39-5. Frustratingly Strade won their last game 19-10 against St Ignatius and went through. Even more frustratingly their next opponents were St Edward's Liverpool who we had beaten at Stonyhurst and the tournament was won by Stonyhurst who we could certainly compete with. Sevens can be very frustrating!

PFH/PIP

2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
16	15	0	1	477	108

As is clear from the record, the 2nd XV had a very successful season. Fifteen victories out of sixteen games, many of them against good sides, with an average of nearly thirty points scored per game, and less than seven conceded, represent a good year by any standards.

However, the quality of the side was considerably greater than statistics alone can represent. Although forty players represented the school at 2nd XV level during the season, there was a solid nucleus who played virtually every match and generated the team spirit, which was such an important reason for the successes. And this nucleus was a blend of 'old lag' Upper Sixth players, Lower Sixth with the potential to be important 1st XV representatives in 1999-2000, and Year 11 boys with considerable potential, who will have learned a great deal about senior school rugby during the season. For the way in which these potentially disparate groups became an integrated unit on the field, a great deal of credit goes to the seniors, who have given much to school rugby over many years, and did not allow disappointment at not becoming regular 1st XV players in their final year to prevent them from giving their all at this level: regular captain Richard Lees, pack leader Adam Higgins, Paul Adams, Philip Hart, Duncan Farrar, James Orme and Andrew Unterhalter.

One of the best features of the season was the response of the society referees who controlled our games to the way we

played, and to the attitudes displayed. Week after week, unsolicited comments about the commitment in defence, the refusal to let the ball die, the efficiency of the recycling of it, the powerful straight running of the backs, and the sometimes awesome go-forward and interpassing between the forwards were a delight to hear. Even more pleasing, though, were expressions that the referees had enjoyed themselves, because of the positive way in which the team had played, and the fact that the boys had so obviously got so much out of their game.

The nature of the rugby played is clearly shown by the fact that, although rookie wing Matthew Jay and powerful full back Ashley Sharp were top try-scorers, with eight each, the total of seventy-seven tries was shared amongst twenty-seven players, with one-third of them being scored by forwards. The side, too, was one of those which played better, the better were the opponents. A glance at the results will show how few points were conceded in relatively tight games against traditionally strong opponents such as Lancaster, Woodhouse Grove and Bradford; when the chips were down, the 'they shall not pass' mentality was at its strongest. It was for this reason that the one defeat of the season was a disappointing occasion; Kirkham were very strong, but we were decimated by injuries and 1st XV calls; had we been able to put out the regular side, a 2nd XV game of titanic proportions would probably have been the highlight of a season which, nevertheless, was one to remember.

IAW

3rd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	8	1	3	262	178

The season saw a total of thirty-one pupils playing for the team. As a result of only a limited number of players in the Sixth Form available for the 1st and 2nd XVs, the team consisted of U16 players throughout the season.

The opening match saw a convincing victory against Lancaster. It is not often that a 3rd XV comes away with a victory against their U16 XV. Throughout the season the team had a mixed set of results. Once they had built up confidence during a match, the points soon began to amass. Team spirit was very good in success but unfortunately one or two members of the team found it difficult when under pressure.

Perhaps the two best performances came against Stockport and Wirral. In both games it was very tight throughout

the first half but the team managed to keep up pressure and not make mistakes and produced very good victories.

As a result of the continual changes week in week out, it was difficult to establish a real understanding between the players. The outstanding players within the forwards were Matthew Beattie, Stephen Hart and John Redfern. Matthew took on a new role for the season as line-out jumper with great success. Stephen proved to be very strong in defence and a good ball winner in the loose. John was very successful as hooker and very rarely had trouble in this part of the game. Within the three quarters John Slater, Chris Clarke and Ben Robinson all made significant improvement throughout the season. John proved to be a very strong runner, Ben showed great speed and finished off moves very well, whilst Chris proved very strong in defence.

The following played for the 3rd XV (highest number of appearances first): C Clarke; R Greer; S Hart; C Lomax; J Redfern; J Slater; J Ellis; M Robertson; M Beattie; N Parnell; B Robinson; J Childs; A Collins; J Duffy; C Moss crop; D Poulter; D Bowers; A Halewood; E Jones; S Webster; R Westwood; R Hart; R Bradfield; J Shaw; J Keep; M Blackshaw; C Gregory; C Howell; T Lloyd; M McNamara; R Webster.

DTB

U16 Sevens

The squad played in three tournaments: Warwick School, Stonyhurst College and All England at London Irish RFC. This year group had enjoyed some success in the past in Sevens tournaments and it was hoped that this would be continued.

The team was strong and very physical but really lacked pace in depth. Communication, awareness and the ability to react quickly are the keys to success within a tournament. In the first tournament, at Warwick, we lived very dangerously. There were moments of brilliance and moments of disaster! Fortunately, after a very slow start, the squad started to play together and as a result we won three, drew one and lost one game within the pool and so qualified for the semi-final. Here we lost to the host school 27-33. What confidence we had gained as a result of the first tournament was soon shattered when we played at Stonyhurst. We were beaten convincingly in the opening game by Oratory School, Oxford and, although pride was restored slightly when beating St Bede's College, we lost in a bizarre game against the host school and their supporters!

Unfortunately the All England Sevens saw three straight defeats. Although chances were created, they just could not

seem to score.

The following played for the U16 Sevens: D Bowers; C Clarke; J Duffy; J Ellis; A Halewood; R Hart; J Keep (Captain); N Parnell; B Robinson; J Shaw; J Slater.

DTB

U15 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	17	14	0	3	502	133
B XV	8	5	0	3	202	104

This proved to be an enjoyable and very successful season. A strong squad who practised and played with enthusiasm and skill, they continued their enviable record of success from past years. However, there was disappointment in the fact that they lost three times in what would be viewed as the 'big' games and failed to progress further than the second round in the Daily Mail Cup.

The A XV showed their strength in scoring over thirty points in eight matches (six times they also went past forty), but possibly more impressive was the fact that also on eight occasions they stopped the opposition crossing their try line and in a further three matches they only allowed their opponents to score once.

After fairly comfortable victories at Lancaster and at home to Aston we lost to QEGS Wakefield. We did not perform well in a game we knew we could win if we played to our full potential. A useful Manchester Grammar School side also made us struggle the following week but a much better performance at Woodhouse Grove was the prelude to a run of four fairly comprehensive victories.

The run of easy success, however, did not prepare us for our match in the Daily Mail Cup against Calday Grange. We made a lacklustre start against a good side and were soon fourteen points down. Facing a heavy defeat we started to play and scored twenty-three points without reply. The game was certainly within our grasp but unfortunately the team also seemed to feel they had already won. When Calday increased the pace of their game we were unable to cope and eventually lost 23-36. As Calday went on to reach the semi-final of this national competition, we were left with a feeling of what might have been.

The team returned to winning ways with easy victories over Birkenhead and Adams Grammar School either side of the Christmas holidays before completely overwhelming a weak Bradford side. In very muddy conditions at St Edward's we were naïve in our tactical decisions during the first half of the match and trailed 0-12 at the interval. However, after a brief

discussion the team showed character and an ability to change their game plan to overhaul the deficit. Our weakest performance of the season followed when we played a strong Merchant Taylors' team. This was disappointing because last season the side had won this game decisively. Fortunately, the season ended on a high note with a resounding victory at Stockport Grammar School.

The B XV also had a successful season and played very good rugby on occasions. Their first half performance against Manchester Grammar School was impressive with backs and forwards linking extremely well. St Ambrose were completely outplayed as were KES Lytham, whilst the side also showed plenty of grit when overcoming Merchant Taylors' by the only score of the match. When the team was at full strength they were a very powerful unit showing the depth of talent which ran through the squad.

Matthew Barker was the regular full back for the A XV; a safe fielder of the ball and an elusive runner, he needs to develop more strength in his tackling. A variety of boys played at different times on the wing; Millward, Hinchliffe, Rogers, Mosedale, Duncalf and Wong. Each had their good games but none was able to secure the position. In contrast Isherwood and Davenport were almost ever present in the centre. Tom Isherwood is a quick and powerful runner who plays with great commitment; he needs to develop a jink and a little more awareness of play around him. Tom Davenport (the captain) had a fine season; very strong in the tackle he has good hands, a side step, and his pace is developing. Both players will push for 1st XV places next season. Tom Cumberbirch became the regular fly half; he is a good footballer and an exciting runner – with more experience he should develop into a fine player in this position. Jonathan Gartside, who was the regular fly half, continued to play with commitment and courage, performing with skill when called into service. Patrick Kennedy was a live wire at scrum half and has plenty of natural ability. However, he needs to become a little more consistent with his passing in the future. As a unit the backs operated with cohesion both in attack and defence giving many strong performances. The lack of electric pace was their only real weakness.

Likewise the forwards were a powerful unit who dominated the opposition in most games. We usually secured a greater share of possession and had a number of strong runners who could break tackles and progress far over the gain line. This strength, at times, also proved a weakness in that we did not always pay

enough attention to technique and lost possession when we should not have. Adam Boston, Paul Handley and Leo Richards contested for the two places at prop. All three are strong players and usually all performed well. Boston, in particular, played a number of very powerful and disciplined matches towards the end of the season. John Arnfield played most of the matches at hooker although Oscar Li put him under pressure for his position after Christmas. The team never had a regular second row pairing although all who played had their moments; Robert Davidson was the most consistent of them. The back row was strong and ever present: Martin Bush played open side and is quick and a good tackler; he also took an impressive amount of possession at the line-out. He needs to do some endurance training, however, as open sides need to be everywhere at all times! Ian Sear had an excellent season at No 8; he performed consistently to a high standard showing good technical skills. To make the most of these skills in the future he will need to improve his pace and power. Tom Warburton had these attributes and generally used them to great effect throughout; his technique in contact situations improved as the season progressed.

In the four Sevens competitions we entered we made three semi-finals and a quarter-final. We played well in all tournaments and with a little more luck would have at least made a final. Players and coach felt somewhat disappointed that we did not. At both Solihull and Warwick we lost to a good King's, Worcester Seven, but showed we have the ability to defeat them on our day. Possibly the hardest semi-final defeat to accept was in the Myles Marshall Sevens when it looked as if we were going to score under the posts in the dying seconds and probably win the match, only for the play to be adjudged to have gone into touch. The squad has the ability and commitment to win a competition in the future especially if a wing can be found with real speed.

The strength in depth of the squad's ability was shown in the manner the B XV played on a number of occasions. Victories by large margins were recorded over Manchester Grammar School and St Ambrose at home whilst Kirkham and King Edward's, Lytham were overwhelmed away. The technical quality of play in these matches was impressive. For a variety of reasons (injuries and availability), we were not always able to field our strongest team and this resulted in three disappointing defeats. Alastair McVeigh led the side with admirable enthusiasm and commitment throughout.

Squad: T Davenport (Captain), M Barker, C Millward, C Rogers, T Isherwood, T Cumberbirch, P Kennedy, A Boston, L Richards, O Li, J Arnfield, P Handley, R Davidson, S Wilson, E Jones, M Bush, I Sear (Vice-Captain), T Warburton, A McVeigh, S Hinchliffe, B Oakes, J Mosedale, T Williamson, A Rees, J Watson, J Ashmore, N Griffiths, J Williams, G Duncalf, J Crabtree, C Davenport, P Johnson, A Tod, T Gathercole, D Wong, C Lawrence-Waterhouse, A Burr.

DMH

U14 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	17	4	0	13	133	481
B XV	9	5	0	4	140	222

Once again for this age group, the season proved to be a testing affair, although, as in previous years' performances, the latter third of the fixture list seemed to offer grounds for optimism. Undoubtedly, one of the main factors contributing to this set of results is the lack of size and physical presence; too often the side was faced by teams who were just bigger, stronger and faster and as such it was always going to be hard for them. More often than not, however, spirits remained high and the team attempted to do the right things, although more work needs to be done on tackling technique and ball handling skills.

During the season, all players at some time displayed potential. Ayres and Day as props made progress, the former possessing good mobility, the latter good hands, and Dale as hooker and captain was committed and direct. Kay had a mixed year, but at his best could be an outstanding player; whilst both Corden and Richard Harker, sharing one lock position, could be effective going forward. Beaumont, whose early season injury sidelined him for six weeks, made a good recovery and was back to his best by the season's end, adding presence to the powerhouse; unfortunately Laughton's musical commitments reduced his availability. In the back row, the season's outstanding player was Hinchliffe, mobile, courageous with good all round skills. Kenyon, too, improved steadily, his tackling becoming more of a feature as the weeks passed. Burbidge, converted from prop to flanker, showed a willingness to get his hands on the ball in crucial 50/50 situations and Forth, although playing only a handful of games, remained enthusiastic and featured strongly in B team matches.

In the three-quarters, Triggs and Harding shared the scrum half spot:

Triggs was lively and cheerful with a reasonable service; Harding, whose appearances were limited on account of injury both major and minor, proved a very dangerous and skilful runner. Love, first at stand off and then centre, had perhaps a rather quiet season, but displayed good distribution skills on occasions. Coley, new to the school, began to make a big impact in the latter stages of the year; he possesses good footballing skills which when allied to a positive attitude should enable him to make even greater contributions in the future. Bull and Williamson as the regular centre partnership worked hard all year: Bull has a good understanding of the requirements of the game and Williamson was penetrative when given good service. Out wide, Cooke was the most threatening runner, although both James Harker and Mack had their moments, Harker in particular; Mack, a converted prop, has a degree of pace and with more confidence could do well. The remaining regulars, Kershaw and Mills, also turned in encouraging performances, Kershaw, like Coley, possessing good handling skills, and Mills displaying both enthusiasm and courage.

The fact that the side is not devoid of ability was illustrated in the Sevens campaign. Here again, whenever the school faced sides physically more advanced, we struggled, but when that element was taken out of the equation, the players on the field looked comfortable on the ball by and large. In a campaign where at Warwick the school lost to two sides who eventually contested the final, and at Wirral where we progressed to the quarter-finals, it was pleasing to see the side improve in this sometimes infuriating and difficult form of the game.

The B team this season, like other years, played a number of competitive fixtures, allowing others to stake a claim for regular A team inclusion. At times they played with passion and a degree of skill, results against Lytham and Arnold being particular cases in point. A number of players made telling contributions, notably Forth, Holden and Mattock as well as those who featured more regularly on the A team.

The following boys represented the U14 A XV: C J J Ayres, J R G Beaumont, C D Bull, M S Burbidge, A C F Coley, M T Cooke, R H S J Corden, A J Dale, A M Day, A J Forth, B J Harding, J S Harker, R W Harker, T J Harper, C J Hinchliffe, M J Holden, J R Kay, O D Kenyon, N G J Kershaw, G M Laughton, D J Love, E J Mack, J J Mattock, N J Mills, O C Smallman, A D Triggs, N S Williams, C N Williamson.

The following boys represented the U14 B XV: C J J Ayres, C P Barber, B P

Bolton, M S Burbidge, P R Burston, N A Cameron, A C F Coley, R H S J Corden, A M Day, S English, A J Forth, J A Geere, J M Hamilton, J S Harker, R W Harker, T J Harper, M J Holden, E J Hulme, J R Kay, A Kent, D J Love, E J Mack, L Mason, J J Mattock, N J Mills, H J Orford, J J Pedley, J M Rees, S H E Rigby, A D Triggs, N S Williams.

RGD/MGH

U13 XV

	P	W	D	L	F	A
A XV	23	8	0	15	321	563
B XV	11	3	0	8	266	218

It is difficult to imagine that any School Rugby season could have started more disastrously yet finished more encouragingly. In the Autumn Term just four of the nineteen matches were won but the Spring Term brought a new dawn for the Under 13 squad. The progress between September and March was startling – a testament to the commitment, enthusiasm and optimism of all the players.

At Lancaster RGS, the 'pipe opener' could not have been worse. A long journey on a congested coach; changing facilities that would have shamed Calcutta's Black Hole and pitches ankle deep in mud were accompanied by torrential rain and gale force winds. To complete the misery, King's were heavily defeated at both A XV and B XV level. More worrying was that the players seemed resigned to their fate and were annoyingly chirpy in the face of a total rout.

The successes recorded in the Spring Term and, most significantly, at the end of season Festival were, therefore, that much more satisfying, as they were very hard earned. The end product of the intervening helter-skelter ride was all the sweeter when contrasted with the bitter experiences of the fall. To reach the final at the Festival, having experienced the ignominy of contesting the wooden spoon the previous year, and in the semi-final to have subdued Wirral GS, who had blown us asunder in the November winds, was clear proof of just how far this team had come in two terms.

Forty-four players, more than half the year group, represented the U13 Rugby teams in a total of twenty-three A XV games and eleven B XV matches. It was pleasing to note that on eleven Saturdays in the season A and B teams played simultaneously. Top try scorer on the A team was Dean Ratcliffe and on the B XV Chris Miller headed the table of touchdowns. Justin Perring was a refreshingly mature captain who led by example and remained ever-cheerful even in the dark days of the autumn.

Between the misery of Lancaster and the jubilation of the festival the A team recorded regular season victories over King Edward VI GS, Aston; St Bede's College; Adams GS; St Edward's, Liverpool and Stockport GS, with narrow defeats against King's, Worcester; Arnold School and Merchant Taylors', Crosby. The target for this team next season must be to record more victories than defeats – an eminently achievable mission. The B XV recorded just three wins in eleven outings, but in most other games were within touching distance of victory.

The Under 13 A XV personnel changed frequently over the season but ultimately concluded with a talented strike force in the back division and a workmanlike pack who were capable of delivering sufficient quality possession. Dean Ratcliffe and Charlie Richards on the wings were a real threat in most games and Tom Green and Nick Lloyd proved to be a very physical pairing in the centre. Chris Walsh was a mercurial creator at the base of the scrum and James Byers developed into a fly half capable of orchestrating the three-quarters outside him. Alex Davenport, Kane Jackson and, latterly, Chris Miller shared the full back berth.

Although the A XV front five were a fairly settled unit, the back row was a rapidly rotating permutation which was never really finalised. Martin Keelagher, Tom Bradfield and Tom Bell were a very effective front row locked together by Alan Wood and Robbie Unterhalter in the 'boiler-house' and were a match for most packs. Justin Perring and Richard Sheppard, better suited to life in the darker recesses of the scrum, were, with either Tom Lloyd-Jones or Richard Newham, the most frequent occupants of the back row.

This is a squad with very real potential who now rightly believe that they can be winners. Lancaster can now be just a fading memory – thank goodness!

The following played in five or more U13 A XV matches: T Bell, T Bradfield, A Breed, J Byers, A Davenport, J Forrester, T Green, D Howe, K Jackson, M Keelagher, O Kenyon, N Lloyd, T Lloyd-Jones, R Newham, J Perring (Captain), D Ratcliffe, C Richards, R Sheppard, D Tutton, R Unterhalter, C Walsh, J Wilkinson, A Wood.

The following played for the U13 B XV: G Angus, K Ardern, C Barrow, J Beeby, O Cave, A Doncom, M Freeman, R Hart, A Jackson, R Johnson, P Kenyon, B Langstreth, D Illingworth, O McConnell, J McIlvenny, C Miller, A Patrick, K Ravikumar, J Sidebottom, P Smith, M Topalian.

KLP/AMcI

U12 XV A team

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	8	0	5	240	150

The Under 12s had a very fruitful season, crowned by their success in winning the annual end of season festival, the first King's team to do so for three years.

The strength of the team lay in the pack. Andrew McGeorge, Jonathan Lee and James Byrne formed a formidable front row. James and Andrew are powerful prop forwards who also worked tirelessly in loose play. James very often miraculously won back possession from the middle of a ruck or maul, while Andrew's direct running into the heart of the opposition inspired the whole team on many occasions. Jonathan is a technically correct hooker who often won the ball on the opponent's put-in and also showed great skill in his timing of the pass and his general ball handling. In the second row Nick Hopping and William Laughton performed very competently, winning much possession in the line-out and showing good mobility around the field which is so important in the modern game. However, they are both far too gentlemanly and must get tougher. The back row, consisting of Jordan Griffiths, Charles Forgham-Bailey and James Partington, was described by the Headmaster as the best he had seen at this age group for many a year. This was on the occasion of their overwhelming early season victory against the touring team from King's School, Worcester. James, who had already played some club rugby, showed an excellent understanding of the game, including good positional sense, handling skills and support play. This year, however, he should aim to improve his contribution in rucks and mauls. Charles was the captain and led by example. He scored a try in nearly every game and very often he did so by running the length of the field. In some of the close games his tries made the difference between victory and defeat. He probably will not find it so easy to score this year, which is why he must concentrate on running as directly as he can and linking up with the players around him. The third of the trio, Jordan Griffiths, was the hardest working player in the team, always first to the breakdown in support of the backs and seemed to make a number of last ditch tackles in every game. His strength and stamina were amazing.

The backline was usually made up of Sam Baker, Nicholas Barker, Matthew Walsh and Andrew Watts. Nick at fly half proved exceptionally fast and has a good sense of when to go for a gap. In the

centres Andrew Watts' hard running, no nonsense approach provided a good contrast with Matthew's subtle ball handling skills. Sam, who was converted from winger to scrum half, gave many good performances, as did Richard Madden and Sandy McLaren on the wing and Max Robertson at full back.

In a season which contained many good moments, one overriding memory is that of the match against King Edward's, Lytham. From our kick off, the ball soon arrived into the hands of their tall, athletic centre who promptly ran through everyone and scored under the posts. A cricket score looked imminent. However, to the boys' credit, after some harsh words from the coach, they all began to tackle like demons. The tall centre never got near to the try line again and a narrow victory was won against a strong, well-drilled team. This is the spirit they must carry forward.

MTH

U12 XV B team

P	W	D	L
8	5	0	3

The season was far more encouraging than the statistics suggest. The progress that the U12 B team made is most clearly illustrated by comparing the two results of the matches against Stockport Grammar School. In early October the King's boys played their first competitive fixture against much more experienced opposition and were trounced 53-0. Yet this unpleasant ordeal only strengthened their desire to learn and improve. When Stockport visited Derby Fields, the home team won a thrilling encounter 24-20, playing some inspiring rugby.

The season's success probably owes most to the speed and skill of the back division. However, this is perhaps unfair to the forwards who on their day were a match for almost anybody. Hooker James Burgess, who consistently set an example for others to follow, led the team. He was joined in a formidable front row by Lee Lawson and Tom Daniel, both of whom were competent enough to figure prominently in the squad of twenty-one who won the King's Festival. Chris Moore and Jonathan Close also played in the Festival and could well be pushing for regular A team spots next year. Hari Rathi, Oliver Conoley and Daniel Brown also impressed, while Chris Mills proved an able replacement if either Daniel or Lawson were unavailable.

As the winter wore on, the back division became quite a potent strike force with Ryan Porter, particularly, scoring some sensational tries. Robert Barker,

Matthew Horton and Oliver England grew in confidence and, by the end of the season, appeared to pose a threat whenever they had the ball. Jack Pennington was an elusive runner while George Clarke filled the role of full back. The B squad can be pleased with what they have achieved this season. However, there are still areas where they need to improve. The level of concentration was rarely satisfactory for the full fifty minutes, while the tackling was often below par if a couple of big lads turned out for the opposition! Nevertheless, this should not detract from what was a most encouraging season.

PW

Senior Girls' Rugby

More Sixth Form girls than ever before opted to participate this year, some during after-school practice during the Autumn Term, some during recreational activities in the Spring Term, and a smaller number for the short representative season and the preparations for it. It was clear that a great deal of enjoyment was obtained – and perhaps, too, some 'street cred' amongst their male counterparts, and some extra physical fitness.

Disappointingly, the Oxford Sevens tournament did not take place this year, so the target in terms of competitive rugby was the National Rosslyn Park Sevens, sponsored by Shell UK. In preparation, we visited Welbeck College for an afternoon of very hard rugby, which certainly had the effect of opening the eyes of some of our girls, as well as generating bruises and stiffness in places they did not previously realise existed. Our brave, but not fruitful in terms of points, performances were put into a more positive perspective when Welbeck emerged as Rosslyn Park champions.

There was a record entry in the National Sevens and we were in a group of four schools. Unfortunately, one dropped out on the day, so we only played two games. One objective was achieved – we scored! Unfortunately, that elusive first victory was not achieved. We competed far more effectively than in previous years and with a little luck – and greater fitness – could easily have won through to the knockout stage. There was, too, excellent touchline support from both former pupils and the Boys' 1st VII, and some superb passages of play are happily recorded on video. Next year's target is clear – a win!

