



HEAD MASTER

STAFF CHANGES

We say goodbye and send our best wishes to Mr Roberts who is leaving King's to become the Second in Mathematics Department at Carre's Grammar School. We wish him well.

HOUSE NEWS

Following the departure of Mr Roberts, Mr Harrison has been appointed as Head of More House.

Other Heads of House are:

Burleigh	Mr Morrow
Curteis	Mr Deller
Foxe	Mrs Hansen
Newton	Mr Collins
School	Miss Henry

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION

Sixth Formers should be aware that external examinations will be taking place in January (AS examinations) and they are asked to ensure that any appointments that clash with an examination should be rescheduled.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I am concerned that a small number of older boys are not adhering to school uniform most notably regarding the school jumper, regulation trousers and socks. The school uniform list is:

- ◆ Black blazer with badge (Years 7-11) or maroon blazer (sixth form)
- ◆ White formal shirt—long or short sleeve cotton/polycotton
- ◆ Black or dark grey long trousers (not jeans/cords/casuals/drainpipes).
- ◆ School tie (or colours tie if awarded).
- ◆ Dark grey or black socks
- ◆ Black shoes (not suede). Boots and trainers are not permitted.
- ◆ Grey pullover with red stripe or plain grey V-neck pullover.
- ◆ Dark blue or black outer garments are preferred.
- ◆ Multi-coloured jackets, hoodies, excessively long coats and coats with excessive logos are not permitted.
- ◆ No football scarves.
- ◆ Sixth Form students may wear a plain grey or black cardigan under their blazer.

I ask for parental support to make sure that all boys are in correct uniform.

LITERACY FOCUS

For many students it is essential that basic literacy skills are revisited frequently.

The focus for Term 3 is Punctuation (Section 3).

CARS ON SCHOOL SITE/ROAD SAFETY

I repeat my message about the safety of students at the start and end of the school day and ask parents not to drive cars into the visitors car park. Please drop your son outside the school boundary and ask him to walk into the school site. This must be done to ensure the safety of all students.

Bicycles

With the dark mornings and nights upon us, please would parents ensure that boys are wearing suitable high visibility items and that bicycles are fitted with lights.

GIFT AID

I am grateful to those parents who already gift aid.

For those parents who would like to consider giving, may I remind you that full information is on the school website (parents & students/fundraising/how you can gift aid). If you join the scheme it will help us to manage the school finances as we can be reasonably sure of a regular income. A few people find that standing orders are not appropriate for them, but they still want to be part of the planned giving scheme. For example, some people find it more convenient to give a lump sum, say once or twice a year. A lump sum can be gift aided too so that we claim the tax you have paid, making it worth 28% more to us.

If every child was gift-aided at a rate of £5 per month the school would benefit to around £75,000 every year which would enable us to transform the school working environment for students and staff.

TOY BANK

The King's School Toy Bank will officially open tomorrow, 16 December and will be open until Saturday 20 December.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of parents, students, staff and others who have donated toys, time and energy to this venture. A big thank you to Mr Whales and his team of parents and Sixth Form boys who have worked so hard to support this venture.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The annual Remembrance Service took place on 11 November at St Wulfram's Church. The CCF provided a guard of honour, the Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy gave readings and the choir sang a choral anthem.

SCHOOL PLAY

During November several audiences enjoyed this year's school production of 'Dracula'. The students were superb, both on stage and behind the scenes and are to be congratulated for their work. I would also like to record my thanks to Mrs Cunningham for her organization and support of the students, as well as other staff who gave of their time to make costumes and generally support the production.

**NEWTON LECTURE**

In November, Professor Michael Proctor, Provost of King's College Cambridge, spoke to an audience of Sixth Form and Year 11 Physicists on the subject of "The Unquiet Sun". The lecture was very well received.

OLD BOYS' RUGBY

The annual Old Boys' Rugby Match took place on Saturday 12 December. As ever it proved to be a lively affair. This year the Old Boys took the trophy, winning 36-29.

**INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER**

Parents are reminded that school policy is to remain open unless we are forced to close because of a risk to the health and safety of boys and staff. The school recognizes it is for parents to assess their local conditions and to decide whether they wish their son to travel to school during severe weather.

If the school is closed it will be announced on the school website. Parents are asked not to contact the school to check whether or not it is open.

Should the weather deteriorate during the school day, students will only be sent home where the bus companies inform us that they have decided to leave early. The school will put a notice on the website to inform parents.

HOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNERS & COMPETITION

The House Christmas dinners were a huge success and students from all years enjoyed the celebrations.

