



## HEAD MASTER

The boys and staff have certainly packed a lot into this short half-term. The mock election was a particular highlight. Thanks go to Mr Deller for his superb organizational skills. The result was interesting and certainly bucked the national trend!

### EXAMINATIONS

The examination season is now underway. We wish all boys every success. They have worked hard and deserve to do well.

### LITERACY FOCUS

The literacy focus for Term 6 is Spelling (sections 1 and 2 of the Study Guide). The Year 7 Spelling Bee will take place in Term 6.

### SHISHA PENS

A small number of students have brought Shisha pens into school this term. May I remind parents that Shisha pens are banned in school and consequently, if found, will be confiscated.

### CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE MONITORING

From September 2015, the national threshold for persistent absence rises to 90%, or the equivalent of 19 days' absence in any academic year. Government research demonstrates that student achievement increases significantly in line with high levels of attendance.

We understand that there will always be students for whom attendance is an issue because of ill health. Although overall attendance at King's is significantly above the national average, it is important that parents are aware of the change as the new threshold will lead to close monitoring of student attendance for those falling below the 90% limit.

### NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Staff and students raised £504.40 for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. The money has been sent to Community Action Nepal—a charity with which the school has close ties.

Following on from the note above, Mr Adams who some will remember as a former Teacher of Mathematics at King's, wrote *"I couldn't help wonder how many trips the five mountain rescue stretchers and first aid equipment that King's School took out to Nepal in 2008 have made in the last few days. The school has just cause to be proud of the contributions it has made to helping the Nepalese people."*

Congratulations to all boys who supported this worthy cause.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### JUNIOR QUIZ

Following victory over The Leys School, Cambridge, the Junior Quiz team are now the Regional Champions. We await news of when and where the next round will be.



Well done to Jack Hutchinson, Alfie Inman, Pip Mattison and Connor O'Flaherty.

### CHESS

#### Results:

12 boys travelled to Louth to play in the U18 Quickplay event. Of the 8 prizes on offer, we managed to win the following:

3rd Overall	Will Knight
4th/5th	Dan Southern & Jacob Storey
U13 Awards	Tom Stokes, Farhan Ali & David Pritchard

As ever, the boys were a credit to the school.

#### National Chess Problem-Solving

The King's team of Karl Southern, Dan Southern, Will Taylor, Will Knight and Luke Holland won the Problem-Solving Team Event in April. The final scores were:

King's 70 points (from a maximum of 75); Hampton School 61.5 points; Westminster School 54 points; The Abbey School 49.5 points and Portsmouth High School 19.5 points.

The Final was fought after an original entry of 130 schools and 2 preliminary rounds.



The boys are photographed with Mr Beckett (right) and Jonathan Mestel (left) former World Problem Solving Champion (and 18 times British Champion). He is also Professor of Undergraduate Mathematics at Imperial College.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### CHESS CONTINUED

15 boys took part in the Lincolnshire Regional Finals. Titles were won by:

- Karl Southern (U18)
- Jacob Storey (U17)
- Will Taylor (U16)

In addition the following boys all qualified for the national semi-final to be held in Manchester in July:

Hayden Godfrey, Tom Stokes, Will Taylor and James Wilson.

### WATER POLO

Congratulations to the U14 Waterpolo team who competed in the ESSA semi-final in April winning their games in emphatic style. They won every match and progressed to the national final on 9 May.

At the national final they were drawn against Bolton and Dulwich in the preliminary round.



After all the games were played King's achieved an overall sixth position and all the boys should be proud of their achievement.

The final, as expected, was played out between Dulwich and Bolton, with the latter taking the title.

## CCF

### RAF CRANWELL SHOOTING & LOW ROPES EXERCISE

CCF cadets and staff enjoyed an excellent day at RAF Cranwell on 25 April. They fired 1285 rounds of ammunition on the range, with marksmanship improving as the day progressed!

The top 4 best shots were: L/Cpl Charles Cooper and L/Cpl Adam Armstrong, the Best Shot of the Day was Cpl Ewan Sinclair and the overall competition winner was L/Cpl Tom Green.



### CCF TRAINING WEEKEND



Over the weekend of 9/10 May 27 cadets passed their First Aid qualification. 10 to 14 cadets began their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze practice earlier this month, followed by a final expedition the following weekend. This should culminate in some cadets completing their Bronze Award.

## MATHS DEPARTMENT

### NINTH INTERNATIONAL MENTAL MATHS CHALLENGE

The International Mental Maths competition is a contest for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and has become a key event which sees thousands of students from around the world competing against each other in the online final. The central principle of this championship is for students to develop basic competence in mathematics as part of their schooling through constructive play.

