



HEAD MASTER

Although this has been another busy and eventful term, I would like to draw a number of issues to your attention and ask for your support.

STUDENT SAFETY

I ask parents for their support to address a number of safety concerns.

Road awareness

I have received several reports that younger boys are not road aware. They are putting themselves at risk by darting in between traffic. Please talk to your son to make sure that he crosses roads using pedestrian crossings.

Cars on the school site at the start and end of the day

Sadly, a small minority of parents persist in driving onto the school site at the start and end of the school day. It is barely believable that these parents then turn their cars and exit the school site whilst large numbers of boys are exiting the site.

Please drop your son outside the school boundary and collect him at an agreed point at the end of the day.

THIS MUST BE DONE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS.

SMART WATCHES ETC

Parents and boys in examination year groups must note the following instruction from examination boards.

Potential technological/web-enabled sources of information such as:

- ◆ iPods/iWatches/Mobile phones/MP3-4 players and wrist watches that have a data storage device

Are not permitted. Any student found in the examination room with any such device will be automatically disqualified.

Invigilators will make an announcement to students. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure compliance.

From the beginning of Term 4 iWatches or similar watches that are web-enabled will not be allowed in school. These watches will be treated in the same way as mobile phones.

SHISHA PENS

I remind parents and boys that Shisha pens are not permitted in school and will be dealt with as part of our policy on Drugs, Tobacco and Alcohol.

Finally, I have been asked by the Eden Hotel that parents do not use their car park when dropping off or picking up their sons.

LITERACY FOCUS

For many students it is essential that basic literacy skills are revisited frequently. The focus for Term 4 is Punctuation - continued (Section 3).

STAFF NEWS

I am pleased to report that our Catering Manager, Deborah Cramphorn, was presented with the Edwards & Blake Best Chef Newcomer award at an event in Norwich in January.

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

All boys in Years 11 to 13 will take external examinations in May and June. I ask parents to encourage their sons to engage in a rigorous revision programme over the half-term and Easter breaks. External examinations are getting harder so it is imperative that the boys prepare themselves in order to attain the highest possible grades in August.

CAREERS TALKS

We were pleased to be able to offer two more interesting careers talks last week.

Harry Whinney is a designer experienced in branding, corporate communication, digital, interactive, print and broadcast. He has helped companies across the globe in the automotive, financial, medical, retail, technology and nuclear industries. Within television Harry has designed and directed elements for a variety of programmes including natural history, the Arts, the History of Rock 'n' Roll, Top Gear, 999, sport and current affairs. Having worked all over the country, he is now based in Nottingham looking after the BBC News brand for BBC East Midlands.

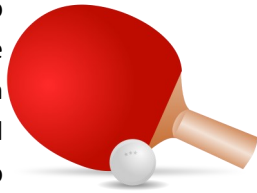


Bijal Ladva is a qualified Optometrist and the Ophthalmic Director of Specsavers Grantham, Sleaford, Grantham Hear Care Centre and Lincolnshire HealthCall. He has been an Optometrist since 2002 and a store director since 2006. Bijal lives and originates from Grantham. He is an old boy of this school where he studied sciences at A level, going onto Bradford University to study Optometry where he gained a degree with honours. He chose Optometry as it was science-based vocational degree.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

TABLE TENNIS

In January Matt Leete (Year 11) who plays for Cliffdale Changers Table Tennis Club was in action in the South Shields Grand Prix where he finished runner-up in the men's band two section after coming through a tough group and knockout phases. Well done Matt!



Matt and Nathan Butler (also Year 11) were in action at the Notts Grand Prix earlier this month. Both had tough groups in the Men's Band 1. Matt made it to the semi-final, losing 3-2 to the eventual winner. Matt and Nathan were in the Men's U21 group and both made it out of the group stage. Nathan fell foul in the second phase to former King's boy Adam Harrison, who then defeated Matt in the quarter-final.

CCF NEWS

Training for the Contingent continues with the Officers and Instructors of both sections meeting to decide on the training programme for 2016.

Training includes:

Essentials of First Aid course—29 cadets have been trained by the St John Ambulance in Essentials of First Aid. This is a 3 year qualification, and awards a badge for cadets to wear on their uniform. All boys passed the course.

Range Day at Cranwell—cadets practised shooting skills—SSI Pulfrey is pictured below leading the training he organised.

RAF Cranwell kindly loaned their 25m range for the day.

During half-term 3 cadets will take part in Senior Cadet Instructor cadre.



There are many more events to come during this year which we will feature nearer the time.

AIR CADET PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to report that William Cooper of Year 12 has been shortlisted from approximately 160 cadets from initial application to the top 5 for consideration of the Air Cadet Pilot Scholarship award. This achievement is not only a first for the school, but rewards the commitment and drive displayed by William.