The current House competition scores stand as follows:

More	2855
School	2804
Foxe	2692
Curteis	2689
Newton	2669
Burleigh	2611

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we near the end of the Autumn term, it is inevitable that our minds start to focus on the festive period.

In keeping with the Christmas message, I hope that you enjoy yourselves safely, have the time to look out for your nearest and dearest, and to those who are less fortunate.

Thank you to the staff and boys for their hard work throughout the term and to parents for your continued support.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016. I look forward to seeing all boys back at school on **Tuesday 5 January 2016** fully refreshed and determined to succeed!

F Hedley

Headmaster

MATHS DEPARTMENT

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESSES

Many of our Sixth Form students have taken part in the UKMT maths challenge competitions this term. We began with a House competition, run over the course of two lunchtimes, which resulted in a comprehensive win for the Curteis House team (David Theisler, Josh Hubbard, Dan Southern and Nick Farrington). They went on to represent the school in the team competition held at LSST (pictures show the boys enjoying the competition and refreshments).



Despite a sterling effort, they lost to teams from Priory LSST, Franklin College and St James College. However, this has been an outstanding year for the individual competition, with 11 of the 37 students achieving gold certificates and 9 going on to the British Maths Olympiad, or Kangaroo rounds. Results from these are awaited.



WORLD RECORD BREAKING MATHS LESSON

In November, 91 King's boys from Years 8-12 participated in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous science and maths lesson. Over 13,000 students from 12 countries submitted the required evidence to Guinness World Records and we expect to hear during March 2016 whether the record has been verified. The students were all learning about DNA during the lesson which has to be taking place at exactly 11:00am on that day. At King's the lesson involved learning facts, the maths used to represent very small and very large numbers, a team quiz and making different models of DNA.

The winning team was:

Theo Abbott, Joshua Brooks, Joshua Bee, Oliver Fernandez, William Chatterton, Daniel Gregorick, Oliver Buckley, Sam Hubbard, Vlad Khalupa and Joshua Gibbons-Mannering.



BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

STEMNET TRIP

Nine Year 7 boys were taken to a STEMNET event by Mr Swettenham and Mrs Watson on 4 December. The boys were competing against 15 other schools and had to work as a team to solve common engineering problems. This included assigning each student a specific role in a problem-solving task to understand how scientific problems can be overcome by reasoning and communication within their assigned group. The boys were a credit to the school and came third.

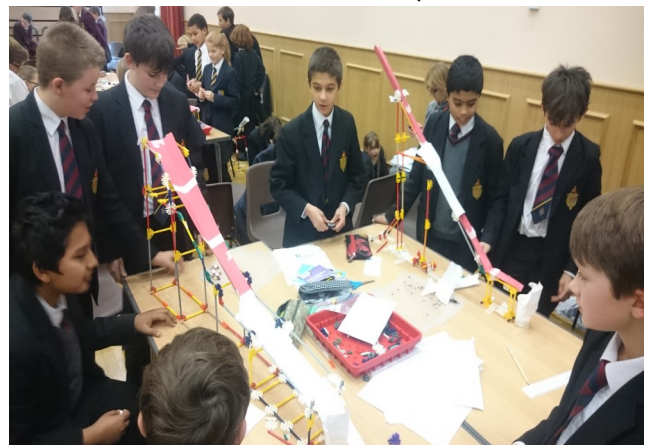


Boys involved were Ned O'Malley, front of picture, who wrote the account of the trip below; Ethan Collins, Nasir Chaudhry, Viraj Deorukhkar, Tom Linford, Ziaan Malik, Will Paley, Joe Parker, Tate Emery Peters and Jude Wright.

Account from Ned O'Malley:

On 4 December, nine Year 7 students took part in a STEMNET day. STEM is a science and engineering workshop aimed at making people understand that engineering isn't just about cars and engines, but that there is more to it than that.

At STEM we did lots of different team-building and communication exercises. One of these exercises was a K'NEX building challenge. In groups of 5 we had to make a pot of sweets (the cargo) move 1 metre and they always had to be more than 10cm off the ground. We did well and came third with our slope design. We let the sweets roll down and land in the cup.



PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

PROJECT X

Mr Tall took seven boys from Year 8 to RAF Waddington to take part in the annual Project X STEM based design activity. Out of the 10 schools attending, our boys managed to complete the task appropriately and came a very creditable 4th, with a special mention for their design. Mr Tall was particularly impressed with the presentation organised by Joshua Brooks and the design skills of Jake McDonald Pike.