This year, 8 boys represented King's across 4 categories and 4 of them were awarded diplomas for achieving a rank within the top 100 places. This is a fantastic achievement for the boys and for the school as this is only the second year that we have taken part. The boys achieved the following places in their categories:

Viren Panchal	42
Pip Mattison	73
Daniel Gregorick	78
Mitchell French	97

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### BIG BAND

The Music Department is proud to report of successes for the Big Band during the Spring Term.

Having attended the regional heats for the National Festival of Music for Youth they have been selected to perform at the National Finals which take place in Birmingham on 10 July. This means that they are in the top eight youth Big Bands nationally. At the event they will perform in front of three specialist judges who are extremely well-respected in the field. You can follow their news on the Music for Youth website: <http://www.mfy.org.uk/coreseason/national/fri-main-15>

The Big Band have also been selected to perform at the Lincolnshire Schools' Music Prom on 30 June at the Embassy Theatre in Skegness and represents the very best of music opportunities in Lincolnshire Schools. Tickets for this event can be obtained from the Lincolnshire Music Service website: [www.lincsmusicservice.org](http://www.lincsmusicservice.org)

Members of the school's Big Band are:

Altos:	Nye Banfield Louie Harvey Dan Southern Matthew Walton
Tenors:	Alex Harrod Will Lumsdon Oliver Williams
Bari:	John Bowskill
Trumpets:	Luke Gorman Chris Standen Neil Sweeney Rob Wyatt
Trombone:	Tom Ringrose Sam Shelton James Wilson Henry Scott
Guitar:	Elliott Howley
Piano:	John Fleming
Bass Guitar:	George Topham
Drums:	Joe Cunningham
Percussion:	Alex Daubney Jacob Storey

## KING'S MOCK ELECTION 2015

With politics being very topical this year, Mr Deller organised a King's Mock Election in order to engage as many boys as possible in the political process. During House Assemblies over the course of 3 weeks, 6 boys from the Sixth Form, some of whom were eligible to vote for the first time, each gave a 2 minute speech on the policies of the parties they represented (Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru, UKIP and Green). Students then voted.

The quality of the boys' speeches were superb and they were a real credit to the school. Mr Deller wonders whether the next Grantham Prime Minister may come from King's!

The outcome of the election at King's was:

1st	Green Party	180 votes
2nd	Conservatives	167
3rd	Labour	130
4th	Lib Dems	95
5th	UKIP	83
6th	Plaid Cymru	49
	Undecided	7



Picture courtesy of the Grantham Journal

## PE DEPARTMENT

### SUCCESS FOR GYMNASTS AT NATIONAL FINAL

The Gymnastics team, comprising of Jacob Armstrong, Daniel Watson, Ryan Champion and Tom Wharmby, competed in the U19 boys' category and came 2nd overall at the National Finals held in Stoke on Trent earlier this month.



The boys, minus Jacob, are pictured above.

### ATHLETICS

The Year 10 Athletics Team became the Lincolnshire County Champions this month and now progress to the regional event in June. Best individual performances were: Max Hubbard (100m & triple jump); Will Rush (shot putt); Jacob Carrington (discus); Tom Evans (800m).

A number of athletes also qualified for the individual County Championships to be held at Boston on 6 June:

Year 9: Ryan Champion (hurdles); Lachlan Botham (100m, 200m and shot); Tom Evans (300m, 800m and triple jump); Jacob Carrington (discus and javelin) and Ed Buck (high jump);

Year 10: Josh Beavis (hurdles); Max Hubbard (100m); Oliver Jakes (800m), Ethan Richards-Cole (javelin); Harry Topham (high and long jump); Harry Bartlett (shot and discus); Will Rush (discus);

Year 11: Chris Hardy (triple jump); Will Lumsdon (javelin) and Kai Winfield (200m and shot).

## SUPPORT FOR KING'S RUGBY



The King's South America U16 Rugby Tour is the subject of fundraising efforts at present. There is a sale of JOULES items on Wednesday 17 June from 6:00-8:00pm at the Eden House Hotel (formerly the Kings Hotel), North Parade, Grantham, NG31 8AU.

End of line and seconds items from the current season will be available in clothing and accessory items for ladies, men and children. There will be lots of bargains! Cash and cards will be accepted but cash is advised to avoid queues.

Tickets are £3.50 per person if purchased in advance and £4.00 on the door. If interested, please contact either Emma Helliwell on 07787 630437 or in school via Mrs Law. If tickets are requested via Mrs Law, an envelope with your son's name, form, the number of tickets required plus the correct money should be handed into the school Office.



## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6

**TERM 6**—Boys are expected back in school on Monday 1 June 2015

### WEEK COMMENCING 1 JUNE:

- YEAR 10 EXAMINATION WEEK
- U15 AND U14 CRICKET MATCHES V LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - Thursday 4 June at 2:00pm
- BATTLEFIELDS TRIP MEETING IN THE DINING HALL—Thursday 4 June at 7:00pm

### WEEK COMMENCING 8 JUNE:

- YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (FORMS 7A AND 7B) - Monday 8 June
- YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (FORMS 7C AND 7D) - Tuesday 9 June
- U14 CRICKET MATCH V LINCOLN MINSTER (A) - Tuesday 9 June, 2:00pm
- YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (7E AND 7F) - Wednesday 10 June
- U13 AND U12 CRICKET MATCHES V LINCOLN MINSTER (H) - Wednesday 10 June, 2:00pm
- RHINELAND TRIP DEPARTS LATE EVENING—Friday 12 June to 17 June

### WEEK COMMENCING 15 JUNE:

- MUSIC PARENTS' GROUP MEAL—Monday 15 June, 7:30pm
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING (student representatives) —Tuesday 16 June, 12 noon
- LONDONTORPE CHURCH CONCERT - Tuesday 16 June, 7:30pm
- FIRST XI CRICKET MATCH V LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - Wednesday 17 June, 2:00pm
- U13 & U12 CRICKET MATCHES V LOUGHBOROUGH (H) - Wednesday 17 June, 2:00pm
- EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE—Wednesday 17 June
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER PRACTICE EXPEDITION—20/21 June

### WEEK COMMENCING 22 JUNE:

- YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—Monday 22 June, Tuesday 23 June and Wednesday 24 June
- U14 CRICKET MATCH V TRENT COLLEGE (A) - Tuesday 23 June, 2:00pm
- YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING—Tuesday 23 June, 4:30-7:00pm
- U12 CRICKET MATCH V WELLOW SCHOOL (A) - Wednesday 24 June, 2:00pm
- PTFA MEETING—Wednesday 24 June, 7:30pm
- CCF ANNUAL DINNER—Wednesday 24 June, 6:30 for 7:00pm
- TRINITY MUSIC EXAMS—Thursday 25 June, all day in the Music Department (tbc)
- FIRST XI & U15 CRICKET MATCHES V TRENT COLLEGE (A) - Thursday 25 June, 2:00pm
- SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' MEAL—Thursday 25 June, evening
- EXCHANGE STUDENTS RETURN HOME—Thursday 25 June
- YEAR 12 TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY—Friday 26 June
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER EXPEDITION—26-28 June
- YEAR 10 STEM RAF CRANWELL (HoY & 15 STUDENTS) - Friday 26 June, 9am-12:30pm
- CCF ARMY SECTION CAMP (tbc) - 27 June-4 July

### WEEK COMMENCING 29 JUNE:

- OPEN EVENING—Monday 29 June—**school closes at 2:45pm**
- LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS' MUSIC PROM AT SKEGNESS (tbc) - Tuesday 30 June
- FIRST XI CRICKET MATCH V LEICESTER GRAMMAR (A) - Tuesday 30 June, 2:00pm
- U12 & U13 CRICKET MATCHES V TRENT COLLEGE (H) - Wednesday 1 July, 2:00pm
- SUMMER CONCERT IN HEAD MASTER'S GARDEN—Wednesday 1 July, 7:00pm
- YEAR 12 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY—Friday 3 July
- MCC MATCH AT THE SCHOOL FIELD—Friday 3 July from 11:30am

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## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6

### WEEK COMMENCING 6 JULY:

- YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (9A & 9B) - Monday 6 July
- NEW YEAR 7 INTAKE EVENING—Monday 6 July
- YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY—Tuesday 7 July
- GOVERNORS' MEETING—Tuesday 7 July
- YEAR 12 UCAS DAY (tbc) - Wednesday 8 July
- YEAR 8 CCF TASTER DAY—Wednesday 8 July
- SELECTED YEAR 8 STUDENTS TO ATTEND STEM EVENT AT UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN—Wednesday 8 July
- ROUEN TRIP DEPARTS—Thursday 9 July to 12 July
- OLD BOYS' 20/20 CRICKET MATCH (H) - Thursday 9 July, 5:00pm
- OLD BOYS' CRICKET MATCH (H) - Friday 10 July, 11:30am

### WEEK COMMENCING 13 JULY:

- YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (9C & 9D) - Monday 13 July
- YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK (9E) - Tuesday 14 July
- YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP—Wednesday 15 July to 17 July
- EUAN COULTHARD MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH AT BELVOIR CC—Thursday 16 July, 2:00pm
- RUGBY TOUR DEPARTS TO SOUTH AMERICA—Friday 17 July to 4 August

### WEEK COMMENCING 20 JULY:

- FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE & SPORTS DAY: Tuesday 21 July (11am-12:15 @ St Wulfram's & 1:00-3:15pm at The Meres)
- END OF TERM ASSEMBLY—Wednesday 22 July, 11:30-12:30pm

### TERM ENDS AT 2:45PM