Rosslyn Park squad: Helen Ashworth, Rani Axon, Esther Bradbrook, Isobel Hewitt, Louise Huggins, Julia Hyatt, Nikki Price (Captain), Jenny Riley.

IAW

1st XI

P	W	D	L
16	5	6	5

The success of any team, in any sport, rests to a large extent on that intangible factor known as 'team chemistry' or 'team spirit'; a team playing for each other, pulling in the same direction with a collective will and determination. When in place, it can enable a mediocre team, in terms of talent, to surpass itself and rise to unexpected heights; when absent, a talented side can fail miserably to match expectation as egos clash and individuals pursue their own ends to the detriment of the whole.

At the start of the season expectations were high with a strong, experienced side fresh from the successful tour of Kenya and raring to go. The only obvious weakness was the lack of a quality slow bowler, which meant the team might struggle to bowl sides out. Half way through the season these two initial observations were being borne out. The side had enjoyed success, playing positive cricket with flair and panache, often dominating the opposition, but just failing on a couple of occasions to bowl the opposition out and so force victory.

From there, however, it was a different story as the season collapsed, with the exception of an excellent victory over the MCC to the nadir of losing all of the last five games. A team, which had bonded so well in Kenya and responded to the challenges it presented with great maturity, almost visibly came apart at the seams. Complacency played a big part; pre-match warm-up suddenly seemed an unnecessary chore, fielding practice an unwanted bind, the basics were deemed irrelevant and a team which saw itself as being, and certainly was potentially, an outstanding fielding side lost three games as a result of a plethora of dropped catches. But most crucially the 'chemistry' was absent and the tension, so apparent to one or two players who came into the side late in the season, very much present. Key players were consumed with their own personal agendas and not the overall good of the team.

In any team there is competition for places and for positions in the batting line up. Any sportsman must both accept and respond to this and then this healthy competition, which keeps everyone on their toes, is again part of the success of the side. The player who has to start lower down the order puts aside his grievances, plays for the team and supports his team-mates, whilst, when given the opportunity, trying to further his claims for promotion. The alternatives

are to wish failure on your team-mates as this will prove your point and further your cause, or to palpably sulk when you are not brought on to bowl, and to ultimately feel that your personal performance is more important than the team or the final result. The negative alternatives I have just outlined were sadly the reality of this year's 1st XI.

This may appear to be harsh criticism but it is necessary. The purpose of cricket at school, like anything else, is still education and this entails developing commitment, attitude and understanding, as much as talent and ability. It is, therefore, important to reflect and challenge these weaknesses in this report. However, it would be wrong to dwell on them and overall give a false impression of King's cricket and the season. It is rare for any side to beat Nottingham HS and the MCC in the same season. The school aims to develop positive cricket and, in particular in time games, instil the importance of early declarations, of in effect being willing to lose the game if at the same time it increases your chances of victory. This year's side took this philosophy to extremes in an outstanding start to the season. On the four occasions that King's batted first before half-term, we declared after forty-one overs against William Hulme GS, leaving them fifty-nine overs; after forty-nine overs against Arnold, leaving them fifty-seven; after thirty-eight overs against Cheadle Hulme, leaving them forty-seven; and after forty-three overs against Merchant Taylors' Crosby, leaving them fifty-seven overs. Against Stockport GS and Nottingham HS, when we batted second, we clinched victory with six overs and fifteen overs left respectively.

The pre half-term bonanza was led by Martin Tunwell with two outstanding and belligerent centuries (the second in only eighty-two balls) against Arnold and Merchant Taylors', which allowed us to declare at totals of 247 and 253. Against Arnold this was supported by an outstanding display of fast bowling from the opening attack of Richard Lees and Chris Lester who finished with the combined figures of twenty-eight overs 8-23. Tunwell's panache was matched by Richard Lee's 45* against Stockport in a low scoring match and James Duffy's thirty-nine ball unbeaten fifty to defeat Nottingham. Against Arnold, Tunwell and Duffy added 116 in only sixteen overs, for the third wicket.

As the season deteriorated so did the batting. Perhaps the temperament necessary to fight when the runs were harder to come by was not quite there. Against Manchester GS, we lost the last eight wickets for thirty-nine runs in fifteen

overs. Against Wynberg, we never really recovered from 44-4; against Birkenhead we did well to recover from 49-5 to reach 170 but lost by five wickets; against the Old Boys we recovered from 74-6 to 216, but it was only against the MCC and Brighton that we batted well collectively. In the four games against Manchester, Birkenhead, Colchester and Old Boys, two players scored over half our runs between them. We came to depend on isolated pockets of defiance rather than a collective effort. This, perhaps, only served to highlight further the individual ability within the team, but at the same time a lack of collective focus.

The two exceptions against the MCC and Brighton were both outstanding games when we did raise our game as a team against high-class opposition and certainly showed along with the first half of the season what might have been. Against the MCC, a hard-working and sustained effort in the field left us chasing 209 for victory. Dan Isherwood and Eddie Bones gave the perfect platform, with an opening stand of 113, ensuring that only ninety was needed in the final twenty overs. Despite losing both openers in quick succession, the side continued to pace the innings with great maturity; everyone contributing to an eventual five wicket victory, with an over to spare. James Duffy added some panache at the end with an unbeaten twenty-eight in twenty-one balls.

The Brighton College match was as good a game of schoolboy cricket as anyone could wish to see. Brighton were arguably the strongest school side in the country this year, winning twenty games. On a wet, slow wicket King's batted first and scored 213 in their fifty overs. An excellent partnership of seventy-six between Bones (65) and Tunwell (37) laid the foundation for some tremendous hitting from Lees and Duffy. Excellent bowling and fielding reduced the much vaunted Brighton batting line-up to 82-6, from where the Brighton captain played as good an innings as you could hope to see at this level. Twelve runs were still needed when the ninth wicket fell. The suspense was almost unbearable as Brighton finally edged home. King's battled superbly throughout and ultimately it was a game where the final result, in one sense, became an irrelevance.

Overall, as indicated earlier, the bowling lacked the variety to trouble good sides; it was often tight but lacked penetration. Richard Lees was potentially the strike bowler we needed, but overall his season was a mirror image of last year, where he was initially unlucky and then increasingly hampered by injury. Chris Lester enjoyed an encouraging first sea-

son in the team, and he and Ashley Sharp both have great potential. However, the reality at present is that no bowler took over twenty wickets in the season. These three bowlers may feel that they were victims of the poor fielding towards the end of the season, but equally they must evaluate their performances over the season and identify the areas to work on over the winter. In the spin department, Tom Smith never quite developed the consistency necessary at first team level, although he had some good days, notably against Stockport and Bangor. The major bonus here was the emergence of Tom Davenport towards the end of the season; he bowled particularly well against Wynberg and Colchester and could be a potent force next season.

Captain, Dan Isherwood, emerged with great credit over a difficult season; difficult not just because of the idiosyncrasies of his team, but also because for much of the season he struggled with a recurrence of his back injury from Kenya, and a subsequent loss of form. On the field, he marshalled his bowlers and fielders imaginatively, and when restored to fitness, his own fielding in the final games was outstanding, as the quality of others deteriorated around him. Two innings towards the end of the season reminded us of his quality; a fifty to help set up the victory against the MCC, and a superb 90 out of a total of 168 against Colchester.

Dan's opening partner, Eddie Bones, was the most consistent batsman in the side, only failing to make double figures once. Concentration was his main failing, as he threw his wicket away too often when well set and looking in complete control. It is perhaps significant that his two fifties were against the MCC and Brighton when the quality of the opposition forced him to work harder and, therefore, concentrate.

Martin Tunwell was the leading run scorer with 465 runs. His two centuries were backed up by an excellent 63 against Manchester GS, when the team failed to respond to his lead, and an excellent 37 against Brighton where he showed that, if necessary, he could also get his head down and graft. Over the season the overriding memory will be of flamboyant stroke-play and sumptuous drives which, especially in the early season, so dominated the opposition. As a bowler, Martin has struggled for consistency since his bad injury of two seasons ago, but when his rhythm is right he can generate surprising pace. His loss of confidence in the field was amazing for such an outstanding and natural fielder, but perhaps acted as the clearest reminder to everyone that nothing can ever be taken for granted.

James Duffy, after struggling initially to readjust to slow April wickets, confirmed the promise he showed in Kenya. His stunning half-century against Nottingham rekindled vivid memories of Kenya, but even more satisfying for his long-term development was the maturity of his innings against Wynberg and Birkenhead when the team was struggling and an entirely different tempo was therefore necessary.

As some of the late season collapses emphasised, panache on its own can often self-destruct, and therefore the calmer presence of Con Allday at No 5 was vital; his consistency mirroring that of Eddie Bones. In early games against Cheadle Hulme, Stockport and Nottingham, he was the backbone of the side's recovery after shaky starts. He also showed the ability to take the attack to the bowlers when the mood suited. Against Nottingham, he and James Duffy put on an unbroken 102 in only thirteen overs; Con contributing 40* in thirty-seven balls. Richard Lees enjoyed an excellent season with the bat, scoring three fifties and averaging over thirty. It is, therefore, a compliment as well as a criticism to note that a continued immaturity and lack of responsibility still hamper his development. This applies particularly to the ongoing fitness problems with his bowling, where a willingness to listen to advice may help considerably. It is even more frustrating when he again showed that, when fit, he is a bowler of genuine pace and with the ability to bowl with sustained accuracy.

Chris Lester and Ashley Sharp shared the brunt of the pace bowling with Richard Lees. Chris would probably feel that a lingering hip injury prevented us from seeing him at his best, but even so he formed an impressive opening attack with Richard. Both definitely deserved more success at times. As long as Chris ensures that he makes the batsman play every ball in the early overs, he will be a potent force next season, with his ability to extract bounce and movement from a high action. Ashley seemed to get stronger as the season progressed. In Kenya and the early part of the season, he had lost some of his aggression and pace and once he started to attack the wicket and bend his back, his form rapidly returned. He bowled particularly well against Birkenhead and Brighton when, on the day, his figures certainly did not reflect the quality of his bowling. There is certainly an element to Ashley's cricket where his performance on a given day depends on his mood and whether he feels like making the effort. It would be an exciting prospect for the spectators next season if he could demand the

highest standards of himself at all times.

Richard Emslie was frustrated in the early part of the season by a lack of batting opportunities but, nevertheless, he brought invaluable experience to the middle order. He displayed an excellent temperament in responding to the situations presented. When asked to open at Newcastle with little warning, he made 42. When we were in disarray at 49-5 at Birkenhead, he made an outstanding 58 to rescue the innings. His wicket keeping was disappointingly erratic given his real ability, which I have no doubt, like his batting this season, will eventually be displayed on a consistent basis.

Tom Smith carried his rediscovered form from Kenya into the new season with a number of quick-fire twenties to set up declarations. The need for quick runs will always be the ideal platform for Tom, as it suits his natural game, but his more considered contributions against the MCC and Wynberg showed an increasing maturity to his game. Tom would never lay claim to being a front line off spinner but, nevertheless, he worked hard this season and provided his captain with some much needed variety. In an attempt to create more variety, Tom Lloyd's slow left arm was given a number of games and suggested the potential to feature on a more regular basis next season if he works hard over the winter.

Tom Isherwood started the season in the side after his success in Kenya, but initially struggled to find his usual rhythm and bowled too short. A spell back in the U15s either allowed him to rediscover form or injured his pride, and so ensured that his performances in the last fortnight were of the highest standard, particularly against Wynberg and Colchester. With his confidence firmly re-established, he finished the season with a gutsy innings of 65 against the Old Boys, as he and Richard Lees helped the side recover from 74-6 to 216 all out. At the end of the season, the form and exuberance of Tom and fellow U15, Tom Davenport, highlighted what had been lost by the rest of the team, namely enthusiasm, and, most importantly, the hunger for success. Against Wynberg, these two junior players lifted the whole side from the brink of humiliation to the verge of victory with their outstanding bowling and fielding. Against Colchester in the festival their collective twenty overs cost only forty runs, but on that occasion the rest of the side failed to back them up.

The two youngest players not only epitomised what the team had lost this season, but what it must rediscover next season. A number of articles in the press this summer focused on the question of team spirit and attitude when analysing

the problems of the England side against New Zealand. *The Daily Telegraph* correspondent noted, 'In a team game like cricket, spirit counts for as much as runs and wickets. New Zealand, for instance, have found a unity and pleasure in each other's company that shows up 'team England' for the nonsense that it is.' Mark Nicholas focused on the philosophy of the Australian Cricket Academy, which is certainly pertinent for any schoolboy: '... have fun with the game but recognise that discipline is essential and never let yourself or your mates down.'

These values have been the basis of the success of King's cricket down the years. The loss of them this year was all the more inexplicable because, as the report has emphasised, both in Kenya and the early home season the quality and style of the cricket was so memorable. These high points must be celebrated and the flair and talent of the boys acknowledged. Next season the flair will, we hope, remain and the hunger and discipline reappear.

JDN/IAW

Kenya Tour December 1998

On 9th December at 4.45 am a bleary-eyed party of fourteen boys and three staff met at Manchester Airport for the start of what proved to be a superb nineteen-day tour of Kenya. The boys pitted themselves against the best young cricketers in Kenya and ultimately against some of the current Kenyan national side and emerged with great credit in tough conditions. Additionally they enjoyed a great cultural experience, from the awe-some size and beauty of the Masai Mara to the grim realities of third world poverty, which however disturbing they are in themselves an important educational experience. All of this was interspersed with liberal doses of upset stomachs and associated symptoms, five-hour bus journeys on Kenyan 'roads', a night on a Kenyan train, ostrich steaks and many other unforgettable experiences.

The final statistics of the tour – Won 3, Lost 6 – do not look impressive but they are misleading. Three games were lost in the middle of the tour against the Nairobi Provincial U19 side which in reality is not far from the Kenyan U19 side. Two of the three games were close and experience was perhaps the only difference between the sides. Chasing scores of 250 plus in fifty overs can be intimidating and therefore even when we were 100-2 in only nine-

teen overs panic still set in and wickets were thrown away. The key though is to gain in experience and learn from the lessons and this was perfectly illustrated when in the final game we chased 250 successfully against a strong Kongonis XI with two members of the Kenyan national side in the team. Nine runs were needed off the final over with eight wickets down, but Jonathan Keep confidently struck the winning runs to ensure a magnificent climax to the tour.

The highlight of that victory was a superb maiden century from James Duffy (103) who with sterling support from Richard Emslie (35), Tom Smith (30) and Robert Hart (16) rebuilt the innings from 47-3 at tea. This was the highlight of a number of impressive individual innings.

James was leading scorer on the tour with 271 runs. He batted with great panache, showing good temperament and shot selection, and took a particular liking to Mo Sheikh, a slow left arm bowler in the Kenyan national side. Martin Tunwell was the other major batting success of the tour with 239 runs. Finally given a run at the top of the order, he responded with fifties against the Rift Valley Club and the Nairobi Provincial Club U19. With Dan Isherwood unfortunately injured, Martin captained all the games on tour and proved a great ambassador for the school. As his confidence grew through the tour, so his eloquent, post-match speeches evolved to the point where they lasted nearly a minute!

Eddie Bones also scored two fifties as he put the injury problems of the

previous summer behind him. His 63 in one of the Nairobi Provincial games was a particularly good innings and bodes well for this summer.

Ultimately a tour is about giving everyone an opportunity and there were many other important contributions. Of the younger players, Tom Isherwood scored his first fifty for the 1st XI on the bizarre matting wicket at the Rift Valley and Robert Hart struck a belligerent 40 opening against Nairobi before his equally valuable 16 in the final overs against Kongonis. Jonathan Keep had fewer chances but batted well in losing situations against Nairobi and Mombassa and had the glory of playing the final shot of the tour. Of the senior players, Richard Emslie and Richard Lees would have been disappointed overall but they still played important innings, most notably Richard Emslie's crucial contribution in the Kongonis game. Tom Smith made a welcome return to form and batted well throughout the tour even if his rib cage had reason to regret smashing Thomas Odoyo (see World Cup reports) for four. Ashley Sharp and Chris Lester also batted well when given the chance, Ashley, in particular, showing great determination to reach the swimming pool at the Nairobi Club which was conveniently positioned beyond the square leg boundary.

Bowling was very tough in hot conditions against belligerent batsmen determined to play their shots at all times. The essential bowling skills in such condi-



tions of line and length were demonstrated best by Tom Isherwood, the outstanding bowler on the tour, whilst Richard Lees bowled with genuine pace and met fire with fire. He emerged as the leading wicket taker on the tour with twelve wickets. Chris Lester bowled with good control and great stamina as well to make a big impression on his debut for the school. Martin Tunwell bowled better as the tour progressed and Jonathan Keep and Robert Hart showed promise for the future, Robert, in particular, showing the knack of picking up wickets at crucial times. Oliver Rushton began the tour with a wicket first ball off a cunningly disguised full toss and it proved to be his last. He struggled more than most with illness but showed great heart and, most importantly, never lost his sense of humour. Ashley Sharp struggled for rhythm all tour and gradually over the tour lost any semblance of a run up. He will need to work hard before the start of the home season.

In the spin department Tom Smith and Richard Thompson both gave grounds for encouragement. Until Thomas Oduoyi took a liking to him in the final game, Tom Smith was easily the most economical bowler on the tour, especially in the Nairobi Provincial games. In the third of these games his spell of ten overs 2-41 was an outstanding effort as the score was 73 off only ten overs when he came on to bowl. Richard Thompson likewise emerged with great credit in the Provincial game when Franco Otieno smashed 179 not out, and Richard was the one bowler to demand some respect. Both spinners, like the pace bowlers, found it hard work in the heat and both will need to continue to work to develop the concentration necessary to bowl long spells when back in 'sunny' Macclesfield.

The side showed great determination throughout the tour, a number of boys playing on occasions when certainly not one hundred percent fit. Most importantly, through it all, they maintained a great sense of humour. They approached the cricket with the right attitude and in between absorbed the wonders of the Masai Mara and the comforts of Mombasa. They were great ambassadors for the school and one abiding memory will be of the boys while waiting for the flight home, socialising with some of the Kenyan boys they had met and giving various T-shirts and baseball caps as presents. It is ultimately such scenes, rather than pool volleyball in Mombasa on Christmas Day, which encapsulate the true value of a wonderful trip.

JDN

2nd XI

P	W	D	L	A
10	6	2	1	1

Once again, the 2nd XI enjoyed a successful season. After an early setback in a low scoring game on a difficult wicket against King's Chester, the team went through the season unbeaten, enjoying some notable successes and playing some adventurous and stylish cricket. The side was a nice blend of youth and experience and, under the leadership of Kim Swain, developed into a confident and cheerful unit that had high expectations and played accordingly.

An array of competent bowlers was available and, when openers Rushton and Richbell had done the early damage, the likes of Flynn, Keep, Hart and Thompson were there to keep the pressure on opposition batsmen. In the field, bowlers expected and got support from some excellent fielding – not always one of the stronger features of 2nd XI cricket.

The outstanding batsman in the side was Hart. His spells at the crease usually started somewhat tentatively, but as he accumulated runs he grew in confidence and his batting became more and more powerful as he dominated bowlers with a ruthless savagery. No other batsman showed the same consistency, but several produced innings which, in the context of specific games, proved to be significant to the outcome. Swain, Hutter, Robinson, Keep, Taylor and Bowers all made important contributions at various stages, looking comfortable and confident in their abilities. It says much for the quality of the coaching in the junior teams that we are able to field such an experienced and competent 2nd XI. Many of this side would not have looked out of place in the Senior Team and many of the younger members should be aiming for that level next year.

The following played for the 2nd XI (highest number of appearances first): M Richbell, O Rushton, D Brocklehurst, A Flynn, K Swain, R Taylor, D Bowers, R Hart, J Keep, J Hutter, B Robinson, R Thompson, T Lloyd, D Tredwen, J Sweetzer, R Webster, A Unterhalter, J Callaghan, A Mir, J Chapman, J Perring.

PRMM

U15 XI

	P	W	D	L
A team	18	8	5	5
B team	2	1	0	1

This record reflects very creditably on the players of the squad who for the most

part responded willingly to the demands of the season (and the coaches). Although five of the victories came in the County Cup Competition, two were against strong opponents from Stockport Grammar School and St Ambrose, and by the summer's close the side had successfully contested the final against Wirral Grammar School – no mean achievement. The remaining wins were achieved over Cheadle Hulme and, perhaps more notably, Nottingham and Birkenhead, whilst the side was well placed for victory in the fixtures against Bolton and Newcastle when rain intervened. Defeat came at the hands of Merchant Taylors', Crosby, and Manchester Grammar School where the school was comfortably dismissed, and William Hulme in a slightly disappointing opening performance of the season. A weakened side lost heavily to KES Lytham and by one wicket to Middlewich in a game which could, arguably should, have been won.

This year's squad lacked the depth of stronger age group sides, although there are a number of promising cricketers in its midst. The team lost the services of Tom Isherwood for half its games as he was rightly promoted to the 1st XI. His immense value was indicated whenever he did play as he scored heavily and regularly with the bat and bowled with pace and aggression; his whole-hearted and positive approach reaps its own rewards. Tom Davenport, too, displayed genuine ability with bat and ball, his off spin earning him a 1st XI place at the end of the season. With greater self-belief and consistency he should do well. Ian Sear and Stephen Allday both played innings of substance – the former often adopting the role of supporting partner with success, the latter being particularly punishing on the short delivery. John Arnfield, too, possesses potential with the bat, but needs to display more self-discipline to make full use of it. Tom Cumberbirch, Andrew Geake and Jon Petty all played important innings at some time, whilst Alex Armstead, Carl Millward and Andrew Quas-Cohen suffered a little from lack of opportunity. In all cases, further grooming of effective technique is required and this allied to greater power in some would result in significant improvement.

The bowling attack on its day was a test for any batting side. In addition to Isherwood and Davenport, Arnfield bowled with fiery pace and great hostility, generating considerable swing, although delivered rather too many wides; with greater control, he ought to be pushing for a 1st XI place next year. Nick Rice also suffered from the wide affliction, but to a lesser degree: his left arm

over provided useful variety and his ability to bowl straight when operating at his best is revealed by the high number of wickets he claimed either lbw or bowled. The enigmatic Ollie Ward had a difficult season, at times seeming to lose enthusiasm for the game, at others hampered by unsuitably soft wickets. He still claimed over twenty victims, mainly owing to a combined eleven-wicket haul in two games - evidence of his match-winning potential. Simon Lawton provided sound seam support although needs to bowl a little fuller to aid his development. Mention must be made of Tom Williamson, a cricketer of real promise, whose appearances were sadly limited to only a handful. Given that he plays a full season, he has the ability with bat and ball to prosper.

In the field the side showed definite signs of improvement as catches offered were more readily accepted in July than they were in May. However, the team was generally too quiet in the field and more vocal, positive support for bowlers and each other would help engender the focus necessary to sustain pressure on the batsmen and ensure the maintenance of concentration.

The B XI featured in two of its scheduled three games, losing narrowly at Wilmslow when two relatively expensive overs altered the face of the match, but handsomely defeating KES Lytham B by an emphatic six wickets. These games were conducted in the customary, high-spirited enthusiasm of all such fixtures - a credit to the boys on the field.

The following boys represented the A team: S P Allday, A S Armstead, J R Arnfield, T Cumberbirch, T A Davenport, A M Day, A J Geake, T M Isherwood, P B Kennedy, O D Kenyon, S A Lawton, C L Millward, J T C Petty, A C Quas-Cohen, N I Rice, I C Sear, J J Williams, C N Williamson, T A Williamson.

The following boys represented the B team: J Ainsworth, A S Armstead, A C Davenport, P H Handley, J R Hardman, P B Kennedy, S A Lawton, A P McVeigh, T B Oza, J T C Petty, A C Quas-Cohen, M P Whatmough, J J Williams, A P Wilson.

DMH/RGD

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	A
15	7	3	4	1

The highlight of the season was winning the Lord's Taverners Cheshire County Cup. The final was the last game of the season and played against local rivals, Stockport Grammar School. The margin of the victory was testimony to the potential, progress and spirit of the side.

The other result of note was the exciting win over Manchester Grammar School.