The boys enjoyed the day out and more than one member of staff from other schools commented on the courtesy and good manners shown by King's School boys.

CAREERS TALKS

We were pleased to be able to offer two interesting careers talks in December.

Dave Gandee is a Partner at PwC and gave a talk on careers in risk assurance. This involves helping clients to understand 'what could go wrong' in their business and to prevent it from happening. His clients have included household names such as superDry, Weetabix, Royal Mail and Thomas Cook and he now specializes in the energy sector, supporting the likes of National Grid, Npower and British Gas.

David Thornley is a solicitor and partner at Ringrose Law based in Grantham. He has worked in many different areas of law, including family, crime, conveyancing, personal injury claims, employment, general litigation and licensing. The breadth of his experience enabled him to give a great insight into the career opportunities that are available to anyone who decides to study law.



YEAR 9 CAREERS WORKSHOP

Year 9 students attended a careers workshop on 9 December. They completed two interactive activities which should help them to understand the links between Year 9 option choices and careers.

YEAR 7 CREATIVE APPROACHES TO LEARNING WORKSHOPS

All Year 7 students took part in a workshop on learning skills during the school day on 5 November. This was supplemented with a further workshop in the evening which was attended by students and their parents.

BELTON HOUSE

Earlier this year Belton House was awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund Young Roots Grant to work with young people aged between 14 –24 years old. Belton House therefore offered young people the opportunity to work with archaeologists, storytellers and others to lead a project of remembrance for the men who trained as part of the Machine Gun Corps in Belton's parkland.



Matthew Slack and Sam Jackson, both of Year 11, took up this opportunity and since February 2015 they have been an integral part of the 'Lest We Forget Belton's Bravest' project. They have

worked with archaeologists, historical re-enactors, storytellers and artists to remember the Machine Gun Corps, formed at Belton House in 1915.

From researching and running an archaeological study and excavation of part of the training camp site in the parkland, to designing and leading Remembrance Walks and remembrance art, they and their team have made the decisions and led the way, supported by staff from the National Trust. The boys have worked with the RAF regiment to gain an insight into what life is like today for



soldiers training, compared to that of 100 years ago. They were also part of the group who laid a wreath this summer at the national Machine Gun Corps memorial in London.

The boys are now considering next year's project.

STUDENT FUNDRAISING

The Student Council, assisted by Mr Deller, organised the sale of a variety of moustaches to raise money for Prostate and Testicular Cancer Awareness Day (part of 'Movember') on 20 November.

The boys raised approximately £180—everything was sold out in 45 minutes and they even sold the posters!

A great effort—well done to the organisers and boys for supporting it.



NON-UNIFORM DAY—24 NOVEMBER

The School Council held a non-uniform day on 24 November, splitting the funds raised between:

- ◆ The British Lions—former student Joe Mile is sailing across the Atlantic to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. His aim is to raise £100,000.
- ◆ FOCC—a charity that helps children affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

CCF NEWS

RAF SECTION

13 cadets took part in the Eastern RAF competition at RAF Cranwell at the end of November. The team came third out of 33 teams and now go through to the national finals to be held at RAF Halton on 12/13 March 2016.

This is a superb achievement and the cadets are to be congratulated. Thanks must also go to the staff who report that the boys were fantastic: polite, well-behaved, and giving 100% commitment to every event with a smile on their faces.

LINCOLNSHIRE'S POPPY APPEAL

Konrad Sherwood of Year 8 attended the launch of the British Legion's Poppy Appeal in Lincolnshire.

After the ceremony the audience were treated to the Lancaster bomber "Just Jane" taxiing around the airfield before using its engine thrust to expel hundreds of poppies across the airfield to mark the closing of the ceremony.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has been a busy and exciting term for the Music Department. The Rhythmic Routes project came to its conclusion on 30 November with a performance at the South Holland Centre by our students with all the other schools involved. There was also an inspirational performance by professional drummer Pat Garvey and an opportunity to participate in a drum making workshop. All students involved have completed their bronze Arts Award.

Students from Years 8 and 9 took part in a concert at school on 2 December. Tim Brain from 'Louder than Life' came to work with Year 8 students who had been selected because they have made excellent progress so far in this year. They worked on Samba and Djembe grooves and played along with the Soul Band in exciting performances of Chameleon and The Chicken. Year 9s performed the guitar and



bass songs they have learnt in lessons and all five classes were represented in the Battle of the Bands. It was a very tight competition with all five performances commended by the judges. Eventually 9C's version of 'Live and Let Die' won and this 10-piece band will now go on to perform in Jazz Nite and the regional heats of the National Festival of Music for Youth. Well done to all who took part and especially to the dedication and commitment of the class bands.