In retrospect this year's U14 team always had the potential to do well despite some rather poor looking results which gave an impression that the side were merely OK. In winning the Lord's Taverners Cheshire County Cup, King's fulfilled their promise. Much of the credit for the eventual success of the season must go to the captain and leading batsman, Alan Day. He had a major influence at all times and led from the front with authority and skill. His 474 runs made up over a third of the team's total (1335 runs) for the season and his potential is obvious. In recent years in this age group only Dan Isherwood, Eddie Bones (who scored over 600 runs) and, to a slightly lesser extent, Robert Hart and Tom Isherwood have been in the same category. Oliver Kenyon is also a super prospect (257 runs this year).

With better management of the bowlers, the games which King's let slip may have been turned into wins. On more than one occasion the opposition were reduced to about 50-5 only to escape to well over 100. King's have a lot of depth of bowling and this was the main reason for their cup success, in which the opposition scores were kept low. It is always worthwhile trying out as many bowlers as possible, particularly spin, when wickets are vitally needed.

Although the bowling is potentially strong, the number of wides (over 100) given away was a major weakness and effort will be needed to improve in this area, particularly in cup matches as the extra run and ball for a wide can prove very expensive. Oliver Kenyon and Andrew Coley generally opened the bowling; the former accurate and consistent, the latter improving greatly during the season. Eddie Mack and Alan Day came on next but I would recommend spin at this stage next year because by then the diet of medium pace has lost its impact. These last two did bowl well and have their part to play. Andrew Triggs and Ian Lomax are good spin bowlers and improving all the time. Simon Birch and Mike Holden also bowled well when called upon. Charlie Williamson missed out through injury.

Alan Day and Oliver Kenyon proved a potent opening pair although they did not share many big partnerships. An exception was, of course, in the Cup Final. Chris Westwood and Ian Lomax came next; the former's highlight was his contribution to the magnificent win over Manchester Grammar School. Increasingly Ben Harding and Tom Kirk made the next two spots their own with their (sometimes) controlled aggression.

Andrew Coley could come in at any time and deposit the ball to all parts of the ground. All the others have the potential to do well if they continue to work on their game.

Fielding is always very important and this team had some reliable performers, particularly Nick Kershaw and Eddie Barker. Basic rules about someone attending to the wicket whilst someone else backs up were gradually assimilated. The catching was generally of a high quality.

v Arnold (H) Won by seven runs: After a promising start, the late middle-order collapsed. The result was five ducks and no one to support captain Alan Day, who looked in good enough form to carry the innings to a good score by himself. As it transpired, Arnold were unable to mount a realistic challenge despite a wayward bowling performance by King's.

v Bolton (H) Rained off; v Stockport (A) Lost by 111 runs: Considering that Stockport were 56 for 5, it was very disappointing that they were allowed to recover and build a sizeable total. I still have not fathomed out why opening bowler Coley was not brought into the attack until Stockport had scored well over 100. When batting, King's rely rather too heavily on openers Day and Kenyon and both were unlucky in their dismissals on this occasion. Once again the middle-order failed, this time because they fell to the lure of the spin bowler's flight and were duly stumped in quick succession.

v Fallibroome (Cup) (H) Won by ten wickets; v Merchant Taylors' (A) Draw: On a cold day with a gale force wind blowing off the sea, MTC found themselves much more adept at coping with the conditions than King's. On an artificial wicket King's bowlers were heavily punished for any bowling off line. Just to prove the point MTC's No 4 bat completed a spectacular century without needing to defend a single ball! The target set was well out of King's reach and we had to play out for a draw.

v Altrincham (Cup) (H) Won by ten runs: A reasonably easy win although King's made only a low score. King's took early wickets but complacency crept in which allowed Altrincham to get rather too close to our score for comfort.

v Newcastle-under-Lyme (H) Draw: A very sound batting performance from King's led to a rare opportunity for a declaration. Westwood scored and supported Day well with thirty-five runs. At 42 for 5 King's were in a position to force a victory but, not for the first time this season, they let things slip by bowling medium-pace instead of spin. Variation

was called for and spin bowlers do not necessarily give any more runs away per wicket, which may have been the worry. The upshot was that in fact King's were the ones struggling to avoid defeat in the end!

v Nottingham (A) Lost: Lomax showed how vulnerable batsmen can be to slow bowlers in this age group. However, no less than thirty-eight extras (nineteen wides and nineteen no-balls) were given away by wayward King's bowling, which proved the difference between winning and losing this game. Only Day made a score and we failed to reach a gettable target. Note the significance of those wides!

v Lancaster (H) Lost: King's batted well overall but a sluggish start meant that, despite a spirited effort by Harding, Kirk and Coley, we were about thirty runs short of a decent total. Lancaster were more positive from the start and punished any mediocre deliveries. Once again our spinners were not used until it was too late. Triggs and Lomax made them work for the last twenty runs but by then the result was inevitable.

v Manchester Grammar School (A) Won by eight wickets: This was a spectacular win by King's. A very short boundary had helped MGS build a formidable total. For once, Kings were able to cope despite Day falling relatively early. Kenyon and Westwood were a little slow to start with and one hundred runs were still needed with only ten overs to go. With wickets in hand however, these two were able to throw caution to the wind and aim for the required ten runs an over. Amazingly they succeeded and, despite the late loss of Westwood, the strong hitting of Coley saw the job done. This very encouraging and satisfying result was witnessed by a jubilant crowd owing to the earlier finish of the other games, which added fittingly to the occasion.

v Shavington (Cup) (H) Won by five wickets: Shavington had one batsman who ensured that King's would have to work hard to win this game. King's' batting was a little unconvincing at one stage against a surprisingly useful bowling attack. In fact it was quite lucky for King's that their later bowlers were considerably weaker and allowed victory to be achieved comfortably in the end.

v Weaverham (Semi-final of Cup) (H) Won by seven wickets: This was an excellent performance in the field. Very tight bowling (only eight wides!) kept Weaverham's total within reach. This (despite the wides) was the first time that they looked a potent side and it was quite stirring to witness. Equally sound was the batting, which moved King's

confidently towards the target after the early loss of Kenyon to a lifter - Day and Harding taking the honours here.

v Birkenhead (A) Lost by six wickets: A disappointing result considering the recent form but the very poor wicket was a strong factor.

v Lytham (A) Draw: On a good batting track Day and Westwood saw off a sharp opening attack until the former was out for 47 when the score was 65. The latter then took over and with Kirk the score became sufficient to allow a declaration after thirty-five overs. Unfortunately this option was not taken up and this allowed Lytham to hang on for a draw when they batted. A slightly lower target to keep them interested and a few more overs to bowl at them may have given King's victory. Lessons should be learnt.

v Stockport (Cup Final at Chester Boughton Hall CC) Won by eight wickets: An excellent bowling and fielding display saw Stockport contained and reduced to a very gettable total. Four bowlers got two wickets and the only blemish was again the seventeen wides (nearly three overs extra), one sixth of their score! Day and Kenyon were majestic as they powered their way to a win with fifteen overs to spare. Their wickets did not cause any concern as we were in sight of victory by then. This was a very satisfying and deserved win.

The B team's fixture list was hit by the weather (as usual, it seems) but they did complete two matches, losing to Wilmslow and beating Lytham.

The A team comprised: A Day, O Kenyon, C Westwood, E Mack, T Kirk, A Coley, I Lomax, B Harding, S Birch, E Barker, N Kershaw, A Triggs, C Williamson and C Ayres. The B team comprised: P Burston, D Emm, N Mills, N Cameron, W Ellis, D Laird, J Harker, R Harker, K Vij and J Beaumont.

CJM

U13 XI

	P	W	D	L
A team	13	4	1	8
B team	2	1	0	1

The following played A team cricket: R Unterhalter (Captain), J Perring, O Kenyon, C Richards, T Green, J McIlvenny, A Basford, N Lloyd, B Hawes, A Jackson, J Forrester, A Davenport, J Petrie, A Breed, W Newham, B Maddocks.

The B team was captained by A Davenport. R Johnson, P Smith, J Sidebottom, G Angus, R Sheppard, B Langstreth, J Byers, K Ravikumar, C Miller and O Hussain all played for the B team.

Rain delayed the start of the season until 1st May and the visit of Arnold.

King's won the toss and batted first, losing wickets at regular intervals against a mediocre attack. The ball was hit into the air far too frequently, a failing that was to haunt the team all summer. 109 all out proved inadequate as Arnold coasted to a seven-wicket win. Green made 25 out of King's total. At Bolton the following week, events proceeded in similar fashion. Lloyd made 28 but 84 all out was a poor score against a strong team who coasted to a ten-wicket win.

The first Hopkins' Trophy game of the summer saw Sale visit. A heavy down-pour resulted in the game being switched from Derby Fields to Westminster Road. King's bowled tightly, restricting Sale to 58 for 3, and proceeded to a nine-wicket win with Perring unbeaten on 39. Stockport provided King's with their first draw of the season. Asked to bat, they totalled 119 for 9 in forty overs (Richards 3 for 12) and King's finished on 108 for 5 in thirty-five overs with Perring 63 not out. The second round Hopkins' Trophy game against Helsby saw King's post a respectable 91 for 8 on a slow pitch and restrict the visitors to 63 for 5 in turn. Despite Kenyon's 28, an all out total of 89 proved inadequate against a competent Merchant Taylors' team who won comfortably by eight wickets with overs to spare. The most disappointing result of the whole season was probably that against Newcastle. Very poor batting led to a mere 64 run total, and Newcastle lost only two wickets in scoring the necessary runs. Green, 5 for 12, and Forrester, 3 for 18, performed well against Nottingham, traditionally strong opponents. 91 was a 'gettable' target but unfortunately only extras reached double figures in our 49 all out in reply. The Hopkins' quarter-final was against Wilmslow, who had already been defeated by our B team. From the start everything went wrong, slow batting in the middle seeing us score only 84 for 7 in twenty overs. Vital missed catches and run out opportunities allowed their opener to score 59 and engineer a six-wicket win. Good all round bowling against Lancaster saw the visitors restricted to 108 for 7 off forty overs, but again a woeful batting display followed and we managed only 54 in reply. The best performance this year for once was reserved for the match against Manchester Grammar School. Batting first, Perring, 49, Kenyon, 28, and McIlvenny, 28 not out, all contributed well to a 162 for 9 total. Excellent catching and fielding supported Forrester's 3 for 24 effort and Manchester were dismissed for 90. Another victory followed in a twenty over game against Cheadle Hulme. Perring, 63 not out, and Kenyon, 65 not out, batted through to score 137 for 0. In

reply Jackson, 3 for 15, broke the heart of the Cheadle Hulme batting and they only managed 73 for 8.

The season concluded with a twenty-five over game against King Edward's, Lytham. The Lytham opener scored 91 not out out of 149 for 5 and, without Perring, this was to prove too much. Unterhalter made 33 in what could be seen as a modest 111 reply.

Bad weather prevented the B team playing much. Hawes, 3 for 10, and Basford, 4 for 13, restricted Wilmslow to 69 and Petrie, 30 not out, turned the match round when he arrived at the crease at 25 for 6. Davenport supported well and a four-wicket win resulted. Against Lytham B team, Langstreth, 3 for 12, bowled well and 70 looked inadequate. Unfortunately we were soon 6 for 5. Recovery to 50-9 was creditable but a loss nevertheless.

Unterhalter captained the team intelligently throughout the season despite a personal loss of form. Perring was the leading batsman with 274 runs at 30.44 and made significant strides as a wicket keeper during the summer. Kenyon contributed 182 at 16.55. Unfortunately too many of the batsmen have not got into the habit of batting for a long time to make a significant score. On the bowling side, Jackson was the most accurate of the seamers and took eleven wickets, as did Green and Forrester with his leg-breaks. Hawes, 9, and Richards, 6, supported well, but Kenyon's meagre haul of three victims scarcely reflected his pace as opening bowler. The fielding and catching were variable rather than spectacular taking the season as a whole. The team has potential to do well once the batsmen produce!

GLAMcI

U12 XI

P	W	D	L
13	7	1	5

As almost all of the cricket these boys have previously played has been either twenty overs or less, the 'whole afternoon' format comes as quite a shock to them. It requires mental, as well as physical, fortitude to field for two or three hours, abide by the captain's bowling and fielding changes and to maintain maximum concentration.

Thirty-three boys started training in April of which twenty-one made at least one A team appearance and a further eight played for the B team.

The season started well with four straight wins but was a little cold and wet. We beat William Hulme School by four wickets and Arnold School by sixty-

six runs, Bolton School by four wickets, then a very tense, two-wicket win over Stockport. Despite winning, our batting always looked vulnerable and it was no surprise to lose badly to Merchant Taylors' after a sloppy fielding performance.

After two more easy victories in the Cheshire Cup, against local opposition, came the low point of the season. Despite a fine bowling and fielding display, we failed to chase the Newcastle Grammar School score of sixty and were bowled out for forty-four. In the semi-final of the cup against Altrincham we needed forty-one off the final five overs but fell just one run short.

We must consider ourselves unlucky in the games against Nottingham and Lancaster. Narrowly losing by eight runs, then failing to win by six shows the need for concentration from the team throughout every game – every run does matter.

The MGS game was a close-fought affair which, again, went the opposition's way and the final match was a very solid win against KES Lytham.

A few individual performances are worthy of note. Richard Madden had a difficult job of captain and performed admirably despite not always having the support he deserved from his best players. Top all-rounders were Nick Barker and Johnny Lee who scored nearly 400 runs between them and with Robbie Barker were our pace attack. Spin bowlers, Chris Moore and Matthew Bowers took twenty-seven wickets between them. Andy McGeorge and Matthew Horton both provided valuable support and will be players to watch next year.

As the discipline and concentration on the pitch improves, this team will become more successful in future years.

NCJR

U11 XI

This season was one of gradual improvement. Last year's squad was added to by the inclusion of James Nutbeen, whose arrival from Australia added valuable expertise to a team which relied heavily on captain Tom Parfett-Manning.

The first match of the season ended the team's interest in the AJIS Cup at the hands of Rossall in a typical, early season, low-scoring game, the margin of defeat being three runs. After a rain-affected draw against Stockport GS, there then followed losses to Bolton School, despite an outstanding half-century from Tom Parfett-Manning, and King's, Chester where James Nutbeen's first major contribution (twenty-two with the bat and some hostile bowling on a lively wicket) could not save the game.

Two 'winning' draws against

Birkenhead Prep, where Tom Parfett-Manning led from the front with another excellent fifty, and Altrincham Prep, with wicket keeper David Jones confirming his batting promise with a spirited forty-eight not out, preceded a final flourish which led to victories against Cheadle Hulme School and Greenbank School. In the latter game, played at Bramhall CC, GJS' fanciful attempts at playing with the batting order almost backfired thanks to a staunch effort from James Nutbeen which eventually saw him flashing the ball to all parts of the boundary.

Apart from the three boys already mentioned, notable contributions with the bat came from George Maudsley, Ben Wakeham, Alex Dempsey and Jake Reynolds, with the ball from Francis Barker (whose fielding was outstanding throughout), Tom Porter, Ben Illingworth, James Wallace and Ian Hart and all-round skills from Vice-Captain Nick Petty who will *surely* score many more runs in the future. Tom Parfett-Manning was awarded the 'Kirk Plate' for his all-round excellence throughout the season. He was also re-awarded Cricket Colours, with new Colours going to David Jones, Nick Petty and James Nutbeen.

A very keen group of B team players also were rewarded with matches against Stockport GS (abandoned by rain), Birkenhead Prep (lost by two runs in an agonisingly close finish) and Whirley JS (won comfortably). The squad was capably captained by Jeremy Done and included James Crawley, James Wallace, Sean Murphy, Jake Reynolds, Jacob Rhodes, Daniel Michel, David Hill, Ashley McCormick, Matthew Dunne, Chris Yeates, Neehil Oza, Mat Weston, Matthew Dunne, Neehil Oza, Nicholas Sander and Michael Walker. Thanks also to Mr Done for his invaluable umpiring assistance and to parents who regularly supported the boys whatever the weather! This year's House Competition winners were Capesthorne.

GJS

U10 XI

This year's U10s showed tremendous enthusiasm and a willingness to learn about the game of cricket. This was rewarded with final over victories against Bolton School and Altrincham Prep in 'Pairs' cricket. Following a defeat by Stockport Grammar School, the team bounced back with another final over victory against King's Chester. There were several promising individual displays. Particularly of note were the batting of Andrew Kimber and the bowling of Christopher Robinson.

GDI

Boys' Hockey

The 1998/99 season saw the positive and progressive step of the school engaging the coaching skills of FS Onnes, Bowdon Hockey Club's Dutch hockey coach, to supplement and support the excellent grounding already being given by school coach Steve Moores and the individual team managers. 'FS' had empathy with all the players and was able to improve both individual ball skills and team tactics, and awareness from 1st XI to U14 level. It was also pleasing to note the involvement of some 1st XI players, in their own time, in the coaching of some of the younger players.

1st XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
28	7	4	17	49	80

The start of the 1998/99 season had been eagerly awaited. It was a season when two very good past U16 teams would come together in the Sixth Form as a 1st XI with great potential. A highly motivated and committed core of players arranged pre-season training and much work was done on role assignment and the system to be played. The first week defection of three players resulted in a major rethink being required and it was a somewhat confused and disjointed team which lost the first game of the season to an improving Knutsford HS team in a scrappy game.

York HS arrived from South Africa and hosting them did much to reunite the King's team. It was towards the start of their tour and at the end of their season and it was their fitness and determination which saw them through in a game during which their goalkeeper made some crucial saves in some periods of very good play by the King's team.

The next three games summed up the season: a roller coaster of ups and downs! Preparation for the Merchant Taylors' game was thoroughly professional; indeed the game itself was almost a formality. The game had been won at the team talk. Tight, solid defence, hardworking and constructive midfield and quality finishing resulted in a most satisfying 3-1 victory. A long mini-bus journey to Doncaster, during which the correct mental attitude was lost, preceded a game where marking, running with the ball, effort and passing were all poor. Hall Cross defeated the team convincingly, yet were no better than the King's team. Attitude then returned for the Calday Grange game. Excellent passing and running resulted in a superb first half display

until ten seconds before half-time when one defensive error, backing off, saw Calday take the lead against the run of play. It took a while for the momentum to return in the second half, but when it did, five first time positive passes resulted in a superb equalising goal.

And so the season continued. When the team were prepared mentally, played pressing positive hockey, marked tightly at the back, passed quickly and constructively in midfield and worked hard in attack finishing well, they realised their potential and were a match for anyone. All too often, however, some, or all, of these qualities were lacking and the team looked second best. Thus the games against Birkenhead School (first term), Warwick School, Wirral GS, King Edward's, Newcastle-under-Lyme (second term) and Merchant Taylors' (second term) all saw the team lacking, whereas those against Bablake, Newcastle-under-Lyme (first term), Kobbler's, Liverpool College, the Isle of Man U21 XI and Birkenhead (second term) all highlighted the team's strengths. It was this inconsistency, and not knowing why there was inconsistency, which made the season so frustrating.

In the Cheshire Cup, Holmes Chapel HC were comfortably defeated in the quarter-final, but the outstanding King's School Chester team, a team constructed from players playing together at club and county level, were comfortable winners in the semi-final and they went on to represent the North West in the National Finals. The annual Isle of Man tour was thoroughly enjoyable, the mature and professional approach both on and off the pitch sowing the seeds for the second tour to the Taunton Biennial Tournament. Preparation for this tournament was first class and the team played some excellent hockey against some very good teams. A measure of the development of the team was the performance against a Warwick School team who had earlier in the season inflicted a 5-0 defeat. The 1-1 draw against them was thoroughly deserved as was the last gasp equalising goal against Calday Grange - surely one of the highlights of the season and a moment which I am sure the players will recall with pleasure and pride for a long time to come.

The highlight of the season was the game against Repton School, the Midlands representative at the National Finals and a team which had swept all aside before them. Many hours of preparation had gone into this game, but every second of that preparation was worthwhile, as pride and passion were evident in abundance in a performance of real quality. It was a team performance and

as such individuals should not be mentioned, but Andrew Kane out-marked an England player, Matthew Hobbs was electric at right striker and John-Paul Dodd in goal was outstandingly solid.

In all, three goalkeepers were used throughout the season. Gary Mairs was the first choice for much of the season and he performed with customary determination and courage in spite of his lack of real experience. His performance in the Cheshire Cup semi-final was outstanding, keeping the King's team in the game for much of it. David Kendrick worked at his game and, when given the opportunity, performed with increasing confidence and consistency. The U16 goalkeeper, John-Paul Dodd, was promoted to the 1st XI at the end of the season and he raised his game to the required standard, exhibiting a sound reading of the game, bravery and no small amount of agility in his solid performances. Matthew Westcott made the position of wide right defender his own and performed at a very high level, particularly in his solid tackling and cover defence. As his experience grows and pace increases, he should mature into a most influential player next season. Oliver Smith had an in and out season at wide left defender. When on form and using his strength and size to his advantage, he was able to make good contributions to the team. Andrew Kane lost his form at the start of the season but once it returned he marked tightly and effectively in the centre of defence and when he played well the whole defence was a far more solid unit. Ben Westcott had a sound season at left midfield using his considerable skill to link with and create for those around him. His goal against King William's College on grass was a superb finish to a super move. Again, as he matures and his fitness increases, he should be another influential player next season. When in control of his confidence, Alistair Robinson, at right striker, was able to use his pace and reading of the game to great effect as demonstrated by his excellent finish against the Isle of Man U21 team. Joe Gregory was able to use his excellent stick skills to good effect in a variety of positions. He struggled for motivation and drive in the earlier part of the season, but he ended it strongly and with a continuation of this improved enthusiasm next season he should be a dominating figure in the team. Martin Edwards was a powerful runner in attack, always causing problems for the opponent's defences. His stick skills improved considerably through the season and he was able to score some splendid goals, in particular his hat trick against the

Kobblers. Tom Grant showed great determination in attack and pressurised opponents' defences into making mistakes on numerous occasions. He supported and linked well with his fellow strikers and was able to finish the season as the leading goalscorer. Alex Flynn showed great enthusiasm throughout the season, encouraging the team from the sideline and when called on to perform a role, usually at left striker, he performed well through his industry and determination. Ross Taylor also usually started on the bench but was able to exhibit increasing skill and support on the right hand side of midfield when on the pitch. Richard Cowgill was injured for much of the season, being restricted to two matches. Matthew Hobbs and Jon Yearsley were also promoted from the U16 team at the end of the season. In attack Matthew showed that he has stick skills to compete at a very high level and in defence John showed a good reading of the game and solid tackling.

It remains to mention the four 'senior professionals', Mark Yates, James Westcott, Con Allday and Guy Basnett. Guy exhibited boundless energy at right midfield, supporting the attack, creating moves and being a first line of defence. He was an unsung hero, simply going about his job on the field and being a real stalwart of the team. Con Allday was 'Mr Versatility'. Equally at home in attack, midfield or defence, he was able to use his superb reading of the game to create for his own team or destroy his opponents, and his deceptive runs to get into the danger area and occasionally finish! As Club Captain, James Westcott deserves great praise for the way in which he worked behind the scenes to organise the 1st XI. On the pitch he was at his best when moving forward to support the midfield where he read the play as well as anyone. He was a consistent injector at attacking short corners and his highlight of the season was surely his goal at the Taunton Tournament against Calday Grange. Captain Mark Yates on the field was an example to all. He was a skilful, stylish and confident player who was able to support not only the players who were around him but the team as a whole. Reading the game and tackling were his forte, but he could destroy opponents through his creative ability as well. Mark worked as hard as any player on the pitch, yet was always able to give that little bit extra, even in the seventieth minute. I can pay Mark no finer compliment than to say that he would be in the starting line up of the best King's XI players from the last ten years.

The results of the season were disappointing but the season itself was most

enjoyable. It was a season when the players matured into a most professional unit, a season when the finest traditions of King's 1st XIs were upheld, a season of which to be proud.

Appearances: 28 M Yates, J Westcott, C Allday; 27 M Westcott; 26 G Basnett; 24 B Westcott; 23 J Gregory, T Grant; 22 M Edwards; 21 A Robinson; 17 G Mairs; 16 A Kane; 15 R Taylor; 13 O Smith; 11 A Flynn; 9 M Hobbs; 7 D Kendrick, J-P Dodd, J Yearsley; 2 R Cowgill.

JAD

Indoor First Team

A committed group of players trained each Friday after school at Macclesfield Leisure Centre to improve their stick skills and to prepare for the two indoor tournaments held during the season.

The North Indoor Tournament was held in Hull on a Sunday in darkest November. The very early start and long mini-bus journey resulted in a well-prepared team being tired and slow to settle into their game. Once behind, motivation was lost and a disappointed team, who had not shown their true potential, made the long journey home.

At the Taunton Indoor Tournament the players were fresher and more determined to impress. The Royal Belfast Academical Institute team were overwhelmed by the King's team whose only failing was not to find the net sufficiently often to reward their dominance. There was a greater degree of restraint against Warwick School, and this, together with some elementary defensive mistakes, resulted in a disappointing defeat. In the third/fourth play-off match, the hosts, Taunton School, started strongly but the King's team, to their great credit, battled away, dominating the later stages of the match and fully deserved their late goals. Con Allday exemplified the determination of the King's players with his stick skills and never say die attitude. Captain Mark Yates was the dominant figure at Taunton and was not only King's best player but also probably the player of the tournament.

All the players deserve praise for their dedication over the year. Their work indoors certainly improved their outdoor skills, and their mature and professional approach, both on and off the pitch, was a credit to themselves and the school.

Appearances: 6 M Yates, C Allday, J-P Dodd, M Hobbs, B Westcott, M Westcott; 3 J Westcott, J Gregory; 2 G Basnett, J Yearsley.

JAD

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
20	10	3	7	55	42

The record for the season is good and shows a very pleasing improvement compared to the previous one. The team played excellent hockey on occasions, but only when up against the best opposition. Indeed, the record for the season would have been even better but for some disappointing results against weak teams.

The season began with a comfortable 7-2 victory over Doncaster Hall Cross, including the first of three hat tricks from Robert McAuliffe. The first real test came at Merchant Taylors', Crosby, who had humiliated King's in one match last season and were unbeaten that year. The game was approached with some trepidation and King's were 3-0 down at half-time, but in the second half the players showed previously unseen determination and pressured Merchant Taylors' well. The game was lost 4-1, but the determination shown promised much for the rest of the season. The team played scrappily in the next game, but beat Knutsford 2-1, and then produced two lacklustre performances to lose 5-3 to Birkenhead and to only draw 3-3 with Sandbach. A slightly better performance resulted in a 2-0 win against Newcastle, but the team showed what they were capable of at Birkenhead in the next game when they won 2-1, with a last minute winner from Tom Byers. There followed an easy victory in the quarter-finals of the Cheshire Cup against Bowdon Hockey Club, which was a game that our Dutch coach F S Onnes could not lose - he coached both teams! The last match of the term was a disappointment, losing to a strong Calday Grange team (7-3).

At Christmas, the record was mediocre, with only glimpses of what was possible. In the previous season, performances had deteriorated after Christmas, but, despite two early setbacks, the team had a purple patch this time. On a snow-covered pitch in January, King's lost badly to Birkenhead (5-0), having never looked like getting near to scoring. The next day was the Cheshire Cup semi-final against Knutsford, to whom this team had never lost. A frustrating tie finished goalless and went to penalty flicks. After five penalties each, the scores were still level, but the tie was lost on the second sudden death stroke. Both teams had had chances to win and the players were very disappointed, especially as they would have played Birkenhead in the final whom they had beaten earlier in the season.

The players bounced back well from that disappointment, beating Newcastle 6-0 and then a good KES Birmingham team 6-2. The next game produced an excellent performance as the powerful Merchant Taylors' team was held 2-2, with a superb late equaliser from new recruit Jamie Porter, who had only started playing the game in September. The team followed this up with a 2-1 win over Hazel Grove, and then an excellent 2-1 victory over Repton, one of the best hockey schools in England. Shortly after this, Wirral Grammar School were overwhelmed 5-0. The team were playing some excellent hockey, and it looked as though they would finish with a very good record with three games left, all of which should have been won. In the first of these, a complacent display against Weaverham nearly led to defeat, but the team came back dramatically from 3-1 down in the last five minutes, grabbing the equaliser with the last touch of the match. However, the team did not learn from their complacency and lost their last two games at Liverpool College (3-2) and Weaverham (2-0).

The core squad of just eleven players should be fairly pleased with their last year together, but with more consistency they would have had an even better record and could have won the Cheshire Cup. They showed flashes of high quality hockey, but too often relied on individuals and did not work hard enough off the ball. If the best players from this team are to progress and succeed at 1st XI level, they must learn these lessons. Quality hockey players do not wait until they are in trouble before passing the ball. Matthew Hobbs was the outstanding player, indeed he was the best player seen all season in any match. In addition, Jonathan Yearsley, Robert McAuliffe (who top scored with twenty-two goals in twenty games), Allan Williamson and John-Paul Dodd performed consistently and have the ability to succeed at 1st XI level. Some of the others could do so as well, but will have to work hard at their fitness and stickwork.

Special thanks must be given to all the players outside the eleven regulars who made up the team when required and never let the school down.

Appearances (goals): 20 T Byers (5), E Clapham (3), M Hobbs (9), R McAuliffe (22), J Yearsley (7); 19 M Batchelor; 18 J-P Dodd, A Williamson; 17 P Alexander; 15 M Bamber (1); 10 J Porter (3); 8 J Hardman (2), R Isherwood; 5 A Geake; 3 S Allday; 2 R Johnson, O Robinson; 1 N Adams, D Bevins, E Barker, R Dooley, A Flynn, D Lewis, R Owen, P Potter, D Sandhu.

RG

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
18	10	3	5	54	45

For the second successive year the team showed vastly improved results compared with the previous season and we proved that on our day we were a match for any U15 side in the North West.

Our season started against Merchant Taylors' School. A closely fought first half was followed by a solid second half and we won 3-2. The second game was against a very strong Birkenhead side. They had scored sixteen goals against us in three games last year, so we aimed at containing them in a tight first half. We managed to hold out until halfway through the second half when Birkenhead went one up. We raised our game and equalised within minutes and were unlucky not to be awarded a late penalty flick, but a draw was a fair result.

The fixtures against Hall Cross and Hazel Grove both ended in draws with us playing some impressive hockey but failing to convert chances. The style and formation remained unchanged into the next two games where we travelled to Bablake to win 6-1 and Newcastle to win 7-0. This was easily our best performance of the season with both Hardman and Stewart scoring hat tricks. Perhaps after two such fine performances, we were too complacent when meeting Birkenhead for the second time. They proved to be worthy North West champions and we failed to be competitive in a 7-1 defeat, despite leading for the first ten minutes! Sandbach were beaten 6-0 before our next difficult fixture versus Calday Grange. They had beaten us 6-0 the previous year, but we battled hard and were unlucky to lose 3-4.

In Wirral, after the Christmas break, we won the Wirral Invitational Tournament with two wins against St Anselm's and Mosslands Schools, despite the captain being sent off in the second game.

The fine passing game we had played before Christmas seemed a distant memory when we lost to Newcastle 1-3, narrowly defeated a young Gloucester HC side and lost to Merchant Taylors' 2-6. Two of these results were reversals of early season wins but the season was yet to reach its lowest point. At Repton School, we showed very little determination in an embarrassing 9-1 defeat.

In the final matches of the year we recaptured some of our early season form. King William's College U16 side was beaten 4-1, Liverpool College 5-4 and in the last game of the season Sandbach were defeated 6-2 with Dooley claiming a hat trick.

Again, I can confidently predict future success for this side. We have a talented back four led by this year's captain Richard Isherwood, a natural goalscorer in Jack Hardman and good attacking pace and flair in Richard Dooley and Paul Stewart. The team deserves further successes.

Appearances (goals): 18 J Hardman (29), J Petty, D Sandhu, S Allday (3), N Rice; 17 T Healey, A Wilson (7), A Geake (3); 16 R Dooley (5), R Isherwood; 9 M Goldspink, R Johnson; 7 P Stewart (6); 6 A Petrie (1); 4 D Bevins; 2 O Robinson; 1 J Powell.

NCJR

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
15	7	2	6	32	29

The U14 hockey team returned in vibrant mood with the enthusiasm so characteristic during their first season together. In pre-season training our basic skills and tactical awareness were of a good standard but it was quite clear that the squad's fitness needed some work. After a few gruelling sessions, our basic level of stamina had reached a satisfactory level.

In our earlier games it was obvious that we had closed the skills deficit against our main competitors. We were also able to score goals, which is something we had really struggled to do last season. Indeed, the team's ability to soak up pressure and score with incisive and rapid breaks was to become one of its key strengths. The addition of Matthew Grundy to the squad gave the side a whole new attacking dimension. Furthermore, Dean Constantine and Stacy Parker had become far more clinical in their finishing.

The back five of Laird, Lomax, Barker, Ward and Johnston produced some sterling performances. Perhaps in the future they will become as famous as the legendary Arsenal defence!

The highlight of the first term was the draw away at Birkenhead and our victory against Knutsford. These were sides that had beaten us with some ease last year and these positive results give some indication of the side's progress during the last twelve months.

JK

The second term began with a heavy away defeat to Birkenhead on a bitterly cold January morning. This was not a good start for the new coach nor the best preparation for a cup run. Undaunted the team battled their way into the County Cup final, defeating Knutsford along the way, only to find Birkenhead, once again,

waiting for them. Honours were even between the sides but the opposition had the psychological edge. The final was a hard fought encounter in which King's, galvanised by their team spirit, were resolute in defence. Unfortunately, a single goal late in the game allowed Birkenhead to emerge victorious.

The team picked themselves up and in the remaining fixtures of the season continued to impress as their technical ability and tactical awareness improved with each game.

It would be unfair to single any player out for extra praise, as each time they pulled on a King's jersey all played as a team and each individual was never less than totally committed. The season finished with two impressive victories, which meant a winning season and just reward for a great deal of effort and dedication.

RDS

Girls' Hockey

The season began when the Woodiwiss coaching team put all the teams through their paces on our annual training day. Previous experience had shown this to be a useful start and this year was no exception. The teams showed great determination and togetherness in the following weeks, which resulted in virtually everyone winning their first few matches.

This training day also aids preparation of players selected for county trials at the start of September. Fifteen girls attended the trials held at Sutton High School, Ellesmere Port. As always, personal performance at trials depends on the other players. Wingers often fail to demonstrate their talents if they are not fed the ball. Off the ball skills – being in the right place at the right time – do not on their own count for much if you are not seen actually working with the ball as well. Having said that, this year most of our girls showed good skills and were rewarded with selection and played regularly throughout the season for their respective county age groups.

The selected players were: Katherine Coveney U17 and North of England training, Louise Barber U17, Lyndsay Lomax U17, Rachael Kirk U16, Amy Percival U16, Charlotte Taylor U15, Katie Riddell U15, Francesca Mortimer U14/U15, Catherine Higham U14, Alex Crawley U14.

Several of the younger players were encouraged to attend the county development scheme, as a result of which Caroline Rice and Emma Massey were invited to attend coaching at U14 level.

DMB

Tour to Noordwijk Holland

Keen to give everyone as much varied experience as possible, the fourth annual tour to Noordwijk took place during the October half-term holiday. As always the programme was crammed with lots of hockey (training and matches), a smattering of local culture and cuisine, some socialising and unfortunately lots of varied weather.

The U13s learned a great deal when faced with the more experienced Dutch opposition who had played together since the age of eight. Their skills and control were amazing. The well-structured club scene in Holland provides superb, floodlit astroturf facilities with a coaching scheme which caters for youngsters from as young as six or seven. Hence, our relatively inexperienced girls who may have only started hockey twelve months earlier were facing teams who had been active for many more years.

The effects of this concentrated week of hockey for both the U13s and U14s served well to bring the teams together and give them a focus for future development.

DMB

Senior Girls' 1st XI

For the first time King's has had a Girls' 1st XI made up predominantly from girls who had graduated from the Girls' Division. They may not have had the most successful season but their dedication could not be faulted. Our three Upper Sixth players all had a year off last year because there were not enough players to make a team! So it was great that they were keen to return to join the graduating U17 team. It was excellent to have a large squad of enthusiastic players to select from. Fortunately, they were all mature in their approach and adaptable when it came to substitutions during games. This enabled everyone to have as equal an opportunity as possible. With continued commitment and another influx from the Girls' Division, hockey should be in safe hands when we venture on our first Senior Girls' Tour to Spain and Gibraltar.

Team: Katie Bagshaw (captain & player of the year), Rani Axon (most improved player), Rosanna Wilson (most get up & go player), Isobell Hewitt, Emma Stanton, Charlotte Hammond, Anna McKeating, Katherine Coveney, Kathryn Blower, Kira Williams, Sharon Ketley, Felicity Jackson, Julia Bewers, Sarah Sutton.

DMB

U16 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	5	1	2	22	9

On paper there does not appear much to report, but in reality this was not only a very busy year for our Year 11 students but also a very successful one. GCSE pressures were hotting up, many girls were also involved in county teams, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, etc. and yet they still found the energy and desire to do well in hockey.

As the Girls' Division's most successful hockey team so far, these girls had graduated up through the age groups and, with the superb leadership of captain Nicola Edwards, had developed the confidence in their ability to take on the best in the county. With several county players and a dedicated team surrounding them they knew that if they all pulled together this could be their year.

The couple of matches which resulted in defeat helped to prevent complacency setting in. This team always set their sights high and so to lose was never on the agenda. It must be mentioned, however, that the game versus St Bede's was actually against their U18 team and we were playing with only ten men for one half. So a 0-1 defeat was not such a disaster, unlike the shock and embarrassment of losing 0-6 to the Argentinian Touring School team, St Mark's. They certainly took us by storm and taught us a few lessons. They were a superbly well



drilled, fit and skilful team. Having won the Area Tournament convincingly, our meeting with the Argentinians bought us back down to earth. It highlighted problem areas which were, needless to say, subsequently addressed and probably, in fact, brought the team together in readiness for the County Finals.

All the previous years' experience of working together in fitness practice, during matches and on tour, and the knowledge of each other gained through all this pulled everyone together for our grand finale, 'the County Finals' at Upton, Chester in March. Since losing out in the final minutes of the county U14 tournament, it had always been the team's aim to win the U16 tournament and fulfil their potential. This they did convincingly to become County U16 Champions – a very well deserved win and a fitting end of an era as we say goodbye, thanks and good luck to Captain, Nicola, who received Divisional Colours and Anna, who are both moving on to other schools.

Team: Nicola Edwards (Captain), Lyndsay Lomax, Joanne Adams, Jackie Barker, Louise Barber, Ruth Tunwell (Player of the Year), Anna Steele, Rachael Kirk, Gemma Garton, Joanna Kirby, Louisa Ham (Most Improved Player), superbly assisted by Hannah Roberts and Rebecca Jay from the U15 team.

DMB

U15 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	5	4	3	23	14

U15 age group started the season with only a skeleton team. However, one could not fail to be impressed by this group's commitment and drive. Not frightened of hard work, they drove themselves to the limit in the fitness sessions and were always ready and raring to go with their training. Keen to learn new skills and eager to perfect team tactics, their future holds great promise.

With the wealth of talent that surrounds her, Captain Charlotte will no doubt be looking to emulate the success of their predecessors next year. I am sure they will go from strength to strength in the future.

Team: Charlotte Taylor (Captain) (received Divisional Colours), Amy Percival (received Divisional Colours), Hannah Roberts (Most Improved Player), Kim Byrom (Player of the Year), Holly Pemberton, Louisa Legg, Ellen Costello, Jenna Orme, Hannah Gledhill, Rebecca Jay (Sportswoman of the Year), Alison McLeod.

DMB

U14 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
16	11	2	2	29	4

A very large and enthusiastic squad started the season with a string of good results on many different pitch conditions. As the season progressed, it became harder to pick a team as all the individual members became more fluid players well capable of fulfilling a number of roles on the pitch. An extremely busy Noordwijk tour saw a number of players blossom, in particular Pippa Johnson who deservedly won the 'Most Improved Player' award both on tour and for the season as a whole.

At the front there was always great competition to score with both our wingers, Cathy and Sarah, playing extremely good attacking hockey and Jenny Gladman as goal hungry as ever. Jenny's killer instinct is an invaluable asset but in the County Tournament she began to realise why other ball control skills are so useful to a Centre Forward.

In defence Katie Riddell was as solid as a rock as the goals against tally shows. In home matches Katie only conceded one goal all season! The defensive combination of Chez, Roxie and Pippa played a large part in this success of course.

By the end of the season injury was taking its toll and we could only just field a full team for the county prelims. On a wet, blustery day this did not seem to matter as the team played magnificently to win every match. In the finals, however, the eleven players took a long time to warm up to their usual flowing style of hockey. They allowed themselves to be pushed onto the back foot and finished a disappointing fourth (although only one point separated them from second place).

I am sure that next season the squad will return to training with renewed enthusiasm and their hunger for victory will push them back to Chester in two years' time with more success.

Team: Cathy Higham (Captain) (Player of the Year), Katie Riddell, Chez Mortimer, Roxi Marandi, Pippa Johnson (Most Improved Player), Catherine Flynn, Gemma Lane, Kate Montgomery, Fish Stamp, Katie Steele, Sarah Spicer, Jenny Gladman, Vicky Moran, Michelle Guirey.

JNW

U13 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	10	0	2	26	10

Our matches this season were played in all sorts of weather and on all types of surface.

Laura Davenport is developing the skills needed to be a good goalkeeper. Claire Williamson, Jessica Wray, Ros Gathercole, Rebecca Halewood and Emma Massey have all contributed to the excellent defensive record of the team, with Emma hitting the ball extremely well. The team's success is built round the hard work of Vice Captain, Claire Percival with Nicola Roper and Naomi Mortimer working hard in midfield. Captain, Laura Tunwell was a very effective right wing, with Sarah Levitt and Louise Kenyon also playing wide for the team. Caroline Rice and Alex Crawley were our spearhead and scored a number of goals during the season. Well done to all the squad.

A number of the team benefited from their visit to Holland in the autumn. Only St Edward's, Liverpool and Newcastle High School beat us in the eleven-a-side fixtures.

Our seven-a-side results in the Cheshire mini-hockey tournament were very good and it was again only a couple of sides in the tournament who were better than us on the day.

Both seven-a-side and eleven-a-side teams were beginning to develop fluent passing movements and a further trip to Holland and much hard work in the future could see this side achieving even greater success.

TGN

U12 XI

The U12s have braved all weathers (snow at NULS, heavy rain at Tytherington and icy winds at Fence Avenue), playing with enthusiasm and determination over the season. Never disheartened by their early losses they have battled on and made significant improvements, particularly in their last few games.

Whilst all the girls have played well, there have been strong performances from Gabby Ward and Hannah Buckland who are providing a defence to be reckoned with and Francesca Bernard as Centre Forward.

It has to be said that for all the girls the 1998-99 season has not been long enough and they are already looking forward to 1999-2000.

Team: Francesca Bernard, Hannah Buckland, Sam Guirey, Katie Hindson, Millie Hornsey, Lucy Horton, Jenny Martin, Helen Matthews, Jay Mosedale, Alyssa Snelson, Rachel Varo, Gabby Ward, Isobel Whittaker, Alex Wood.

LF

Athletics

U17 Boys

As a result of bad weather the team only competed in one inter-school match. This was the Macclesfield District Championships held at the new Macclesfield Leisure Centre Track. King's showed great strength in depth and as a result were comfortable winners: King's 90 points; All Hallows 70 points; Fallibroome 39 points; Poynton 37 points; Wilmslow 33 points; Tytherington 18 points; Henbury 11 points and Dane Valley 10 points. The outstanding winning performances came from Robert Hart in both the 200m and javelin; Matthew Hobbs in the triple jump; Jonathan Keep in the shot; Andrew Collins in the long jump; Tom Warburton in the discus and the 4 x 100m relay team. There were six other rostrum finishes and as a result the following boys were selected to represent the District Team at the County Championships: T Egerton; M Hobbs; C Lomax; B Robinson; C Rodgers; P Seden; J Slater and T Warburton.

At the Championships Tom Warburton produced an outstanding result by winning the discus title, even though he was a year under age. Tim Egerton was second in the 3000m, Matthew Hobbs was third in the triple jump, and Chris Rodgers was fifth in the 100m hurdles.

Both Tom and Tim went on to represent the Cheshire County Team at the Mason Trophy in Birmingham. Amazingly, Tom Warburton finished fourth in a field of sixteen. He performed so well throughout the season that, in fact, he improved his personal best each time he competed. Things look good for next year when he will compete at his own age group.

The following represented the U17 team: M Bamber; A Collins; R Greer; R Hart; S Hinchliffe; M Hobbs; J Keep; C Lomax; J Powell; B Robinson; C Rodgers; P Seden; J Shaw; J Slater; N Small; T Warburton.

DTB

U16 Boys

Within this age group there are a number of very talented athletes and as a result they had enjoyed success in the past. Unfortunately, owing to injuries and unavailability this year, it was impossible to select a full team, let alone a strong one.

The first match turned out to be just against All Hallows as Marple Hall withdrew at the last moment. The picture for the season was set at this first meeting, with Chris Rodgers winning both the 800m and 100m and Tom Warburton winning the discus and shot. As a result

of some other indifferent performances and a much weakened team, King's finished in second place.

The final match was the English Schools' Cup. Once again, the team could not do itself justice despite a number of boys who willingly took up the challenge, in particular Jack Hardman. King's finished in third place, nearly 100 points behind the winning school, All Hallows. The season was a great disappointment for both the keen athletes and me. I just hope that next year the attitude changes for a number of potentially strong athletes and they follow the example set by Tom Warburton and Chris Rodgers, who would compete in whichever event was asked of them.

The following represented the U16 team: S Bacon; M Barker; M Bush; M Cooke; T Cumberbirch; R Davidson; S Davies; W Duncalf; J Gartside; A Geake; J Hardman; S Hinchliffe; J Powell; L Richards; C Rodgers; D Sandhu; I Sear; T Warburton; J Watts; S Wilson.

DTB

U15 Boys

This season proved to be quite a successful one for the Under 15 team, with a good spirit developing among the boys. After a slightly disappointing start to the season, placing only third in the District Championships, performances improved steadily culminating in a good second to Manchester Grammar School in the Track League Trophy Match and victory in the Field Events Meet on the very last day of term.

Four boys represented Macclesfield and District in the Cheshire Championships, held on the new all-weather track at the Leisure Centre. Royce Corden, who was also the district discus Champion, James Beaumont in the hurdles, Morgan Cooke in the 200m and John Gartside in the javelin all performed with commitment and can be very proud with what they have achieved this year, especially as each of them participated in a range of other disciplines, in addition to their specialist event, in other matches this summer.

These boys were supported by solid performers such as Andrew Triggs, Simon Birch, Nick Kershaw, Jonathan Bowyer, Stacy Parker and Edward Barker. James Tuffin showed promise, despite his lack of enthusiasm, while Jonathan Kay and Harry Orford were the backbone of the throwing team. A special mention must also be made of Neil Williams who made his debut for the team on the final day of the season. His impressive javelin throwing was instrumental in winning King's the match and, if he is prepared to work at it, Neil should be capable of throwing

forty metres next year.

The team has a lot of potential and should continue to thrive.

PW

U14 Boys

The Under 14 Athletics team had an enjoyable and reasonably successful season. The term began with a good win against local rivals, All Hallows, although we were aware they were unable to field a full strength team. The format of the Track League was altered this year to turn it into a single track-events-only Trophy Meeting, and King's finished second to a strong Manchester Grammar School team. As always, the English Schools' Cup generated interest and excitement. We performed above ourselves in the first round to come second and qualify for the next stage, the North West Regional B Final, where, unfortunately, we were well below our best and slumped to eighth place. Our best, and most unexpected, performance of the term came in the Cheshire Cup. The top eight scoring schools in Cheshire from the first round of the English Schools' Cup are invited to Helsby High School to compete for the title of Cheshire Champions. We arrived at the meeting not giving ourselves much of a chance, but three hours later we were in the coach going home having won the Cup. The main opportunity for our best Under 14 athletes to compete as individuals rather than as a team comes in the North West Independent Schools' Championships, held annually at Bebington Oval. Medals, as ever, were hard to come by against strong opposition in all events, so congratulations go to Alan Wood, third in the shot (10.54) and Dean Ratcliffe, third in the discus (25.03).

A total of twenty-five boys represented the school: S Baker (U13), T Bradfield, J Byers, J Dillon, A Doncom, J Flattery, C Forgham-Bailey (U13), T Green, R Hart, J Hill, K Jackson, R Johnson, M Keelagher, N Lloyd, T Lloyd-Jones, O McConnell, J McIlvenny, C Miller, W Newham, D Ratcliffe, C Richards, J Sidebotham, C Walsh, M Walsh (U13), A Wood.