Christmas Feast was performed to a packed audience and was the culmination of the term's work for the Concert Band, Wind Band, Orchestra, Choir and Brass ensemble. There were excellent solos from Ryan MacDonnell, George Topham, Sam Shelton, Chris Standen and Matthew Walton. Well done also to 7F who performed two class songs, including solos from Kyle Howie and David Watts.

Congratulations to George Topham who has entered the BBC's Young Musician of the Year competition and is already successfully through to Round 2. We wait to hear if there is further success from this performance in Cardiff on 12 December.

PE DEPARTMENT

Another term, another award for Ben Lumb!

In November he was awarded the South Notts league (senior) Young Player of the Year award on Friday for his 151 not out v. Flintham, making him the youngest ever player to achieve a century in that league.

Ben is also the top batter for the Kinoulton senior team (which is captained by his dad) and second in bowling.



Well done Ben!

RUGBY

This season the school has played 65 matches across all year groups, an increase of 8 matches on last year. This number will rise to over 70 matches when the rest of the County Cup games played after the Christmas holidays.

Year 7 have enjoyed an excellent season and are the most successful rugby side in the school, beating Trent College, Witham Hall, Northampton School for Boys, Leicester Grammar and Silcoates School this season.

Player of the season was Finlay Dorsett.

Year 8 have had a very strong season against some very tough independent schools. They started the season with wins against Loughborough Grammar, Nottingham High School and Norwich School. They had an excellent run in the National Cup; getting to the last 16 nationally out of the 150 schools that entered the competition. The team are also in a very good position to win the County Cup in the new year.

Player of the season was Harry Clough.

Year 9 have improved tremendously as the season has progressed, with excellent coaching from Mr Saunders. They have had impressive victories over Silcoates School, Spalding Grammar, Birkdale and Bourne Grammar in the County Cup. The team are well positioned to pick up the title of County Cup champions in 2016.

Player of the season was Emyr Jenkins.

Year 10 have again proved that hard work in training and teamwork is the best way to progress in sport. The team enjoyed an excellent start to the season with impressive wins for the first time against Nottingham High School and Loughborough Grammar. The team also had a great run in the Natwest Vase competition, getting to the last 64 teams in the country.

Player of the season was Jacob Pearson.

RUGBY—CONTINUED

Year 11 have continued their excellent form from the summer tour to South America. They enjoyed impressive wins against Trent College and Northampton School for Boys and won the first piece of silverware this season when they were crowned NLD 12-a-side Champions at Newark RFC. The team are also well placed to win the U16 County Cup in 2016. Congratulations to William Helliwell, William Rush and Cameron Cox who were selected and played for the NLD U16 squad this season.

Player of the season was Isaac Ridley

The 2nd XV have had a tough fixture list this season and have been very well led by their captain Tom Isler with impressive wins away to Worksop College and Loughborough Grammar. The boys who have played for the 2nd XV have been wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Player of the season was Joshua Codd.

The 1st XV lead by Head Boy Joshua Hubbard, have had the toughest fixture list of any 1st XV at King's for many years. The squad have coped admirably with the further away games and the difficulty of playing the best rugby-playing private schools in the country. The team enjoyed great success away from home winning against Worksop College, Loughborough Grammar, Nottingham High School and Spalding Grammar. A very narrow defeat in the National Vase competition away to Northampton saw our dreams of competing in the final at Twickenham dashed for another year. The squad had 8 players involved in the NLD U18 squad. They were James Newman, Connor, Callum and Jordan Slack, Joshua Hubbard, Ed Poulson, Joshua Watts and William Cousins. Jack Plowman and Matthew Robinson also played for the Leicestershire U18 squad this year.

James Newman, Callum Slack and Joshua Hubbard were awarded Midlands trials and have made the provisional 32-man Midlands squad. They will be hoping to be part of the final 23-man squad in the new year that go forward to trials to play for England.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Cameron Chow of Year 10 has qualified for the ASA Nationals Winter Short Course competition in swimming which takes place from 17-20 December. The qualifying times for the competition are particularly aggressive as there are only two age groups, men and junior men so he has done very well to qualify.

Well done Cameron!

PE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE RUGBY

Saturday 5 December saw a tremendous turnout for the House Rugby competitions with over 200 boys playing competitive rugby for their houses.