MGH

U13 Boys

The Year 7 (Under 13) Athletics team developed in a short space of time into a unit of considerable depth, with some very talented throwers. Having narrowly lost the 'pipe opener' to All Hallows High School (111-115), it was satisfying to turn the tables so emphatically and take home the Cup later in the season at the District Schools' Championships on the new Macclesfield tartan track. James Byrne

(discus); James Emm (javelin) and the relay squad (A Brassington; N Barker; M Walsh and C Forgham-Bailey) all became District Champions and, together with Matthew Walsh (100m), Charlie Forgham-Bailey (200m), Ryan Porter (400m), Sam Baker (1500m), Nick Barker (triple jump) and James Rogers (discus), qualified for the County Finals at Warrington in July. James Emm was the outstanding performer adding a county 'medal' position to the one secured at the North West Independent Schools' Championships the previous month.

The more technical field events were the foundation on which the success of this team was built and a second cup was justly secured at the Field Events Trophy Meet. At the Track Trophy, dominated by Manchester Grammar School, however, we could only manage third of four schools. The Blamey Trios Trophy, for the outstanding cross-country, orienteering and distance runner was won by Sam Baker. Matthew Walsh, Nick Barker and Charlie Forgham-Bailey represented Macclesfield at the Cheshire Games – a pilot project for next year's Millennium Games.

Internally, the six-week Inter-Form Athletics League, in which more than sixty boys participated in twelve matches, was won by 7RG. The Inter-House Year 7 Boys' Sports was won by Tatton.

The following thirty-one athletes (in alphabetical order) represented the Year 7 Athletics Team in 1999: S Baker; N Barker; R Barker; T Bestley; A Brassington; J Byrne; O Conoley; T Daniel; J Durrant; J Emm; T Fitzhugh; C Forgham-Bailey; J Gardner; A Harrison; E Hendry; J Griffiths; J Lee; W Laughton; W Malins; S McClaren; W McLeod; A McCormick; A McGeorge; C Moore; J Partington; R Porter; M Robertson; J Rogers; J Wesley; M Walsh; A Watts.

KLP

Junior Division

The Junior Division athletes enjoyed a fair amount of success throughout the summer, both individually and as a team.

In the AJIS Championships at Blackpool on 14th June, there were several outstanding performances against competition from all over the North West. These included Francis Barker (first: high jump), Alex Reade (second: 200m), Peter Tutton (third: 200m) and the 4 x 100m team (second).

Later in the same week at the North West Independent Schools' Championships, King's athletes were again amongst the medals. Tom Parfett-Manning (first: hurdles), James Wallace (second: 100m), Alex Reade (second: long jump) were the pick of the performances along with

the 4 x 100m team who also came second.

Over sixty children from Years 3 to 6 took part in an Athletics Festival with Stockport Grammar School on 26th June. This enabled several children to compete for the first time and provided good experience for others.

Sports Day took on a new format this year with novelty events being included as well as the traditional track and field events. Most children competed in three events.

The season ended with the Macclesfield Primary Schools' Athletics Meeting held at Macclesfield's new track. The boys' 4 x 100m team of Ian Hart, Alex Reade, Francis Barker and James Wallace won their event handsomely and there were other commendable performances from James Wallace (100m), Anika Bulcock (200m), Holly Crossley (high jump) and Alex Reade (long jump). These results helped King's to win the Boys' team trophy and come third overall in the Combined.

GDI

Basketball (Senior Boys)

The short 1999 Basketball season for the Senior Boys' team ended in triumph. In all, just four games were played and all four could have ended in wins for King's, but sadly the opportunity was squandered, mostly in the final quarter, when a lack of tall rebounders, too few bench replacements and deficient fitness took its toll. The single, and welcome, victory over All Hallows HS could so easily have been one element in a quartet of wins. The fixture against Dane Valley HS was cancelled and the Macclesfield College of FE did not enter the league in 1999.

Kim Swain, not quite as stylish as the previous season, was captain and top points scorer. James Ritchie was easily the leading rebounder, mostly dominating offensive and defensive boards in all the games. Mark Carrier was the top outside shooter and Oliver Burr proved to be an accomplished left-handed guard.

The Senior Boys' Basketball Squad was (in alphabetical order): O Burr, M Carrier, C Cooper, D Farrar, A Higgins, J Ritchie, A Russell, K Swain (captain), T Vaughan-Jones, R Wilkinson.

All three Lower School Boys' House Tournaments were won by Adlington with Tatton, Gawsorth and Capesthorpe the runners up in Years 7, 8 and 9 respectively.

KLP

Biathlon

The North West Biathlon Championships, held at Horwich Swimming Pool and Lever Park on Sunday 20th September 1998, is a two-disciplined event where each competitor completes a run and a swim; distances depend on age groups. Our pupils were in the age groups which ran 1000m and swam 100m. The times achieved are converted into points and the total points are the finishing score.

Girls' Results: (Year 8): Victoria Dezsényi in her very first competition and running competitively for the first time was placed in a promising thirteenth overall (she swam a particularly good race to come fifth). Our three other competitors were actually competing a year under age and therefore would qualify for the same age groups next year. The majority of the other competitors were in fact a year older than ours which makes their achievements very commendable. (Year 9): Kirsten Henry was not on form in the run and did not do as well as expected but did produce a fine swim.

Boys' Results: 11-12 years (Year 7): Robert Barker was placed eighth in the run and fifth in the swim.

13-14 years (Year 9): Edward Barker was placed sixth in the run and third in the swim. Since this is a qualifying round for the National Competition, both boys qualified for the National Championships held in Sheffield over the weekend 6th/7th December 1998. Unfortunately Robert was unwell and was unable to compete but Edward thoroughly enjoyed the competition, swimming long course at Ponds Forge Swimming Pool and running on the Don Valley Track. Again competing a year under age, he produced a very commendable fourteenth position. This bodes well for next year.

The National Schools' Biathlon Championships were held at Cheslyn Hay



October/November 1998. This event expands with every year. More and more schools are taking up the challenge. The distances are more appealing to the newcomers of this competition – whet their appetites, get them interested and these sports-minded competitors will take up the more challenging distances of the pentathlon association. There are so many schools entering now that from next year the organisers plan to hold area qualifying rounds, the winners of which compete at this venue for the finals.

Everyone, whatever age, runs 800m and swims 50m. Every year the standard gets tougher. Not only do you need to be a good runner these days but the winners are usually competitive swimmers too. We took along a depleted team this year, but nevertheless a keen and enthusiastic group. Our new Year 7 girls gave their all, but found the swimming opposition particularly astounding. Everyone enjoyed the day and came away all the better for the experience.

Year 7: Katy Hindson, Francesca Bernard, Lucy Horten – team placed fourteenth.

Year 9: Kirsten Henry, Francesca Mortimer – both girls performed exceedingly well and had they had a third member of the team would probably have come high in the team rankings.

DMB

Cross Country

Boys' Division

The season was a fairly successful one when one considers the few races in which we participated. Oliver Barber, William Wills and Tim Egerton all represented Cheshire, with Tim once again running in the English Schools' Championships which this year were held in Luton. In some ways Tim found this a tough season having to move up an age group after the successes of last year. However, by the end he was beginning to show some of his old sparkle and should continue to impress on the track this summer.

In the intermediate ranks Egerton received solid support throughout the winter from Chris Rodgers, Andrew Bruce and Michael Bamber. If the latter can motivate and commit himself fully, he is capable of making a significant impact during the year ahead.

In the Year 7 age group a crop of fine athletes emerged, led by Sam Baker who gained an impressive third place in the Macclesfield and District League. Other runners who also achieved solid performances during the year were James Partington, Neall Hollis, Adam

Brassington, Joe Durrant and Tim Bestley. They should prove to be regular members of the Under 13 Athletics squad.

PW

Football

U11 XI

This was a curious season for an individually talented team who only occasionally managed to play together as a team.

The season began well with the six-a-side team playing with great determination in our invitation tournament. After a disastrous start, the team gained confidence and reached the final on merit. Despite going one goal down to Bury GS and losing two injured, inspirational players, the team doggedly fought back to equalise and then take the lead in exhausting extra-time. With thirty seconds to go Bury scored a dramatic equaliser to share the trophy – no painful penalty shoot-outs here!

Performances in 'friendly' matches were very mixed with pleasing wins against The Grange, Solihull, Birkenhead, St Bede's and Altrincham Prep being offset by defeats by St Ambrose, Bolton, Bury GS, Cheadle Hulme and Arnold plus a solitary draw against King's, Chester. Seven-a-side league matches proved to be a great disappointment with only one victory in the eight games played against local primary schools. However, the season ended on the highest note possible with a tremendous victory in the Ciba Sevens competition held in June (see separate report).

There were also twelve Under 11 B 'friendly' matches and five C team matches, allowing a large number of children to enjoy the honour of representing their school at sport. The following pupils represented the school at some stage during the season: Alex Dempsey (A team Captain), David Jones, David Holland, Jake Reynolds, George Ford, Tristram Rood, Nick Petty, Ian Hart, James Wallace (B team Captain), Francis Barker, William Swain, Tom Porter, Tom Parfett-Manning, Oliver Frost-Danson, Jeremy Done, Daniel Lawton, David Kennerley, James Crawley, Jacob Rhodes, Alex Reade, Peter Savage, David Hill, Sean Murphy, Ben Wakeham, Ashley McCormick, George Maudsley, Daniel Michel, Ben Illingworth, Neehil Oza, Austin Sependa, Matthew Dunne, Kyle Ridgway, Duncan Howsley, Patrick Geake, Chris Yeates, Robert Topalian, Michael Walker, Monique Hillier-Sayers, Andy Roast, Tristan Vere-Hoose, David Kenworthy, Mat Weston.

GJS

Ciba Sevens Finals

King's Under 11 footballers clinched the Ciba Sevens Football trophy in dramatic and heart-stopping fashion. They reached the finals having won their preliminary round held at St Alban's JS in March, defeating Broken Cross, Gawsworth and Ivy Bank Junior Schools.

The other three teams in the finals of the competition were the hosts, Upton Priory, and both St John's teams (from Macclesfield and Bollington). In their semi-final, King's faced St John's, Bollington and got off to a very positive start. Early pressure resulted in a tremendous shot from Alex Dempsey hitting the angle of post and crossbar only for Tom Parfett-Manning to smash the ball home gleefully from close range. King's continued to dominate and further pressure resulted in a fine goal from captain Francis Barker who scored with ease having been put through by Tom Porter's astute header. St John's pulled a goal back with two tense minutes to play before a mad goalmouth scramble resulted in a third goal for King's just on the final whistle, the scorer being 'poacher supreme' Tom Parfett-Manning.

In the final, King's met Upton Priory who had come back from a goal behind to beat St John's, Macclesfield in their semi-final. Once more, King's had early pressure which resulted in a tremendous drive from Tom Parfett-Manning being sensationally fingertipped over the bar by the Upton keeper. King's continued to press but were caught on the break, an Upton forward getting behind the King's defence to run on and score. King's went into the break a goal down but not downhearted. They began the second half in positive fashion again, although Upton always looked capable of clinching a second goal on the break. Finally, King's positive approach had its reward as Alex Dempsey, who worked tirelessly throughout, struck another tremendous long shot which the goalkeeper could only parry. Yet again Tom Parfett-Manning was close by and pounced to level the scores. The score stayed the same in normal time and energy-sapping extra-time was called for.

Once more King's had the balance of play but it was Upton who retook the lead in the first half of extra-time. At half time in extra-time 'Alex Ferguson-style' exhortations were made for one last big effort. Despite close shaves at each end, the last minute of extra-time was entered with the result looking inevitable. Until, one final, lung-bursting link-up between Tom Parfett-Manning, Alex Dempsey and Francis Barker resulted in the captain sliding the ball home bravely with literally the last kick of the match – shades of

Manchester City v Gillingham at Wembley?!

After much discussion it was decided that the competition was to be settled on penalties to be taken by all six outfield players. Upton's first kick hit the bar allowing Francis Barker to step up and strike firmly - onto the post! All square. King's goalkeeper, David Jones read the second Upton kick perfectly giving Tom Parfett-Manning the chance to put King's into the lead - which he did confidently. Upton's third kick was again easily saved by David Jones and up stepped Jake Reynolds to smash the ball through the keeper's despairing dive to put King's firmly in the driving seat. The fourth Upton penalty-taker finally found a way past an inspired David Jones to make the score 2-1. Up strode George Ford to try to put King's almost beyond reach - but he struck wide! The fifth Upton penalty was driven to David Jones' right and he took off to beat the ball out splendidly. It was then down to Head Boy Nicholas Petty to try to win the competition. Nick, who entered the game during the second-half of extra-time, replacing the tiring Tom Porter, ran up with an air of confidence and placed the ball firmly to the keeper's left and into the back of the net. Split seconds later wild celebrations broke out amongst the King's boys to be quickly followed by sporting commiserations to the gallant Upton boys who had played their part in a remarkable final.

Congratulations must go to all the squad: Francis Barker (Captain), Alex Dempsey, George Ford, David Jones, Tom Parfett-Manning, Nicholas Petty, Tom Porter, Jake Reynolds, Tristram Rood.

It was a particularly sweet victory for both Francis Barker and Nick Petty who emulated their brothers (Matthew and Jonathan respectively) who were members of the last King's team to win this prestigious competition.

GJS

U10 XI

There were certainly a lot of goals in the U10s games this season. Unfortunately, far more were conceded than scored. A home defeat by King's Chester (5-1) was followed by a closer game against Bolton School which was lost 3-2. Stockport Grammar inflicted a 5-1 scoreline at home and in the return match the team led twice only to lose 10-4. The season ended with a 5-3 defeat by Altrincham Prep. It is hoped that next year with a settled defence and a little more determination results will improve.

GDI

Netball

Senior Netball

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The team started the season with high hopes of improving on their third place position in the 1997-98 League, having improved placings every year. After a comfortable win over Wilmslow, they were tested 'to the wire' by Knutsford. Character, determination and a lucky centre pass captured the one goal-winning margin. The following week saw a similar pattern with 'end for end' goals against a Henbury team (who were also playing in the Adult Evening League). In the last few minutes with King's leading 14-13 Henbury finally gave up, letting King's pop in a quick three extras. Westlands and Ryles Park, with mainly Year 11 players, were comfortably beaten and gave the squad an opportunity to show their improved, fast passing game.

After the long break (for Greenwich Mean Time) the clocks went forward again and league matches resumed. Once again, the players' strength of character was tested by a team competing in the Adult Evening League throughout the winter. Despite lack of match practice, King's stayed in the game causing Tytherington to make the final error in the last minute. Poynton were demolished with confidence, which proved a downfall against Fallibroome. Arriving late on court and not warmed up, the team were rattled to find themselves trailing by several goals. The defence were always going to have difficulty with Fallibroome's county player but they battled bravely on. The attack could not find their rhythm and the scrappy game that ensued saw the team's first defeat.

The last two games broke two major psychological barriers. Firstly, against Mount Carmel, the team put defeat behind them and learnt from their mistakes. Arriving in good time, they were ready to go as Mount Carmel appeared from lessons. The immediate speed of passing, tactical awareness (Wing Defence switch from H Ford) and overall confidence devastated their opponents.

The final game and sweetest victory of all was the defeat of All Hallows. Having lost to this team for five consecutive years, the squad knew that a win would give them their highest ever league placing. Despite pouring rain and slippery courts, they played their game, believing in themselves, and clinched the game with two superb shots. Final placing - League Runners Up.

Squad: H Hallam, C Charles, H Ford, V Owens, S Franks, G Kennerley, J Mair,

G Bullivent (Sixth Form), N Pagano, J Kirby (Year 11), H Pemberton (Year 10).

RSH

Tour to Noordwijk, Holland

Despite record gales and floods, and a predicted four hour delay, the transfer to Noordwijk was accomplished smoothly thanks to Leonardo di Caprio, ie 'Romeo and Juliet' followed by 'Titanic', after the channel crossing. Three ferries together (like London buses) and a window in the weather gave us a relatively easy crossing, though a slight navigational error after Rotterdam meant that everyone was ready for their McDonald's. High tides and gale force winds prevented the rounders match on the beach but nobody minded being forced into town for an orientation exercise (shopping!).

The Strand Hotel proved clean and pleasant (though somewhat overcrowded) with excellent food. Its position was ideal for access to bowling and pancake houses. However, both schools leaving at the same time did cause confusion when not in team kit, and several girls nearly made it to the Hulme Grammar pancake party until rescued by the staff.

The advantage of playing netball is that it is indoors! Whilst the hockey players struggled with atrocious weather conditions, the Transvaal Stadium provided six hours per day of comfortable training facilities. By the Tuesday afternoon physical exhaustion and mental saturation point was reached and a cold shower would have been welcomed! However, after a good night's rest the girls proved how much they had gained in the tournament. With three schools and forty-five girls from Years 8 to 11, the teams were mixed in age, ability and school. King's players excelled, gaining praise from both coaches. Was it a coincidence that the winning team had three King's players? - R Eckersley, R Stubbs and C James. Runners up team included A Quas-Cohen and E Fitzgerald. The quality of play was excellent and the King's Year 8 players were outstanding, holding their own against older players. After the tournament the hockey and netball players joined together for an excursion to Delft which, judging by the variety of presents brought back to the coach, proved highly successful. Two members of staff were seen to disappear into the William of Orange Tower on a history exploration. Then back to Noordwijk for glad rags, evening meal and fighting our way through wind and rain to the new nightclub for a final disco and presentation. A Quas-Cohen was awarded Player of the Tour and V Bostock Best Defence by the coaches. Every

Other Sport

player received a medal commemorating the tour and the 'early to bed' group were not much earlier than the 'dance the night away' group.

Although wake-up call was 6.00 am and the girls were extremely efficient in packing, Hulme Grammar blocked the exit and we missed the ferry! No one minded, particularly as the hockey coaches were on the following ferry. The delay meant our driver Steve was going over hours, so we waited at Watford Gap for the relief driver. Once again, everyone remained cheerful – well, there were toilets available and a good video. We finally arrived back in excellent spirits two and a half hours late, but the telephone pyramid had worked and all girls were collected on time. Well almost ... one dad fell asleep in his car and his daughter did not recognise the car and waited under the arch... but we will not name names!

Tourists: Year 8 J Armstrong, L Davenport, R Eckersley, C James, N Mortimer, T Olsen, N Rodgers, J Seddon; Year 9 V Bostock, E Fitzgerald, K Owens, A Quas-Cohen, R Stubbs.

Junior Division

U11

This was undoubtedly an excellent season for a squad which must be considered as the best Under 11s in the brief history of King's Juniors. In 'friendly' matches throughout the year, the only defeats suffered were by a depleted team at a three-way match at Withington. Impressive victories were gained against Birkenhead High, Stockport GS, Mount

Carmel, Cheadle Hulme School, St Hilary's and The Grange.

In the Macclesfield Primary Schools' League they went through the season undefeated, thereby winning the Championship Shield. At the local Primary Schools' Cup Tournament held in March the girls certainly did not disappoint. They won their initial group games convincingly against St Edward's (10-1), Puss Bank (7-0), Marlborough (8-0) and Hollinhey (8-1). In the semi-final they defeated Gawsforth (7-0) before deservedly winning the final (2-1) against Ivy Bank JS to win this competition for the first time for King's Juniors.

The team normally consisted of captain Sarah Hinchliffe, Holly Crossley, Anika Bulcock, Michelle Greaves, Alison Williams, Jenny Bradbury and Rebecca Stanford. Valuable support was provided by Faye Coombs and Katie Usher.

DW

Rounders

Year 6 Girls

The Year 6 Girls turned out in numbers to rounders' practices last summer! Such was the enthusiasm that extra lunchtime practices were held. Despite some difficulties experienced by all schools in fitting games in during the busy Summer Term, three matches were played. The captain was Alison Williams. Some of the team were changed for each match to allow most of the girls to represent the school. The squad had one success but played with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

JC

Swimming

Boys' and Girls' Divisions

The first event on the calendar was the English Schools' Division 2 Annual Championships at Speke. A number of swimmers from both the Boys' and Girls' Divisions competed but in the end we had no individual winners in spite of some fine performances.

The English Schools' Division 2 School Team Championships were held in Ormskirk in early November and we entered boys' teams and girls' teams in the junior and intermediate age groups. Our best results came in the intermediate age group where the boys' team of James Hutter, James Ellis, Michael Robertson and Tim Davies finished fourth out of fourteen teams in the freestyle relay and third in the medley relay. Not to be outdone the girls' team of Jackie Barker, Claire Riseley, Emma Johnstone and Joanne Pilkington finished runners-up in the medley relay when they were just touched out of first place and won the freestyle relay to become Division 2 Champions for 1998/9. School swimmers again competed with junior school swimmers in the annual Pentangular match at Bolton School where they finished in joint fourth place due to a rather depleted team on the day. Hari Rathi and Robert Barker in the Year 7 team both contributed valuable points by winning their age group races.

In May we returned to Rydal School in North Wales to defend the Eyam Trophy which we had held for four years. As always this proved to be a most enjoyable occasion and the team all swam well. Special mention must go to Hari Rathi, Robert Barker, Kirsten Henry and Alex Crawley who all won events in spite of some stiff competition. In the end, however, we had to settle for second place overall but we will be back next year determined to regain the trophy.

In early July three swimmers competed for Macclesfield and District in the Cheshire Youth Games held at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. The swimmers selected to compete were Robert Barker, Hari Rathi and Lucinda Garner. Robert and Hari both had individual wins, which helped the Borough team to win silver.

The highlight of the year came in May when our Girls' Division Senior Swimming Team travelled to Crystal Palace to compete in the Public Schools' Relay Championships. As these are Open Age Group Championships, the swimmers can be in any school year up to and including Upper Sixth. In the freestyle relay, swum in the afternoon, the team



comfortably made the final but in the end had to settle for the silver medals in spite of breaking the existing record, as did the winners from City of London Freeman's School. The medley relay was swum in the evening and the team qualified for the finals with the fastest time. In the final the girls rose to the occasion magnificently, not only winning the race but also smashing the existing record by over two seconds. Gold and silver medals were won by Jackie Barker, Claire Riseley, Emma Johnstone and Kirsten Henry (pictured on the previous page).

Jackie Barker, Claire Riseley and Emma Johnstone have all represented the school with distinction throughout their five years in the Girls' Division. In addition to their win in the Public Schools' Championships, they have been members of teams who have won five Divisional Titles and also they have swum in English Schools' Team Finals. In recognition of their achievements and commitment over five years, they were awarded Divisional Swimming Colours.

AMC

Junior Division

The first fixtures were very early on in the year, the AJIS Boys' Gala in October and the Girls' in November. These competitions are always difficult for us with sixteen schools competing for four finalist places. We had several first places in the heats but only two finalists. However, the children swam to the best of their ability and it was good to see the standard of swimming in the North West Independent Schools.

The Spring Term brought three more Galas. In January we travelled to QEGS Blackburn to swim a friendly fixture against the boys of Years 4, 5 and 6. This was an enjoyable fixture with the races keenly contested. The result was close with QEGS coming out as winners.

February was very busy with Galas on two consecutive days. On Monday 1st February fifty-six children swam at Cheadle Hulme School. These were girls and boys from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Many of the younger children were swimming competitively for the first time and all acquitted themselves well. The final result was Cheadle Hulme 283, King's 268. The next day eight Year 5 and 6 boys joined with the boys from the Boys' Division to swim in the Pentangular Match at Bolton School. The efforts of the previous day took their toll and the best position we could win was third. Nevertheless, it was good experience to swim with the older boys.

May brought the Primary Schools' Annual Team Championships sponsored by Bazuka. This was held at the Europa

Pool, Birkenhead and involved schools from Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside and the Isle of Man. The girls' and boys' teams swam well enough to come second in their heats but unfortunately with twenty-four schools taking part they were not fast enough to qualify for the finals.

Our internal swimming gala came next: forty-eight events to take place between 1.15 and 3.15 pm. Thanks to the good behaviour of the children and the excellent work of the staff the gala finished with time to spare. The individual champions were Katherine Baker and Gregory Dunne (Year 3), Natalie Coleman and James Irlam (Year 4), Rachael Johnson and Ben Parton (Year 5), and Anika Bulcock and Francis Barker (Year 6).

The final event of the year was the Macclesfield and District Primary Schools' Gala held at the Macclesfield Leisure Centre. Sixteen local schools competed for seven trophies. All our swimmers reached their finals and Anika Bulcock, Francis Barker, Ben Parton plus the girls' and boys' relay teams in the races for Years 5 and 6 all gained first place. This meant that for the first time ever the Junior Division won all seven trophies: four relay cups, Girls' Champions, Boys' Champions, and the combined trophy – brilliant!

At Prize Giving Swimming Colours were awarded to Francis Barker, Holly Crossley, David Kennerley, Anika Bulcock, Alex Dempsey, Aimee Rosson, Robert Moxon, Katie Usher, Matthew Dunne and Ben Parton.

JES

Tennis

The focus of tennis this year was on the Under 15 team. Although the 1st IV of Patrick Sztukowski, Martin Edwards, David Leech and James Horrocks played some excellent tennis to win the Senior Cheshire Cup in early May, they felt the demands of academic work should take priority over Saturday fixtures. It is hoped to arrange future fixtures midweek so that the true potential of Senior Tennis can be realised.

The Under 15 team had a good season although, with more concerted effort and discipline, they could have done better. In Saturday fixtures against Bolton School, Woodhouse Grove and Bradford Grammar School, the team had comfortable victories, but lost in the first round of the U16 Cheshire Cup at the beginning of the season to an older and more experienced Marple Hall School team, who ensured that they won those important points that had to be fought for. In the Midland Bank Competition,

the U15 A team beat Bridgewater, Abbeygate and King's Chester decisively to reach the Cheshire final against Cheadle Hulme School who had earlier beaten the Under 15 B team by four matches to two. This match offered a nail-biting finish to the Summer Term. The result was not certain until the last ball was struck and King's won by 'one' game. The tennis was tentative, the courts were slow, but the result was welcomed. The team went through to represent Cheshire in the North West Regional Knockout Competition and lost to an experienced Isle of Man team on one of the wettest days in September. Two pairs went to the PSLTA Championships at Eton in early July and played some good tennis to progress through a few rounds of the Thomas Bowl. The first pair of Alastair McVeigh and Jonathan Gartside put up a good fight against an aggressive and hard-hitting first pair from Bromsgrove School before losing 1-6, 3-6 in the third round.

The Under 13 and 14 teams had fewer matches to play during the season because some schools do not field teams at this level. The Under 14 team played five matches and although they lost to four of the schools they kept cheerful and did have opportunities. It is vital to try to play the strongest team possible and there were occasions when late commitments seemed to take priority and others stepped in at reasonably short notice.

The Under 13 team, who had not played very much competitive tennis before, improved over the season and won their last two matches. Tom McKenna, a very experienced player, won the Under 13 Cheshire Singles – a Round Robin Final of three matches (the best of three sets) – after an 'eight-hour' day at Harford School. It was indeed a test of stamina, but a well deserved result.

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Mrs V Costello, BA Hons, University of Leeds, German, PGCE, Leeds

Mrs G Green, BA Hons, University of Keele, French and English, Certificate in Education, Keele

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Mrs S Gibson, Certificate of Education, Mather College of Education, LGSM Teacher's Diploma in Speech and Drama

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A Level Results 1999

OCR and NEAB Examinations

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; BStd: Business Studies; C: Chemistry; CLC: Classical Civilisation; Comp: Computing; Ec: Economics; ELang: English Language; E: English Literature; F: French; FM: Further Mathematics; GStd: General Studies; G: Geography; Geol: Geology; Ger: German; G&P: Government & Politics; H: History; IT: Information Technology; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; Phil: Philosophy; P: Physics; RStd: Religious Studies; Sp: Spanish.

(AS): Advanced Supplementary Subject.

Adams P B	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Aldcroft A R	Comp, FM, GStd, M, Mu
Allday C E	BStd, E, GStd, H
Allen J M	B, C, GStd, M
Anderton M P N	B, C, GStd, P
Ashcroft O E	Comp, Ec, GStd, G
Ashton B V	Comp, GStd, M
Ashworth H J	A&D, M, P
Attoh J	BStd, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Axon R L	A&D, E, H, Phil (AS)
Bagshaw K E	A&D, BStd, GStd, G
Ballarini L	GStd, G, M, P
Barringer C	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Basnett G R	Ec, ELang, E, GStd, G&P (AS)
Beech A D	BStd, GStd, Ger, M
Borshik A	C, Comp, GStd, M
Bradley J A	BStd, GStd, H, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Brocklehurst D W	GStd, G, H, M
Bromley N D A	B, C, GStd, P, M (AS)
Brooks J M Q	Ec, GStd, Ger, RStd, Phil (AS)
Bush A J	BStd, GStd, G, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Bush S E	B, C, GStd, G
Byrom D E	Comp, GStd, M, P
Callaghan J L	B, C, GStd, M
Challiner S M	BStd, Comp, GStd, G
Clarke J A	C, GStd, M, P, IT (AS)
Clarke L C	ELang, E, GStd, H, RStd
Constantinis A M	B, C, GStd, ELang (AS), M (AS)
Cox Z	B, GStd, RStd, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Cross A I	B, C, GStd, Geol
Dafforn R J	B, C, FM, GStd, M
Dale D W	Ec, ELang, E, GStd, H
Daniels R J A	BStd, GStd, H, M
Davies E L R	BStd, E, GStd, H
Davies L G	B, E, GStd, RStd, Phil (AS)
Dicken S J	BStd, ELang, GStd, RStd
Dobson E E	ELang, E, F, GStd, H
Eden Green O B	Ec, E, GStd, H, IT (AS)
Edwards M P J	Ec, GStd, G, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Emslie R J	BStd, GStd, G, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Farrar D R	BStd, GStd, G, Geol, Ec (AS)
Flynn A T	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Friday A C	Comp, ELang, GStd, Ec (AS)
George W M	B, C, GStd, Geol
Goodsell M D	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Grant T A	BStd, E, GStd, G
Grattan M J N	BStd, F, GStd, Ger
Greenwood R J P	Comp, FM, GStd, M, P
Grimes T E	B, C, GStd, M

Haboubi S H	B, C, GStd, Geol
Halman M R	BStd, GStd, G, M
Ham A A	B, C, GStd, M, IT (AS)
Harle V R	BStd, ELang, E
Harrison D R	BStd, GStd, G, Ger
Hart P M	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Heap R J	E, GStd, G, H
Higgins A S	BStd, GStd, H, RStd
Hirst C R	B, C, GStd, M
Huggins L	B, C, E, GStd
Irwin R T	E, F, GStd, G, Sp (AS)
Jepson A B	BStd, G, IT (AS), M (AS)
Johnson G J	C, GStd, G, Geol
Johnson T M	Ec, ELang, E, GStd, H
Kane A I O	Ec, GStd, H, M, Phil (AS)
Ketley M A R	B, C, GStd, Geol
Leeson J A	ELang, H, RStd
Livesley J	E, F, GStd, H, Mu (AS)
Livesley S M J	B, C, GStd, Comp (AS), Ec (AS)
Mairs G J	F, GStd, G, Ger
Manwaring S D I	Geol
Mashedier T J	B, C, GStd, G
Mason S A	Ec, GStd, Ger, H
McAulay D C	B, C, GStd, P, M (AS)
McGaul P E	B, E, G
McNamara M M	Ec, GStd, H, RStd, Phil (AS)
McVitie D J	B, C, GStd, P
Mir A R U	C, M
Mitchell J P	C, FM, GStd, M, P
Montaldo M A	BStd, GStd, G, H
Orme J A J	E, GStd, H, RStd, Phil (AS)
Ostrowski M	B, C, Comp, GStd
Park C I	ELang, GStd, G, H
Petty T C J	B, C, GStd, M, Mu
Price N J	A&D, ELang, GStd
Reid A S	C, GStd, M, P
Riach D J	B, H
Richbell M J	BStd, GStd, G, M
Rider J T	C, GStd, M, P
Riley J M	BStd, ELang, GStd, G
Ritchie J P	B, C, GStd, M
Robinson A D	BStd, E, GStd, IT (AS)
Sahni K	BStd, GStd, H, IT (AS)
Savage O T	C, GStd, M, P
Scott A R	F, GStd, Ger
Seaborn M D	B, C, GStd, M
Selbie I J	GStd, G, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Senn M E	Ec, F, GStd, Ger, M (AS)
Shea R J	A&D, BStd, GStd, M
Sleeman T D	B, C, GStd, M
Smith O D	Comp, Ec, GStd, M
Smith T A N	Ec, GStd, RStd, ELang (AS)
Solomon N J	H, RStd
South J D	BStd, Ger, H
Spencer J P	BStd, GStd, RStd, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Spicer J E	GStd, G, Geol, C (AS), Ec (AS)
Stewart D M	B, ELang, GStd, Ec (AS), IT (AS)
Sumner A G T	B, C, GStd, H
Swain D	BStd, Comp, GStd
Swain K A	Comp, M

Appendix 2 Examination Results

Sweetzer J W	BStd, GStd, G, ELang (AS)
Sztukowski P J	H, RStd, ELang (AS), IT (AS)
Tibbles O J	BStd, Comp, GStd, G
Tunwell M R	B, C, GStd, G
Unterhalter A J D	E, GStd, G, H
Ward D A	Ec, E, GStd, H
Ward N A	E, GStd, H, RStd, Phil (AS)
Watkinson E	E, GStd, B (AS), G (AS)
Webster R M	BStd, GStd, H
Westcott M J	E, GStd, G, H, G&P (AS)
Westwood M J	C, GStd, Geol, M
Whiteley B J	Comp, GStd
Wilkinson R R	B, C, GStd, M
Wills E W	B, C, GStd, M
Wilson R J R	B, C, GStd, M, FM (AS)
Woodcock S F	B, C, GStd, Geol
Woon E	E, GStd, ELang (AS), Phil (AS)
Yarwood J F	B, C, GStd, M
Yates M S	Ec, GStd, H, M, IT (AS)

Year 12

Crabstick B J	CIC (AS)
Fox T S W	CIC (AS)
Kail A L	CIC (AS)
Phillips A M	CIC (AS)

GCSE Results 1999

OCR, NEAB and SEG Examinations

Key: A&D: Art & Design; B: Biology; C: Chemistry; CDT(GP): CDT Graphic Products; CDT(RM): CDT Resistant Materials; CDT(S&C): CDT Systems & Controls; D: Drama & Theatre Arts; E: English Language; EL: English Literature; F: French; G: Geography; Ger: German; H: History; IT: Information Technology; L: Latin; M: Mathematics; Mu: Music; P: Physics; RE: Religious Education; Sc: Science Dual Award; U: Ukrainian.

The following candidates gained grades A-C:

11PI

Agro E	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)
Alexander P J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)
Bamber M J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Baskeyfield D A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, Mu
Batchelor M J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Beattie M D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Childs J C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Collins A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
Evans J M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Gladman E J A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, RE
Greer R P B	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
Hart S D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(GP)
Hussain F	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G
Knowles C D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Moss crop C D T	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Parnell N J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
Robson A A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Seden P T	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT(S&C)
Sztukowski D M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Williamson A S V ..	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)

11TJA

Bruce A J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, Mu
Carrier M L	E, EL, M, H, G, CDT(S&C)
Clapham E K	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, RE
Davies T J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(GP)
Fowler A R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
Gregory C O	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT(GP)
Halle J A	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)
Hobbs M J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Hunt M S	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(GP)
Lomas D N J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, CDT(S&C)
Lomax J C	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, CDT(S&C)
Mehta P N	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, D
Ogden R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Oxford A P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
Rider A W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT(S&C)
Russell J P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)
Shaw D J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, RE
Warren R S	E, EL, M, B, C, F, G, D
Wish T J	E, EL, M, B, P, H, G
Yearsley J I	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D

11JDN

Adams N M P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, G, A&D
Beech J F	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, Mu
Bowers D W	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
Byers T D	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(S&C)
Clarke C M	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D, CDT(S&C)
Deane H	E, EL, M, B, C
Hart R J	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G
Keep J P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
Lahiri M J	E, EL, M, B, CDT(GP)
McAlhone R	E, EL, M, C, P, RE
Poulter D R	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
Robinson B M	E, EL, M, B, C, Ger, G, A&D
Small N P	E, M, B, C, F, A&D
Worsley R P	E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(S&C)

11RGD

Barringer N	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, G, CDT(GP)
Bilski M J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, A&D
Bray T G	E, EL, M, Sc, L, H, RE
Cooper G M	E, EL, H, A&D
Dodd J	E, EL, M, Sc, U, F, Ger, G, A&D
Hart J J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Humphrey N	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, L, H, G
Lamba R	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
Lewis D C	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
Lodge P J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
McAuliffe R J	E, EL, Sc, F, H, RE, D
McGuire A J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
Morley O J	E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G
Nagle M J	E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, D
Pickup G W D	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
Redfern J L	E, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
Wallen A F	E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, A&D, CDT(GP)
Webster S M	E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, A&D, CDT(GP)

11PRMM

Blackshaw M A	E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, RE, D
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Darch A R E, M, Sc, F, L, G, D
 Ellis J W E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
 Fidler A J E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, G
 Halewood A C E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
 Henderson A E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G
 Hewitt J A H E, EL, M, Sc, F, RE, A&D
 Hodson R P E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, CDT(GP)
 Howell C E E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Oppenheim L P E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, D
 Robertson M T E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, A&D
 Shaw J W E, EL, Sc, F, H, G, D
 Slater J A E, M, D
 Webb T H E, M, F, Ger
 Wheetman H M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H

11NCJR

Anderson M G E, EL, Sc, F, D
 Coulthard S J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, RE
 Duffy J A O E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, G, RE
 Gleaves D J E, EL, H, RE, D
 Hawkwood T G E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, RE, A&D
 Hutter J W E, EL, M, F, H, G, RE
 Jones E N E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, RE
 Leigh J M E, EL, Sc, F, G, RE, A&D
 Porter J A E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE, D
 Sharlis R N E, M, Ger, G, D
 Spencer I J E, M
 Taylor A D E, EL, D
 Westwood R J E, EL, M, Sc, H, A&D

11DG

Adams J L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
 Baker K L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
 Barker J M E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
 Betton A M E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Betts A T E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
 Bhatti F N E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Bradbrook M G E.. E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, Mu
 Corden N R E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, A&D
 Howarth A D E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, A&D
 Law R L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
 Lomax L L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Mason A K E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H
 Mayo J E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
 Morris R L E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, CDT(RM)
 Pepper N R E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
 Rhodes C A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, D
 Ritchie K L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
 Stamp N R E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
 Steele A L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H, G
 Swift M F E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, H, A&D
 Thorp E A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, CDT(RM)
 Tunwell R H E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D

11LB

Allen J L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
 Allen K L E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, H
 Allman L E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, A&D
 Ashworth K D E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
 Bullivent A C E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, CDT(RM)
 Burston N D E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, H

Garner K J E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
 Garton G V A E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, G, A&D
 Ham L Y E, EL, Ger, H, A&D
 Hughes R D E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, RE, Mu
 Hussain A A E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
 Kirk R M E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, L, G
 Pilkington J L E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
 Potts E E E, EL, M, B, C, P, F, Ger, G
 Robertson L J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, G, A&D
 Smith N K E, M, C, F, Ger
 Summersgill N E, EL, Ger, G
 Wheeldon V J E, EL, M, B, C, P, Ger, H, G
 Worth L B E, EL, M, B, C, F, H, G

11DJK

Barber L C E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Bradbury H J E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, RE
 Broadbent D M E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, CDT(RM)
 Caulfield R M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, A&D
 Dew J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Etchells G R E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, D
 Harding A M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, RE
 Mills C S E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, RE, Mu
 Moroney J M M E, EL, M, Sc, F, H, D, Mu
 Slavin L J E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
 Smalley B K E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, D, Mu
 Swift H A E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, A&D, Mu
 Varney S E E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, A&D, Mu
 Wills B E E, EL, M, Sc, F, L, H, A&D

11NJC

Basford G M E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, Mu
 Distefano M C E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, A&D, D
 Edwards N J E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, G
 Gray K F E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE, A&D
 Irlam L A E, EL, M, Ger, H, D
 Jafar-Pisheh F H E, EL, M, Sc, G, RE, A&D
 Johnstone E L E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, RE, CDT(RM)
 Kelsey V L E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, D
 Kirby J A E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, RE
 McAllister G C E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, H, G, A&D
 Pagano N E, EL, M, Sc, F, G, D
 Riseley C E E, EL, M, Sc, Ger, G, RE, A&D
 Wetton Z L E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, H, D
 Wilford S V E, EL, M, Sc, F, Ger, G, D

Year 10

Armstead A S L
 Bailey S M L
 Cartmel R J L, IT
 Clifford B J L
 Lee A B L
 Li O M L L
 McDonnell A R W . L
 Owen L F L
 Potter P J L
 Sear I C L
 Walsh G H J L
 Whatmough M P ... L
 Williams J J L

Year 9

Malins Y D A F

Pupils admitted to Higher Education 1999

<i>Name</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Adams P B	London Imperial University	Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Aldcroft A R	Oxford, Exeter College	Maths & Computation
Allday C E	Nottingham Trent University	Business Studies
Allen J M	Re-applying	
Anderton M P N	Edinburgh University	Chemistry
Ashcroft O E	Essex University (2000)	Computer Science
Ashton B V	Staffordshire University	Interactive Multimedia
Ashworth H J	Sheffield University	Materials Science & Engineering
Attoh J	Leeds University	Textile Management
Axon R L	Re-sitting	
Bagshaw K E	Re-applying	
Ballarini L	Durham University (Van Mildart)	Geology & Geophysics
Barringer C	Nottingham University	Medicine
Basnett G R	UCL	English
Beech A D	Northumbria University	Economics & German
Borshik A	Edinburgh University (2000)	Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science
Bradley J A	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies
Brocklehurst D W	Durham University (Van Mildart)	Social Sciences
Bromley N D A	Nottingham University	Chemistry
Brooks J M Q	Nottingham University	Economics
Bush A J	Aberystwyth University (2000)	Business Studies
Bush S E	Edinburgh University	Pharmacology
Byrom D E	Edinburgh University	Computer Science
Callaghan J L	London St George's	Medicine
Challiner S M	Lancaster University	Business Studies
Clarke L C	Cambridge, Magdalene College	English
Clarke J A	Lancaster University	Physics
Constantinis A M	Hull University	Marine Biology
Cox Z	Plymouth University	Biological Sciences
Cross A I	Liverpool University	Chemistry with Oceanography
Dafforn R J	Cambridge, Queens' College	Economics
Dale D W	Oxford, Christ Church College	History
Daniels R J A	Liverpool John Moores (2000)	Business Studies
Davies E L R	Newcastle University	English Literature
Davies L G	Stirling University	Psychology
Dicken S J	Hull University	Business Studies
Dobson E E	Bristol University	Law
Eden-Green O B	Sheffield University	English Literature
Edwards M P J	Re-applying	
Emslie R J	Keele University	Criminology & Law
Farrar D R	Stirling University	Economics & Management

Appendix 4 Higher Education

Flynn A T	Cambridge, Sidney Sussex (2000)	Natural Sciences
Friday A C	Falmouth College of Art	Journalism Studies
George W M	Birmingham University	Geology
Goodsell M D	Oxford, Hertford College	Physics
Grant T A	Kent University	English & American Literature
Grattan M J N	Bangor University	Management & German
Greenwood R J P	Warwick University	Computer Science
Grimes T E	Leeds University	Physiology
Haboubi S H	Exeter University	Cognitive Science
Halman M R	Greenwich University	International Business Studies
Ham A A	King's College London	Medicine
Harle V R	York University	English Language & Linguistics
Harrison D R	Aston University	International Business Management
Hart P M	Durham University (Collingwood)	Natural Sciences
Heap R J	Lancaster University (2000)	History
Higgins A S	Stirling University	Accounting & Business Studies
Hirst C R	Re-applying	
Huggins L	Hull University	Sociology & Social Anthropology
Irwin R T	Manchester University	Spanish & Catalan
Jepson A B	Sheffield Hallam University	Business Studies & Management
Johnson G J	Durham University	Geology
Johnson T M	Warwick University	History
Kane A I O	LSE	Economics & Economic History
Ketley M A R	Employment	
Leeson J A	Central Lancashire University	English Language Studies
Li K W	Hong Kong	Computing
Livesley J	Oxford, Magdalen College	History
Livesley S M J	York University	Biology
Mairs G J	Hull University	German
Manwaring S D I	Luton University	Geology
Mashedier T J	Edinburgh University	Biological Sciences
Mason S A	Oxford, Brasenose College	History
McAulay D C	Durham University (Collingwood)	Molecular Biology & Biochemistry
McGaul P E	Swansea University (2000)	English
McNamara M M	Heythrop College	Philosophy & Theology
McVitie D J	Nottingham University	Chemistry
Mir A R U	Cardiff University (2000)	Math
Mitchell J P	Cambridge, Robinson College	Natural Sciences
Montaldo M A	Leeds University	Environmental Management
Orme J A J	Leeds University	Law
Ostrowski M	Hull University	Psychology
Park C I	Leeds University	History
Petty T C J	Edinburgh University	Medicine
Price N J	Stockport College (2000)	Art Foundation

Reid A S	Manchester University	Law
Riach D J	Re-sitting	
Richbell M J	Stirling University (2000)	Business Studies
Rider J T	Oxford, Brasenose College	Chemistry
Riley J M	Leeds Metropolitan University	Business & Finance
Ritchie J P	Sheffield University	Medicine
Robinson A D	Re-applying	
Sahni K	Sheffield Hallam University (2000)	Software Engineering
Savage O T	Newcastle University	Maths
Scott A R	Leicester University (2000)	French & Italian
Seaborn M D	Nottingham University	Biology
Selbie I J	Newcastle University	Town Planning
Senn M E	Nottingham University (2000)	Economics with German
Shea R J	Manchester Metropolitan University	Art Foundation
Sleeman T D	Oxford, Exeter College	Biochemistry
Smith O D	Nottingham Trent University	Estate Surveying
Smith T A N	Salford University (2000)	Audio Technology
Solomon N J	Manchester Metropolitan University	Clothing
South J D	Aston University	German & Business Administration
Spencer J P	Aston University	IT for Business
Spicer J E	Edinburgh University	Geology & Physical Geography
Stewart D M	Essex University	Information Management Systems
Sumner A G T	Leeds University	Law
Swain D	Lancaster University	Computer Science
Swain K A	BUWE	Business Decision Analysis
Sweetzer J W	Staffordshire University (2000)	Sport & Leisure Management
Sztukowski P J	Cardiff University	European Business Management
Tibbles O J	Huddersfield University	Multimedia Design
Tunwell M R	Edinburgh University (2000)	Geography
Unterhalter A J D	Durham University (Hatfield)	Geography
Ward D A	Leeds University	History
Ward N A	Durham University (Grey)	Philosophy
Watkinson E	Re-sitting	
Webster R M	Re-applying	
Westcott M J	Durham University (St Cuthbert's)	History
Westwood M J	Oxford Brookes University	Hotel & Restaurant Management
Whiteley B J	Employment	
Wilkinson R R	Dundee University	Medicine
Wills E W	Sheffield University	Architecture
Wilson R J R	Re-applying	
Woodcock S F	Newcastle University	Dentistry
Woon E	Hull University	Philosophy
Yarwood J F	Liverpool University (2000)	Veterinary Science
Yates M S	Durham University (Van Mildart)	Economics

Autumn Term 1998

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Jonathan Aitken	12KS	Clarinet	6 Merit
David Illingworth	8BE	Guitar	5 Pass
Alastair Bream	7RG	Saxophone	1 Distinction
Michael Ashworth	10DTB	Trumpet	5 Pass
Stephen Webb	9PME	Saxophone	2 Pass
Jonathan Mitchell	13CPH	Flute	8 Merit
Andrew Watts	7COD	Saxophone	1 Pass
Matthew Batchelor	11PI	Viola	6 Pass
Matthew Beattie	11PI	Trumpet	5 Pass

Girls' Division

Nicola Roper	8RSH	Trombone	2 Merit
Millie Hornsey	7TGN	Saxophone	3 Merit
Roslyn Gathercole	8CEK	Piano	3 Merit
Sarah Potter	8CEK	Bassoon	3 Merit
Charlotte Allan	8SG	Bassoon	2 Pass
Helen Wood	7TGN	Flute	4 Merit
Amy Broom	9KG	Saxophone	4 Merit
Kate Owens	8CEK	Saxophone	1 Merit
Abigail Bradbrook	9CHB	Viola	1 Pass
Suzanne Adams	7CH	Flute	3 Pass
Jayne Armstrong	8SG	Piano	2 Pass
Sara Christmas	9KG	Flute	4 Merit
Vicky Weaver	10SM	Clarinet	5 Pass

Junior Division

Ben Illingworth	6K	Clarinet	2 Merit
Matthew Dunne	6C	Viola	1 Pass
Holly Crossley	6K	Saxophone	2 Merit
Ben Wakeham	6S	Violin	1 Merit
Edward Beesley	5M	Trombone	3 Distinction

In addition the following children took the preparatory test on the piano:

George Tuffin	5S
Harriet Burgess	5S
Max Williamson	3S
Callum Roxborough	6C
Rebecca Hawkes	7TGN
Christian Bridge	4

Highest marks awarded to Edward Beesley 5M for Grade 3 Trombone – 135.