22 sixth form students acted as referees, coaches and to help to marshal the event. They were wonderful role models for the younger year groups and their efforts were much appreciated by staff and students.

The results are listed below:

Year 7: School

Year 8: Burleigh

Lower School winners:

Foxe (combination of the best scores from Years 7 and 8 competition)

Year 9: Foxe

Years 10/11: Newton

Middle School winners:

Newton (combination of best scores from Years 9,10,11)

The overall winners of the House competition were **Newton** after a tie with School. Newton won the event as they had the most wins in all of the competition.

YOUNG UMPIRE

Young table tennis umpire Ben Johnson of Year 10 was shortlisted for an award at the Sports Officials UK National Awards presentation at the end of October.

Ben was nominated as School Games Official of the Year and is one of the youngest-qualified county umpires at 14. As well as umpiring at the School Games in September, he was chosen to give the officials' oath at the opening ceremony which he read on behalf of all officials at the event.

Ben was the runner-up at the awards and has now been nominated to attend the Youth Sport Trust Talent Camp for young officials at Loughborough University this month.

Well done Ben!

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 3 (2015-16)

WEEK COMMENCING 4 JANUARY:

- Monday 4 January: **SCHOOL CLOSED TO BOYS:** STAFF TRAINING DAY
- Tuesday 5 January: BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL
YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY - TOMBS ROOM
- Wednesday 6 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—NEWTON AND CURTEIS
PTFA MEETING—7:30M
FOOTBALL MATCH—1ST TEAM V. BOSTON GRAMMAR (H)
FOOTBALL MATCH—2ND TEAM V. QEGS (H)
- Friday 8 January: YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 11 JANUARY:

- Monday 11 January: YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING—6:30 TO 8:30PM (HALL & TOWER BLOCK)
- Tuesday 12 January: NON-UNIFORM DAY (PTFA)
- Wednesday 13 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
FOOTBALL MATCH—2ND TEAM V BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL (A)
- Friday 15 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 18 JANUARY:

- Monday 18 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
MUSIC PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP—7:00PM—ROOM 55
- Wednesday 20 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOXES & BURLEIGH
FOOTBALL MATCH—1ST TEAM V DEEPINGS (A)
FOOTBALL MATCH—2ND TEAM V PRIORY RUSKIN (A)
YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING—4:30 TO 7:00PM—HALL
- Thursday 21 January: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING IN THE OLD SCHOOL—12 NOON
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING—6:30-8:30PM
- Friday 22 January: CAREERS ADVICE—MORNING—TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 25 JANUARY:

- Monday 25 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
- Tuesday 26 January: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—2PM—OLD SCHOOL
INTERVENTION MEETINGS WITH PARENTS—HEADS OF YEAR—4:00 TO 6:30PM
- Wednesday 27 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—CURTEIS & NEWTON
FOOTBALL MATCH—1ST TEAM V SPALDING GRAMMAR (H)
FOOTBALL MATCH—2ND TEAM V SPALDING GRAMMAR (H)
YEARS 12 AND 13 DRUG ADDICTION TALK BY SIMON LEIGH—1:45 TO 3:15PM—HALL
DRUG ADDICTION TALK FOR PARENTS—6:00 TO 8:00PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Friday 29 January: CAREERS ADVICE—AM—TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 1 FEBRUARY:

- Monday 1 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
YEAR 12 PHYSICS TRIP—A LEVEL SCIENCE LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM
- Tuesday 2 February: OLD BOYS' MEETING—7:30PM—ROOM 34
- Wednesday 3 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
FOOTBALL MATCH—1ST & 2ND TEAMS V CARRES (A)
- Thursday 4 February: INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE—PERIOD 3 OR PERIOD 5 IN THE HALL
CAREERS TALK—4:30-5:30PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Friday 22 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS ADVICE—MORNING—TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 8 FEBRUARY:

- Monday 8 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
- Wednesday 10 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOXES & BURLEIGH
YEAR 11 CAREERS ADVICE—MORNING—TOMBS ROOM
FOOTBALL MATCH—2ND TEAM V GLEED (H)
- Friday 12 February: WHOLE-SCHOOL INTERHOUSE ACTIVITY—8:50-9:30AM
FINAL EXAM ENTRY DEADLINE
TERM ENDS = 3:45PM
- Saturday 13 February: SKI TRIP DEPARTS TO ITALY TO 19 FEBRUARY 2016
YEAR 9 FIELD EXERCISE—STOKE ROCHFORD