Theory Results

Sixth Form Division

Name	Grade
Juliet McLeod	5 Pass

Boys' Division

Tim Egerton	5 Pass
Tim Ferguson	5 Pass
Robert Hart	5 Pass
David Illingworth	5 Pass
Yannick Malins	5 Pass

Girls' Division

Kate Baker	5 Distinction
Sara Christmas	5 Pass

Junior Division

Ben Arnold	1 Pass
Alex Howick	2 Pass
Victoria Richards	2 Pass

Spring Term 1999

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade
Tim Reynolds	7GT	Saxophone	1 Merit
William Roberts	12FW	Piano	5 Distinction
Alan Wood	8PW	Trombone	1 Merit
William Roberts	12FW	Percussion	8 Distinction
David Johnson	7GT	Piano	1 Distinction
Oliver Jones	12JEP	Piano	8 Merit
Jonathan Barnett	8JRH	Piano	1 Pass
Edward Coxson	12FW	Flute	8 Distinction
David Botham	12THA	Flute	8 Distinction
Natasha Lyons	12GDT	Flute	4 Pass
Michelle Williams	12FW	Flute	5 Pass
Ben Clifford	10DTB	Trumpet	8 Distinction
Allan Williamson	11PI	Clarinet	6 Merit
Alex Wilson	10DMH	Saxophone	4 Merit
George Laughton	9ALv	French Horn	6 Distinction

Girls' Division

Eleanor Betton	9CHB	Trombone	2 Pass
Chloe Mather	7TGN	Piano	2 Distinction
Kate Baker	11DG	Saxophone	6 Merit

Appendix 6 Music Examinations

Sophie Panton	7AMS	Violin	1 Pass
Hannah Shaw	7CH	Flute	3 Distinction
Anna Steele	11DG	Flute	7 Pass
Laura Flint	7CH	Flute	3 Merit
Rosie Childs	9MPF	Piano	6 Merit
Sarah Frankish	8CEK	Piano	1 Merit
Emma Massey	8CEK	Clarinet	2 Merit
Jennifer Jones	8SG	Clarinet	4 Pass
Kate Baker	11DG	French Horn	2 Pass
Lucy Powell	8RSH	Clarinet	2 Merit
Philippa Harrison	9CHB	Saxophone	2 Merit

Junior Division

Rebecca Stanford	6S	Flute	3 Distinction
Victoria Richards	6K	Piano	1 Merit
Francesca Walsh	5S	Clarinet	2 Pass
Francesca Walsh	5S	Piano	1 Merit
Kay Doncom	6M	Saxophone	2 Merit
Jessica Berry	4K	Saxophone	1 Pass

Nicola Eardley	7TGN	Singing	3 Merit
Rebecca Lea	8RSH	Singing	5 Distinction
Victoria Williams	10GG	Saxophone	4 Pass
Roslyn Gathercole	8CEK	Saxophone	3 Merit

Junior Division

Duncan Howsley	6S	Piano	1 Merit
Michael Wong	5K	Piano	1 Pass
Nicholas Petty	6M	Cornet	4 Pass
Petter Tutton	5K	Trumpet	2 Pass
Robert Brooks	5K	Trumpet	1 Pass
Tom Bamford	5S	Trumpet	3 Pass
Sammie Hopper	6C	Flute	2 Merit
Michelle Greaves	6K	Flute	2 Pass
Lucy Hutchings	4S	Singing	2 Pass
David Kennerley	6C	Clarinet	4 Pass
Alex Howick	6C	Piano	1 Merit
Katy Massey	6M	Piano	1 Distinction
Edward Beesley	5M	Piano	3 Distinction
Anika Bulcock	6C	Violin	2 Pass

Summer Term 1999

Associated Board Practical Examinations

Sixth Form and Boys' Division

<i>Name</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Mark Greaves	12DCH	Piano	7 Pass
Yannick Malins	9ALv	Piano	4 Merit
William Newham	8PW	Trumpet	5 Merit
Matthew Tindall	8BE	Guitar	1 Merit
Andrew Aldcroft	13MA	Singing	8 Distinction
Myles Booth	9ALv	Saxophone	2 Merit
Charles Davenport	10KLP	Saxophone	4 Pass
David Botham	12THA	Saxophone	8 Merit
John Rees	9SHS	Guitar	3 Pass
Richard Caswell	12GL	Tuba	8 Pass
Matthew Richards	7MH	Clarinet	2 Pass

Girls' Division

Jennifer Jones	8SG	Piano	2 Merit
Helen Matthews	7AMS	Cornet	3 Merit
Sarah Greenhough	8SG	Oboe	2 Distinction
Rachel Eckersley	8SG	Flute	2 Pass
Catherine Higham	9CHB	Flute	2 Pass
Naomi Mortimer	8RSH	Flute	5 Pass
Gayle Parks	8RSH	Flute	2 Pass
Sally Heaton	9MPF	Flute	1 Distinction
Jenny Swinden	8CEK	Flute	3 Pass

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

Distinctions in Public Examinations

A & AS level Pupils with three As

E E Dobson	M Johnson	M D Seaborn
A T Flynn	A I O Kane	M E Senn
R J P Greenwood	AS Reid	T D Sleeman
A A Ham	J T Rider	

Pupils with four As

P B Adams	P M Hart	N A Ward
G R Basnett	S A Mason	M J Westcott
L C Clarke	D C McAulay	R J R Wilson
D W Dale	J P Ritchie	

Pupils with five As

A R Aldcroft	R J Dafforn	J P Mitchell
C Barringer	M D Goodsell	T C J Petty
J M Q Brooks	J Livesley	

GCSE - Pupils with at least eight A/As*

J L Adams	J Dew	R J Ogden
K L Baker	M C Distefano	G W D Pickup
M J Bamber	G R Etchells	K L Ritchie
L C Barber	J M Evans	P T Seden
J M Barker	A D Howarth	L J Slavin
D A J Baskeyfield	N Humphrey	N R Stamp
M J Batchelor	C D Knowles	H A Swift
M D Beattie	D C Lewis	D M Sztukowski
A M Betton	L L Lomax	R H Tunwell
A T Betts	A K Mason	S E Varney
M J Bilski	C S Mills	A S V Williamson
D M Broadbent	R L Morris	B E Wills
J C Childs	C D T Moss crop	

King's School Awards

T U Brocklehurst Awards	T C J Petty
	J Livesley
	A R Aldcroft
W D Brocklehurst Awards	J P Mitchell
	A J D Unterhalter
F D Brocklehurst Awards	P M Hart
	M R Tunwell
William Barnett Award	K E Bagshaw
Pearson Award	R J Dafforn
Goodlad Dobson Award	L C Clarke

Special Prizes

Headmaster's Prize	T C J Petty
Former Pupils' Association Awards	T J Masheder
	M J Westcott

Development Trust Scholarships

Major Scholarships

	<i>Project Title</i>
B J Blundell	Modelling the human brain: how close are we to making intelligent machines?
D L Botham	The Birth Narratives: fact or theology?
T J Ferguson	Yugoslavia; the break-up explored
C P Gartside	The Chemistry of colour
M M Greaves	A Study of Jane Austen's Views on Marriage
J A Howard	Digital technology
F R Jackson	Spiel, Satz und Sieg
C E Jones	Is marriage relevant in a modern society?

A L Kail	What are the causes of anorexia nervosa?
T A Lloyd	The vice of Shakespearean villains
C J Orford	The Internet – the ultimate revolution?
E A E Patey-Ford	"The wronged duke of Milan": Prospero and colonialism
J W Percival	Can we mimic the mind?
A M Phillips	Edith Piaf
L L B Southern	Appearing to impress
R J Tighe	Teleworking: is this the future?
J I Triggs	Chaos Theory and its applications

Scholarships

J M Aitken	Fibre optic cables
N J Battersby	Gene therapy
R K Betton	Alzheimer's Disease and the brain
A J S Bexon	The History of the Atom
S C Brady	"Into the Valley of Death". Was it worth it?
D M Capper	Is Marks and Spencer in trouble or not?
J T M Coates	Can we still believe what we see in photographs?
E C Coxson	Tuberculosis: the return of an old nemesis
M P Frederick	Gravity
A L Hibbert	How did it begin? How will it end?
S J E Ketley	Can we justify genetic engineering?
N C Lyons	Women's rights: the struggle for suffrage
A E McKeating	Are bacteriophages the answer to today's failing antibiotics?
I J Pardo	Something about Soya
A M Quartermaine	Seizing the Synoptics
G K Raja Ratnam	The illusion of special effects revealed
M L Tinker	Neonatology
D P Tredwen	Should Britain introduce the Euro?
M White	The Ancients' quest for the perfection of architectural form
G E Williams	The consequences of the implementation of a bill of rights
J L Williams	Tigers!! Where are they now?
K J Williams	Mars: the next frontier?
J M Woodcock	Marks and Spencer; past, present and future

Commended

O R Barber	Racism
R F R Bradfield	Is Man still evolving?
S E Fullaway	Gustav Holst
R Montgomery	BSB and R Murdoch: Too great an influence over football?
H Skidmore	Why man is dog's best friend
J L Southall	How important is the role of Friends for Leisure in people's life?
E L Swindlehurst	Technology: help or hindrance?
N K Verna	Resurgence of the Balkan nightmare

School Prizes (all age groups)

Maimi Wright (Computing)	A C Friday
Ben Davies (Poetry)	M F Swift
	J E Mayo
Selwyn Russell Jones Sports	M R Tunwell

Upper School Prizes

Art (Selwyn Russell Jones)	K E Bagshaw
Biology	T C J Petty
	A A Ham
Business Studies	K E Bagshaw
Chemistry	J P Mitchell
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	N A Ward
Economics (Canon F W Paul)	J M Q Brooks
English Language	G R Basnett
English Literature	L C Clarke
French (William Broster)	J Livesley
General Studies (T B Cartwright)	K W Mosedale
Geography	M J Westcott
Geology	G J Johnson
German (J O Nicholson)	A R Scott
History (C A Bradley)	J Livesley
Mathematics: Mechanics	J T Rider
Mathematics: Statistics	J P Ritchie
Mathematics Double	A R Aldcroft
Music	T C J Petty
Philosophy	N A Ward
Physics	M D Goodsell
Senior Choral	J Livesley
Senior Orchestral	T C J Petty
Simon Schuler Trophy	J T M Coates
Theatre Arts	Z Sawas

Middle School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Biology	D A J Baskeyfield
CDT (Graphic Products)	S D Hart
CDT (Technology)	P T Seden
Chemistry	A S V Williamson
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	E K Clapham
Dual Science	N Humphrey
English	D C Lewis
French	D M Sztukowski
Geography	S D Hart
German	D A J Baskeyfield
History	N Humphrey
Latin	N Humphrey
Mathematics	J M Evans
Music	D A J Baskeyfield
Physics	P T Seden
Theatre Arts	D C Lewis

Middle School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Macclesfield High School	
'Best All-Rounder' Cup	J M Barker
Art & Design	D M Broadbent
Biology	A M Betton
CDT (Resistant Materials)	R L Morris
Chemistry	K L Baker
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	L J Slavin

Dual Award Science	J Dew
English	L J Slavin
French	K L Ritchie
Geography	R H Tunwell
German	J Dew
History	L C Barber
Latin	A T Betts
	L L Lomax
Mathematics	J L Adams
Music	H A Swift
Physics	A M Betton
Theatre Arts	J E Mayo

Lower School Prizes (Boys' Division)

Junior Choral	D M Illingworth
Junior Orchestral	B J Clifford

Lower School Prizes (Girls' Division)

Junior Choral	R J Lea
Junior Orchestral	S F Potter

Form Prizes (Boys' Division)

10DTB	B J Clifford
10JAD	T R M Egerton
10DMH	J M Gartside
10JRP	J J Williams
10PJP	S M Frame
10KLP	T A Davenport
9PME	E A Barker
9PFH	R L H Cowan
9ALv	S J Owens
9SHS	K Y D Ming
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	R L H Cowan
8BE	D M Illingworth
8JRH	C D Richards
8PW	M D Beardmore
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	M D Beardmore
7RG	T W Daniel
7MH	R A Madden
7COD	R A Barker
7GT	D R Johnson
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	D R Johnson

Form Prizes (Girls' Division)

F10SEB	D J Heap
F10VCo	S R Cornes
F10LF	L M Legg
F10GG	H Gledhill
F10SM	H S Roberts
F9CHB	P L Harrison
F9KG	L J Phillips
F9MPF	K M L Henry
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	E V Gilroy
F8SG	N Hasbullah
F8RSH	V E Trotter
F8CEK	H E Harrison
Divinity (Thorneycroft)	J H Seddon
F7CH	P Andr�ewitch
F7TGN	J M Gokhale

Appendix 5 Awards & Prizes

F7AMS S T Mahmood
Divinity (Thornecroft) V J Howarth

Year 10 Research Projects (Boys' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project Title</i>
R P Burns	UFOs
S M Frame	A Glance Behind
J T C Petty	Extreme Sports and Societies' Reaction to them

Awards

R J Dooley	Sports
J M Gartside	In touch: the History of Rugby – a personal view
J C Levitt	Space Exploration
A P Murphy	Brass Instruments & their Uses
A C Quas-Cohen	The Millennium Bug
A P Wilson	Golf. Not just a Sport but a Religion

Highly Commended

A C Davenport	How Fencing has evolved into the Sport that it has today
A J Geake	Controlling River Systems
M A U Malik	Medical Emergencies

Year 10 Research Projects (Girls' Division)

Major Awards

	<i>Project Title</i>
P E Bestley	Dyslexia 'Through the glass darkly'
S Dale	Endangered Species and Habitats
M J Day	Alzheimer's Disease – Living with the Enemy
H G L Hardill	Nuclear Fusion
R L-A Lamb	Black Holes
L M Legg	The significant changes in Britain following the Second World War
G A C Thomas	Women Through the Ages
V J Williams	The She Pope, fact or fiction?

Awards

J V Ball	Hitler
K D Caldwell	Twisted Science
A S Coates	The Universe
L A Hindle	A Hungarian Rhapsody
S L Lloyd	Islamaphobia
L A Lohman	The Fox Terrier
A L Thompson	Dyslexia: Fact or Fashion?
V C Weaver	In the Beginning...

Highly Commended

E G Bowers	Cryonics – Can Science Fiction become Science Fact?
S J Murphy	Dolphin Research
A R Percival	The Fashion Revolution
S Ukhayat	Can there ever be peace in Northern Ireland?
S Wilkinson	The History of Ancient Egypt

Other Prizes

Robert Batchelor Prizes

E J H Cowan
A J Rosson
M S Dunne

Junior Division Prizes

Subject Prizes (Y6 only)

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Prizewinner</i>
English: Reading	P L Edwards
English: Speaking	A Howick
English: Writing	S K Barber
Mathematics	N K Bridge
Science	K E B Doncom
Geography	J F Crawley
History	H M A Walsh
French	W J J Soutter
Art	V A E Richards
Music	B J Illingworth
Technology	K E Massey
Information Technology	D T North
Religious Education	R J Stanford
Physical Education	A M Dempsey
Swimming	F O Barker
Games: Boys	T J Parfett-Manning
Games: Girls	A Bulcock

Form Prizes

First Form Prize

6K	M D Greaves
6S	D J E Howsley
6M	K E B Doncom
6C	D T Kennerley
5K	D L A Hall
5S	A L Cotterill
5M	M D Jackson
4K	C G Bridge
4S	E K Middleton
3K	J C C Marshall
3S	S Gales

Second Form Prize

5K	P M Tutton
5S	B W Parton
5M	P A Rooney
4K	J B Edwards
4S	J P Marsden
3K	S P Hopping
3S	M A Reeves

Endeavour Prize

6K	A Williams*
6S	C S L Smith*
6M	A C Wallis*
6C	E J French*
5K	J D Newham
5S	L M Hollis
5M	A C Macleod
4K	J R Woods
4S	N Kennedy
3K	Z E Johnson
3S	K A Baker

* denotes Broome Endeavour Prize

Ridings Best All-Rounder Prize: Nicholas Petty

Junior Division Scholarships

Two Junior Division pupils gained outstanding success in the 11+ Entrance Examination. Both Kay Doncom and David Kennerley were awarded scholarships on the basis of their excellent performances at 11+.

Rugby Results

1st XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
RGS Lancaster	Lost	12	15
KES Aston	Won	22	21
QEGS Wakefield	Won	14	12
Manchester GS	Lost	14	16
Woodhouse Grove	Won	25	19
St Ambrose College	Won	39	5
Dulwich College	Won	31	7
Bolton (DMC)	Won	64	10
Newcastle HS	Won	24	3
Crossley Heath (DMC)	Won	28	5
Wirral GS	Lost	6	23
Kirkham GS	Lost	14	40
Birkenhead	Won	29	27
Arnold	Cancelled		
Rydal	Won	34	12
Adam's GS, Newport	Won	16	7
KES Lytham	Lost	5	8
Merchant Taylors' (DMC)	Won	12	5
Bradford GS	Lost	0	31
St Edward's College, Liverpool...	Lost	12	15
QEGS Wakefield (DMC)	Lost	0	15
Merchant Taylors'	Cancelled		
Stockport GS	Cancelled		

2nd XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
RGS Lancaster	Won	17	6
King Edward VI GS Aston	Won	17	3
QEGS Wakefield	Won	59	0
Manchester GS	Won	55	28
Woodhouse Grove School	Won	15	0
St Ambrose College	Won	50	0
Newcastle HS	Won	44	0
Wirral GS	Won	22	13
Kirkham GS	Lost	7	27
Birkenhead School	Won	24	14
Rydal School	Won	46	12
Adam's GS	Won	20	5
KES Lytham	Won	51	0
Bradford GS	Won	19	0
St Edward's, Liverpool	Won	18	0
Stockport GS	Won	13	0

3rd XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Won	17	5
King Edward VI GS Aston	Won	61	5
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	0	51
Stockport GS	Won	29	5
Manchester GS	Lost	0	45
Woodhouse Grove School	Drawn	7	7
Wirral GS	Won	20	3
Kirkham GS	Won	30	12
Birkenhead School	Won	55	7
Arnold School	Cancelled		
Rydal School	Cancelled		
Adam's GS	Lost	0	33
Bradford GS	Won	31	5
Merchant Taylors'	Won	12	0

U15 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
RGS Lancaster	Won	14	0
KES Aston	Won	41	3
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	8	14
Manchester GS	Won	19	14
Woodhouse Grove	Won	20	0
Lymm HS*	Won	52	0
St Ambrose	Won	51	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	42	0
Wirral GS	Won	23	7
Calday Grange*	Lost	23	36
Birkenhead	Won	33	5
Adams GS	Won	45	0
KES Lytham	Won	24	10
Bradford GS	Won	55	0
St Edward's	Won	20	12
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	0	27
Stockport GS	Won	32	5

* Daily Mail Cup (National U15 Competition)

U15 B XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
RGS Lancaster	Lost	0	27
Manchester GS	Won	36	14
St Ambrose	Won	53	0
Wirral GS	Lost	0	25
Kirkham	Won	41	0
Adams GS	Lost	7	38
KES Lytham	Won	60	0
Merchant Taylors'	Won	5	0

U14 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	0	27
KES Aston	Won	12	5
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	0	65
Manchester GS	Lost	7	67
Woodhouse Grove	Lost	10	15
St Ambrose	Lost	0	58
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Lost	0	27
Wirral GS	Won	10	5
Kirkham GS	Won	5	0
Birkenhead	Lost	12	27
Arnold	Lost	10	25
St Bede's	Won	31	7
Adams GS	Lost	0	32
KES Lytham	Lost	14	28
Bradford GS	Lost	0	52
St Edward's, Liverpool	Cancelled		
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	5	12
Stockport GS	Lost	17	29

U14 B XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	0	32
Manchester GS	Lost	0	37
St Ambrose	Won	39	5
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	17	7
Arnold	Won	36	10
Adams GS	Lost	0	67
KES Lytham	Won	38	24
Bradford GS	Lost	0	40
Merchant Taylors'	Won	10	0

Appendix 7 Sports Results

U13 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	0	50
KES Aston	Won	22	15
QEGS Wakefield	Lost	5	37
Manchester GS	Lost	7	44
Woodhouse Grove	Lost	0	57
St Ambrose	Lost	0	22
King's School, Worcester	Lost	0	10
Wirral GS	Lost	5	44
Kirkham GS	Lost	0	32
Birkenhead	Lost	0	25
Arnold	Lost	21	24
St Bede's	Won	52	0
Rydal School	Cancelled		
Adams GS	Won	21	6
KES Lytham	Lost	5	36
Bradford GS	Lost	7	39
St Edward's, Liverpool	Won	55	0
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	12	20
Stockport GS	Won	36	12
Marple Hall HS	Cancelled		

Festival results

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	17	0
Adams GS	Won	36	0
Loughborough GS	Lost	0	16
Wirral GS	Won	17	7
Loughborough GS	Lost	5	24

U13 B XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Lancaster RGS	Lost	7	37
Manchester GS	Lost	14	24
St Ambrose	Lost	12	14
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	57	0
Wirral GS	Lost	22	26
Birkenhead School	Lost	12	17
Arnold	Won	48	0
Adams GS	Won	56	21
KES Lytham	Lost	12	25
Bradford GS	Lost	14	25
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	15	30

U12 A XV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Stockport GS	Won	7	5
St Ambrose	Lost	17	27
King's, Worcester	Won	50	5
Wirral GS	Lost	0	20
Kirkham GS	Won	17	7
Birkenhead	Won	32	0
Adam's GS	Won	24	7
Bradford GS	Lost	14	15
King Edward's, Lytham	Won	17	7
St Edward's	Won	36	0
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	14	35
Stockport GS	Lost	5	7
Manchester GS	Won	43	15

King's Festival

The U12's won the Festival without conceding a point, beating Newcastle-under-Lyme, Wirral Grammar School, King Henry, Coventry, Loughborough Grammar School and Adam's Grammar School.

Hockey Results

1st XI

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Knutsford HS	Lost	0	2
York HS (South Africa)	Lost	1	6
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	3	1
Hall Cross School	Lost	0	9
Caldy Grange GS	Drawn	1	1
Bablake School	Won	4	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	2	4
St Anselm's College	Won	4	0
Warwick School	Lost	0	5
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Lost	3	4
Cheadle Hulme	Won	2	1
Kobblers	Lost	4	6
Wirral GS	Lost	2	3
Liverpool College	Won	5	0
King Edward's School	Lost	1	3
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Lost	1	7
King William's College	Lost	2	3
Isle of Man U21	Lost	2	3
Repton School	Drawn	1	1
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	2	4
Birkenhead School	Won	3	0

Hockey Association National Youth Cup Cheshire County Finals

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Holmes Chapel HC (quarter-final)	Won	3	1
King's School, Chester (semi-final) ...	Lost	0	3

Taunton Biennial Tournament

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Warwick School	Drawn	1	1
Elizabeth College (Guernsey)	Lost	0	3
Caldy Grange GS	Drawn	2	2
Taunton School	Lost	0	3
Royal Belfast Academical Institute ..	Lost	0	3

1st XI Goalscorers

11 T Grant; 10 M Edwards; 8 J Gregory; 6 C Allday, A Robinson; 3 J Westcott; 1 M Yates, B Westcott, A Flynn, M Hobbs.

Representative Honours

North West U17 J Gregory
Cheshire U17 J Gregory, M Hobbs

School Colours

M Yates, J Westcott, C Allday, G Basnett

School Honours

Jonathan Sheard Memorial Shield for the Outstanding Player
(Joint Award):
M Yates, C Allday

Kemp Cup:

R Taylor

Matchmaker Cup (KSM Team of the Year):
U15 XI

Indoor Team Hockey Association National Youth Cup

North Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Knutsford HS	Lost	1	2
Sheffield HC	Lost	2	5
Hall Cross School	Lost	0	4

Taunton Biennial Tournament

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Royal Belfast Academical Institute ..	Won	2	0
Warwick School	Lost	0	3
Taunton School (3rd/4th play-off)	Drawn	2	2

Indoor Goalscorers

4 C Allday; 1 M Yates, B Westcott, J Gregory.

U16 XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Doncaster Hall Cross School	Won	7	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Lost	1	4
Knutsford HS	Won	2	1
Birkenhead School	Lost	3	5
Sandbach	Drawn	3	3
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Won	2	0
Birkenhead School	Won	2	1
Caldy Grange GS	Lost	3	7
Birkenhead School	Lost	0	5
Newcastle-under-Lyme School ...	Won	6	0
King Edward's, Birmingham	Won	6	2
Merchant Taylors' School	Drawn	2	2
Hazel Grove HS	Won	2	1
Repton School	Won	2	1
Wirral GS	Won	5	0
Weaverham HS	Drawn	3	3
Liverpool College	Lost	2	3
Weaverham HS	Lost	0	2

U16 Cheshire Youth Cup

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Bowdon Hockey Club (quarter-final)	Won	4	0
Knutsford HS (semi-final)	Lost	0	0

(4-5 strokes)

U16 XI Goalscorers

22 R McAuliffe; 9 M Hobbs; 7 J Yearsley; 5 T Byers; 3 E Clapham, J Porter; 2 J Hardman; 1 M Bamber, R Owen.

U15 XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Merchant Taylors' School	Won	3	2
Birkenhead School	Drawn	1	1
Hall Cross	Drawn	2	2
Hazel Grove	Drawn	1	1
Bablake School	Won	6	1
Newcastle GS	Won	7	0
Birkenhead School	Lost	1	7
Sandbach HS	Won	6	0
Caldy Grange	Lost	3	4
St Anselm's	Won	2	1
Mosslands	Won	1	0
Newcastle GS	Lost	1	3
Gloucester HC	Won	2	1
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	2	6
Repton	Lost	1	9

King William's	Won	4	1
Liverpool College	Won	5	4
Sandbach	Won	6	2

U14 XI

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	1	6
Knutsford	Won	4	0
Birkenhead	Drawn	0	0
Gloucester City	Lost	1	2
A team v Sandbach A team	Won	8	0
B team v Sandbach B team	Won	2	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Drawn	2	2
Birkenhead	Won	2	0
Birkenhead (Cup)	Lost	0	3
Knutsford	Won	2	0
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Won	1	0
Birkenhead (Cup Final)	Lost	0	1
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	1	6
Repton	Lost	0	9
Sandbach	Won	5	0
Wirral	Won	3	0

U14 XI Goalscorers

9 D Constantine; 6 S Parker, T Kirk; 4 M Grundy, C Westwood; 2 D Laird; 1 M Booth

U16 XI Girls

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Mount Carmel	Won	5	0
St Bede's (U18)	Lost	0	1
Tytherington	Draw	1	1
U16/17 v Denstone 2 nd XI	Won	1	0
St Edward's	Won	10	0
Lady Manners	Won	2	0
St Mark's, Argentina	Lost	0	6
St Edward's	Won	1	0
Knutsford	Won	3	1

Three cancelled/abandoned due to adverse weather.

U16 Area Tournament Winners

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Fairfield	Won	2	0
Upton Hall	Won	5	0
Heath School	Won	2	0
Mount Carmel	Won	1	0

U16 County Finals

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Lymm	Won	1	0
Woolston	Draw	0	0
Brine Leas	Won	2	0
Grange	Draw	0	0

County Champions

U15 XI Girls

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Tytherington	Won	6	0
Mount St Mary's	Won	4	1
Mount Carmel	Won	5	0
St Bede's	Lost	0	5
Denstone	Draw	2	2
Poynton (U18)	Won	3	0
Lady Manners	Won	1	0
St Edward's	Lost	0	1
Knutsford	Draw	0	0
Lady Manners	Lost	0	3
St Mark's, Argentina	Draw	1	1
NULS	Draw	1	1

Appendix 7 Sports Results

U14 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Tytherington	Won	5	0
Mount Carmel.....	Won	4	0
St Bede's	Won	3	0
Denstone	Won	3	0
Poynton	Won	1	0
Lady Manners	Won	3	0
St Edward's	Draw	1	1
Knutsford	Draw	0	0
Poynton	Won	3	0
NULS	Lost	1	2
Knutsford	Draw	0	0

Noordwijk Holland Tour

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Amstelveen	Lost	2	5
Leonidas	Lost	0	4

Tour Tournament

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Hulme U13 A team	Won	1	0
Hulme U13 B team	Won	1	0
King's U13	Draw	0	0
Hulme U14	Draw	0	0

U14 Tournament winners

Philippa Johnson – Most Improved Player

U14 Area Tournament winners

U14 County Finals fourth place

U13 XI Girls

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Tytherington	Won	1	0
Mount St Mary's.....	Won	6	0
Mount Carmel.....	Won	2	1
St Bede's	Won	4	1
Denstone	Won	3	2
Poynton	Won	3	0
Lady Manners	Won	3	1
St Edward's	Lost	1	3
Knutsford	Won	1	0
St Edward's	Lost	0	2
Mount Carmel.....	Won	1	0
Knutsford	Won	1	0

Noordwijk Holland Tour (Girls)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Amstelveen	Lost	2	5
Leonidas	Won	2	0

Tour Tournament

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Hulme Grammar U13 B team.....	Draw	0	0
Hulme Grammar U14.....	Won	1	0
King's U14	Draw	0	0
Hulme U13 A team	Lost	0	1

U13s won trophy for most attentive and obedient school.

Claire Percival – Most Improved Player.

Emma Massey – Commended.

Cricket Results

1st XI

<i>Opponent</i>	
William Hulme GS	Drawn King's 171-7 (E Bones 45) William Hulme 125-9
Arnold School	Won by 109 runs King's 247-7 (M Tunwell 100, J Duffy 47) Arnold 138 ao (R Lees 5-11, C Lester 3-12) Cheadle Hulme Won by 127 runs King's 204-4 (C Allday 59*, R Lees 52*) Cheadle Hulme 77 ao (T Davenport 4-12, T Isherwood 4-32)
Stockport GS	Won by 3 wickets Stockport 121-9 (T Smith 3-22) King's 126-7 (R Lees 45*)
Merchant Taylors'	Drawn King's 253-8 (M Tunwell 109, C Allday 40) Merchant Taylors' 130-4 (A Sharp 3-16)
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Drawn (rain) King's 215 ao (R Lees 47, R Emslie 42, M Tunwell 30) Newcastle 103-2
Nottingham HS	Won by 5 wickets Nottingham 166-9 (A Sharp 4-47, R Lees 3-37) King's 171-5 (J Duffy 60*, C Allday 40*, R Emslie 35)
Lancaster RGS	Drawn (rain) Lancaster 208-8 (C Lester 4-70) King's 101-4
Manchester GS	Lost by 93 runs MGS 217-7 (C Lester 3-39, A Sharp 3-71) King's 124 ao (M Tunwell 63, E Bones 35)
Bangor GS	Drawn King's 198-7 (R Lees 55, J Duffy 39) Bangor 140-6 (T Smith 4-28)
MCC	Won by 5 wickets MCC 209-3 King's 211-5 (E Bones 57, D Isherwood 51)
Wynberg College	Lost by 3 wickets King's 155-9 (J Duffy 30) Wynberg 156-7
Birkenhead School	Lost by 5 wickets King's 170 ao (R Emslie 58, J Duffy 31) Birkenhead 173-5
Ipswich School	Drawn (rain) Ipswich 64-1
Brighton College	Lost by 1 wicket King's 213-7 (E Bones 65, M Tunwell 37, R Lees 36) Brighton 215-9 (E Bones 3-28)
Colchester RGS	Lost by 6 wickets King's 168-9 (D Isherwood 90) Colchester 169-4
Old Boys' XI	Lost by 2 wickets King's 216 ao (T Isherwood 65, R Lees 55) Old Boys 219-8 (A Bones 111)

Averages

Kenya Tour

<i>Batting</i>	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av
M Tunwell	9	3	239	65	39.83
J Duffy	8	0	271	103	33.87
E Bones	7	1	193	63	32.16
T Isherwood	7	1	117	54	19.50
T Smith	8	0	144	33	18.00
R Hart	7	1	104	40	17.33
J Keep	5	1	67	29	16.75
R Emslie	7	0	105	39	15.00
A Sharp	7	2	64	25*	12.80
R Lees	6	0	67	32	11.16
C Lester	8	1	67	19	9.57

Also batted:

O Rushton	6	4	19	7*	9.5
D Isherwood	1	0	1	1	1
R Thompson	3	1	0	0	0

<i>Bowling</i>	O	M	R	W	BB	Av
R Lees	41	4	207	12	4-31	17.25
R Hart	17.5	0	93	5	3-23	18.60
C Lester	47	4	246	10	4-20	24.60
M Tunwell	40.2	4	205	7	2-14	29.28
T Isherwood	48.2	2	223	7	2-33	31.85
A Sharp	35	2	209	6	4-25	34.83
T Smith	54	2	267	5	2-41	53.40

Also bowled:

J Keep	21	1	123	2	2-30	61.50
O Rushton	20	0	135	1	1-22	135.00
R Thompson	24	0	136	0	-	-

Season Averages

<i>Batting</i>	I	NO	R	HS	Av
R Lees	14	2	376	55	31.33
C Allday	13	4	278	59*	30.88
M Tunwell	16	-	465	109	29.06
E Bones	15	-	408	65	27.20
J Duffy	15	2	316	60*	24.31
D Isherwood	12	-	236	90	19.66
R Emslie	14	2	229	58	19.08
T Smith	13	5	115	25*	14.37

Also batted:

T Isherwood	4	1	67	65	22.33
J Keep	2	1	26	23	26.00
C Lester	6	3	62	20	20.66
A Sharp	12	3	78	18*	8.55
T Lloyd	3	2	15	11*	15.00
J Hutter	2	0	5	5	2.50
T Davenport	3	3	14	6*	-

<i>Bowling</i>	O	M	R	W	BB	Av
T Davenport	44	8	133	10	4-12	13.30
C Lester	140.4	29	443	20	4-70	22.15
A Sharp	131.5	20	453	20	4-47	22.65
R Lees	125.2	31	347	15	5-11	23.13
T Isherwood	77.4	20	269	11	4-32	24.45
T Smith	91	12	332	11	4-28	30.18
M Tunwell	91	19	298	8	2-7	37.25

Also bowled:

E Bones	15	1	78	3	3-28	26.00
T Lloyd	24	1	94	1	1-22	94.00
D Isherwood	10	1	47	1	1-34	47.00

1st XI

Kenya Tour

Opponent

Gymkhana U19 Lost by 7 wickets
King's 147 ao (J Duffy 33, T Smith 33)
Gymkhana 149-3

Nairobi U17 Won by 10 wickets
Nairobi 55 ao (A Sharp 3-9)
King's 57-0

Rift Valley Club Won by 7 wickets
Rift Valley 178-9 (R Lees 4-38)
King's 179-3 (M Tunwell 54*,
T Isherwood 54)

NPCA U19 Lost by 164 runs
NPCA 290-7 (F Otieno 179*)
King's 126 ao (J Duffy 40)

NPCA U19 Lost by 30 runs
NPCA 255 ao (C Lester 4-64, R Hart 3-
23)

King's 225 ao (M Tunwell 65, R Hart
40,
J Keep 29)

NPCA U19 Lost by 5 wickets
King's 222 ao (E Bones 63, M Tunwell
43,
R Lees 32)

NPCA 225-5
Mombasa Sports Club Lost by 29 runs
Mombasa 204-7

King's 175 ao (E Bones 37, R Lees 32)
Mombasa Sports Club Lost by 7 wickets
King's 178-8 (J Duffy 46)

Mombasa 180-3
Kongonis Won by 1 wicket
Kongonis 249-4

King's 250-9 (J Duffy 103, R Emslie 35,
T Smith 30)

2nd XI

Opponent

King's Chester Lost by 5 wickets
King's 101
Chester 103-5

Arnold Won by 7 wickets
Arnold 37
King's 39-3

Abandoned – rain
King's 187-4 (K Swain 59, R Hart 52*,
J Hutter 43)

Bolton 33-0
Stockport GS Won by 101 runs
King's 194-3 (R Hart 102, B Robinson
39*)

Stockport 93 (O Rushton 8-41)
Merchant Taylors' Drawn

King's 169-6 (J Keep 38, R Hart 32)
Merchant Taylors' 142-9 (M Richbell 3-
27,
O Rushton 3-30)

Newcastle-under-Lyme Won by 65 runs
King's 152-7 (R Hart 66)
NULS 87 (J Keep 4-17, O Rushton 3-15)

Appendix 7 Sports Results

Nottingham HS	Won by 8 wickets Nottingham 141-7 in 35 overs King's 142-2 in 31.1 overs (R Hart 90*, R Taylor 31*)
Lancaster	Won by 2 wickets Lancaster 106 (A Flynn 5-21, J Sweetzer 3-21) King's 110-8
Manchester GS	Drawn MGS 187-8 (M Richbell 3-33) King's 160-9 (J Bowers 30)
Birkenhead	Won by 40 runs King's 157-5 in 35 overs (R Hart 38, K Swain 34) Birkenhead 117-4 in 35 overs

U15 XI

Opponent

William Hulme	Lost by 42 runs William Hulme 128 ao King's 86 ao
Arnold	Drawn King's 207-1 (T Davenport 100*; S Allday 76) Arnold 154-8 (S Lawton 3-40)
Bolton	Drawn Bolton 122 ao (O Ward 6-25; T Davenport 3-22) King's 55-1
Stockport GS	Drawn Stockport 161-9 (N Rice 3-32; O Ward 3-27) King's 117-7 (T Davenport 45; J Arnfield 30*)
Knutsford HS (Cheshire Cup)	Won by 49 runs (20 overs) King's 141-3 (T Isherwood 85*; I Sear 40) Knutsford 92-4
Merchant Taylors'	Lost by 101 runs Merchant Taylors' 154-9 (J Arnfield 5-24) King's 53 ao
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Drawn King's 162-7 (T Isherwood 51) Newcastle 49-3 (N Rice 3-16)
Nottingham HS	Won by 8 wickets Nottingham 120-9 (T Davenport 4-31) King's 121-2 (T Isherwood 60*)
RGS Lancaster	Drawn Lancaster 151-7 (J Arnfield 3-36) King's 111-7 (T Williamson 38*)
Manchester GS	Lost by 3 wickets King's 89 ao (T Isherwood 34) Manchester 90-7 (T Davenport 4-23)
Fallibroome HS (Cheshire Cup)	Won by 10 wickets (20 overs) Fallibroome 36 ao (T Isherwood 5-2; T Davenport 4-11) King's 40-0

Stockport GS (Cheshire Cup)	Won by 2 runs (20 overs) King's 109-7 (T Davenport 47) Stockport 107-3
Cheadle Hulme	Won by 31 runs (20 overs) King's 78-7 (S Allday 34) Cheadle Hulme 47 ao (S Lawton 3-0; N Rice 3-18)
Birkenhead	Won by 5 wickets Birkenhead 134-7 King's 135-5 (T Davenport 56; T Isherwood 34)
KES Lytham	Lost by 113 runs KES 192-4 (J Arnfield 4-28) King's 79 ao (J Arnfield 43)
Middlewich HS	Lost by 1 wicket King's 88 ao (I Sear 39) Middlewich 89-9 (O Ward 6-15) Won by 45 runs (40 overs) King's 203-7 (T Isherwood 73; I Sear 38) St Ambrose 158 ao (N Rice 4-29; T Isherwood 3-34)
St Ambrose (Cheshire Cup Semi-Final)	Won by 124 runs (36 overs) King's 206-5 (T Isherwood 70; T Davenport 34; A Day 31) Wirral 82 ao (T Isherwood 4-14; J Arnfield 3-15; N Rice 3-21)
Wirral GS (Cheshire Cup Semi-Final)	

U14 XI

Opponent

Arnold	Won by 7 runs King's 53 ao in 21 overs Arnold 46 ao in 26 overs
Bolton	Rained off
Stockport	Lost by 111 runs Stockport 178-8 in 40 overs King's 67 ao
Fallibroome (Cup)	Won by 10 wickets Fallibroome 48 ao (Lomax 5 wickets) King's 49-0
Merchant Taylors'	Drawn Merchant Taylors' 222-4 dec off 31 overs King's 133-3 off 43 overs
Altrincham (Cup)	Won by 10 runs King's 74-5 in 20 overs (Kenyon 35) Altrincham 65-5 off 20 overs (Coley 2-10, Williamson 2-8)
Newcastle-under-Lyme	Drawn King's 159-6 dec off 39 overs (Day 86) Newcastle 147-5 off 36 overs
Nottingham	Lost Nottingham 92 ao (Lomax 6-10) King's 73 ao (Day 30)

Lancaster	Lost King's 138-8 off 40 overs Lancaster 142-4 off 29 overs
MGS	Won by 8 wickets MGS 221-8 dec off 39 overs King's 225-2 off 34.4 overs (Kenyon 89*, Westwood 67)
Shavington (Cup)	Won by 5 wickets Shavington 100-5 off 20 overs King's 103-5 off 17.2 overs (Day 55)
Weaverham (Semi-final of Cup)	Won by 7 wickets Weaverham 75-6 off 20 overs (Kenyon 2-10) King's 76-3 off 15.3 overs (Harding 33*)
Birkenhead	Lost by 6 wickets King's 77 ao Birkenhead 78-4
Lytham	Drawn King's 176-6 off 40 overs (Day 47, Westwood 35, Kirk 39*) Lytham 115-6 off 35 overs (Triggs 3-28)
Stockport (Cup Final)	Won by 8 wickets Stockport 101-9 off 35 overs King's 103-2 off 20 overs (Day 59)

U13 A XI

Opponent

Arnold	Lost by 7 wickets King's 109 Arnold 110-3
Bolton	Lost by 10 wickets King's 84-8 Bolton 85-0
Sale	Won by 9 wickets Sale 58-3 King's 59-1
Stockport	Drawn Stockport 119-9 King's 108-5
Helsby	Won by 28 runs King's 91-8 Helsby 63-5
Merchant Taylors'	Lost by 8 wickets King's 89 Merchant Taylors' 90-2
Newcastle	Lost by 8 wickets King's 64 Newcastle 66-2
Nottingham	Lost by 42 runs Nottingham 91 King's 49
Wilmslow	Lost by 6 wickets King's 84-7 Wilmslow 85-4
Lancaster	Lost by 54 runs Lancaster 108-7 King's 54
MGS	Won by 72 runs King's 162-9 MGS 90
Cheadle Hulme	Won by 64 runs King's 137-0 Cheadle Hulme 73-8

KES Lytham	Lost by 38 runs KES Lytham 149-5 King's 111
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U13 B XI

Opponent

Wilmslow	Won by 4 wickets Wilmslow 69 King's 70-6
KES Lytham	Lost by 20 runs KES Lytham 70 King's 50-9

U12 XI

Opponent

William Hulme	Won by 4 wickets William Hulme 30 (Walsh 4-8) King's 31-6
Arnold	Won by 66 runs King's 131 (N Barker 38) Arnold 65 (Bowers 3-3)
Bolton	Won by 4 wickets Bolton 60-4 King's 61-6 (N Barker 24*)
Stockport	Won by 2 wickets Stockport 98 King's 99-8 (N Barker 39)
Merchant Taylors'	Lost by 59 runs Merchant Taylors' 147 (Horton 3-23) King's 88 (N Barker 30)
All Hallows (Cup)	Won by 8 wickets All Hallows 65-5 (Lee 3-12) King's 68-2 (Emm 32)
Tytherington (Cup)	Won by 77 runs King's 106-4 (Lee 33) Tytherington 29 (Bowers 3-1)
Newcastle	Lost by 16 runs Newcastle 60 (N Barker 3-6) King's 44
Altrincham (Cup)	Lost by 1 run Altrincham 98-5 King's 97
Nottingham	Lost by 8 runs Nottingham 120-4 (Moore 3-13) King's 112-9 (Bowers 25, N Barker 21)
Lancaster	Drawn Lancaster 127 (Lee 3-20) King's 122-5 (Lee 35, McGeorge 31)
MGS	Lost by 4 wickets King's 122 (N Barker 33*, McGeorge 27, Lee 21) MGS 125-6
KES Lytham	Won by 6 wickets KES Lytham 112 (R Barker 4-18) King's 113-4 (McGeorge 44, Emm 28*)

Senior Boys' Basketball

Macclesfield Schools' League

Opponent	Result	For	Against
Fallibroome HS	Lost	54	69
Henbury HS	Lost	26	39
Tytherington HS	Lost	40	44
All Hallows HS	Won	60	39

Appendix 7

Sports Results

Senior Netball

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Wilmslow	Won	17	5
Knutsford	Won	11	10
Henbury	Won	17	13
Westlands	Won	14	6
Ryles Park	Won	16	7
Tytherington	Won	10	8
Poynton	Won	14	7
Fallibroome	Lost	9	15
Mount Carmel	Won	16	8
All Hallows	Won	14	12

Macclesfield District Netball League Runners Up

Tennis

1st IV

Senior Cheshire Cup

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Dane Valley School	Won 6-0
Lymm High School	Won 4-2
Sir John Deane	Won 5-1
Pensby High School	Won 5-1

1st IV Glanvill Cup

Blacon School	Won 4-1
Eirias School, North Wales	Lost 2-3

1st IV: Patrick Sztukowski, Martin Edwards (Captain), David Leech, James Horrocks.

U15 Team

U16 Cheshire Cup

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Marple Hall School	Lost 2-4

U15 Midland Bank Competition

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bridgewater School	Won 5-1
Abbeygate	Won 4-0
King's Chester	Won 6-0
Cheadle Hulme School	Won 3-3 (28-27 in games)

U15 B IV

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Cheadle Hulme School (A)	Lost 2-4

U15 A Midland Bank Regional Knock Out Competition

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Ballakermeeen Hi Sch, Isle of Man	Lost 1-4

U15 School Matches

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bolton School	Won 5 ¹ / ₂ -3 ¹ / ₂
Woodhouse Grove	Won 6-3
Bradford Grammar School	Won 7-2
Marple Hall School	Lost 1-3

U15 Public Schools' Championships at Eton

Thomas Bowl

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
King's I (A Mc Veigh & J Gartside)	
Charterhouse I	Won 3-6, 6-1, 6-3
Sevenoaks II	Won 6-3, 7-5
Bromsgrove I	Lost 1-6, 3-6

King's II (A Burr & L Owen)

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
John Lyon I	Won 6-3, 6-1
Sevenoaks I	Lost 1-6, 3-6

U15 Team: Alastair McVeigh (Captain), Adam Burr, Liam Owen, Jonathan Gartside, Ben Clifford, Jonathan Levitt, Ben Jones.

U14

Cheshire Cup

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
(A team) Sandbach School	Lost 2-4
(B team) Wilmslow High School	Lost 0-6

U14 School Matches

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bolton School	Lost 1 ¹ / ₂ -2 ¹ / ₂
Bradford Grammar School	Lost 3-6
Marple Hall	Won 3-1

Team: Andrew Triggs, Andrew Coley, Chris Bull, John Rees, Oliver Smallman, Daniel Laird, Stacey Parker.

U13

Midland Bank Competition

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Upton School	Lost 2-3
King's, Chester	Lost 2-4

U13 School Matches

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bolton School	Lost 4-5
Bradford Grammar School	Won 5 ¹ / ₂ -1 ¹ / ₂
Marple Hall	Won 2 ¹ / ₂ -1 ¹ / ₂

U13 Cheshire Singles

Tom McKenna won the Under 13 Singles	
<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Wilmslow High School II	Won 6-2, 6-7, 6-3
Fallibroome High School I	Won 4-0 retired
Marple Hall I	Won 6-1, 6-0
Round Robin Final	
Sandbach I	Won 6-3, 6-1
Bishop Heber I	Won 7-5, 7-6
Bridgewater	Won 6-0, 6-1

Team: James Byers (Captain), Tom McKenna, Rory McDonnell, Jamie Wilkinson, Chris Walsh, Jamie Petrie.