CHESS

Teams Perform Well in Elevated Company

The King's School hosted a regional final for the Team Chess Challenge on 27 January. This is a competition open to any British school with pupils in any of years 7 to 13. Each team taking part consists of four pupils. As hosts we were able to enter three teams. The match report is as follows:



In a regional final which included one of the power-houses of schools' chess, Nottingham High School, and the major

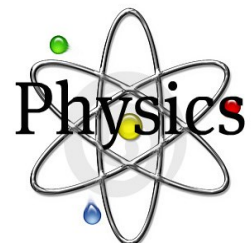
public school Oundle, the King's first team beat the latter and lost a tight match against the former. However, the vagaries of the pairing system meant that they finished behind both Notts HS and Oundle by the end of all the rounds. The King's second team played well and beat Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncastle, and drew with Oundle and were unlucky to lose a tense match against the King's first team 3-1. A youthful third team gained valuable match experience and although they lost all their games, there were some impressive individual performances which bodes well for the Regional Under 13 final to be played at King's in March.

Mrs Drulia—Maths Department

PHYSICS LIVE

On Monday 1 February 30 Year 12 and Year 13 students attended the 'Physics Live' event in Birmingham where they enjoyed 4 inspirational lectures by Professor Jim Al-Khalili on the Deterministic Universe, Dr Tom Whyntie and Professor Frank Close on particle physics and neutrinos, and Dr Helen Czerski on bubble physics. A very thought-provoking day.

Miss Jones—Subject Leader, Physics



PE DEPARTMENT

RUGBY

We are delighted to announce that our Rugby teams for Years 8, 9 and 11 all won their County Cup finals matches in emphatic style. All 61 boys who played in the finals were a credit to the school and were complimented by the RFU officials for their behaviour, talent and style of play.

Year 8s, using a strong squad of 23 players, won their match against DeAston School (Market Rasen) 49-24 with an excellent display of running rugby.

Tries were scored by Sam Clegg, Harry Clough, Jonny Marris, Jordan Seetul-Drew, Danny Stokes, Oscar Brady and George Park.

Man of the Match was Sam Clegg. The team is pictured above.



The Year 9 squad, coached by Mr Saunders, came up



against a very physical Brumby Outwood school team from Scunthorpe. The boys scored some excellent tries by combining some very impressive work by the for-

wards and excellent finishing from the back line. The final score was 22-5. Tries were scored by Tom Duncomb, Emyr Jenkins, Sheldon Fivaz and Will Shennan. Man of the Match was Tom Duncomb.

The Year 11 squad, coached by Mr Collins, won their final 38-0 against DeAston School. The side was captained by fly half William Helliwell, who had an excellent game, as did Vice –Captain Will Rush. The large crowd watching the game remarked on the high standard of rugby as well as the skill level of both sides. Tries were scored by Will Rush, Ben Hawkins, Josh Peters, Alex Henderson and Richard Gibbs. Man of the Match was Will Rush.



Representative Rugby

1st XV players Callum Slack and James Newman have been selected for the U18 Midlands squad played an England Lambs Select XV on 7 February.

Will Rush has been selected to represent Leicester Tigers at U16 level in the prestigious Wellington Festival in March against other Premiership academy sides.

Rugby 7s

Please make sure that you check the school calendar and website for all information on the 7s season after the February half-term.

Football Futures Leadership

A group of ten Year 10 students are progressing with their leadership course with Football Futures. The FA Football Futures Leadership and Volunteering programme aims to recruit, retain, develop, reward and provide a progressive pathway for young leaders in order to develop a skilled football workforce.



Year 9 ESFA National County Cup & Futsal Football Excellence

The Year 9 football team are enjoying an extremely successful season with an outstanding run in the National Cup and continuing to make great progress in the County Cup. The side have only lost once this year and that was in the last 32 of the national cup—a competition which started with a staggering 668 teams. The boys also travelled to Carre's for the qualifying round of the Futsal Championships and qualified for the national finals, remaining unbeaten on the way. The team are in the semi-finals of the County and will play Spalding Grammar School for a final place. The team is also on top of the KSSA league. Well done boys!

Year 10 County Finals



The Year 10 football team have continued their successful season and have progressed to the semi-finals of the County Cup. The boys will play QEGS Gainsborough for a place in the final.

Cross-Country Success

Four students have qualified to represent Lincolnshire in Cross Country: Ed Birch, Ed Buck, Tate Emery-Peters and Declan Scarborough.

The boys have been successful in two qualifying runs at Burghley Park and will now travel to Boston to attempt to gain further recognition for their efforts.

PE DEPARTMENT Continued .../

Under 14 Badminton

The following students have qualified to represent the school in the U14 Badminton National Finals:

Sam Hawkins
Gareth Lee
Siluna Mallawaarachichi
Hasham Mufti

The boys were successful in the KSSA qualifying round and will progress to test themselves against some of the best schools in the region.

Year 7 5-a-side

The Year 7 5-a-side team emerged victorious from the KSSA qualifying competition and won the opportunity to test themselves against the best schools in the Midlands. They were fortunate to play at the Lucozade Powerleague, Derby but found the competition hard going, losing the first 3 games. They bounced back to win the last two games, but sadly missed out on the finals on this occasion.

Tennis

Having won the Lincolnshire championships and following victories in the first two knock-out rounds against Nottingham High School and High Storrs School. King's senior tennis team travelled to the prestigious Rugby School in the National Tennis competition. The side were always going to be up against it facing a school who consistently reach the national finals, last year finishing 3rd in the country. King's were also giving away (indoor) home advantage and having to play on Rugby's outdoor courts in very cold and windy conditions.

The team equipped themselves superbly, quickly getting into their opponents during the singles matches. Joe Patton and Oliver White secured excellent victories in their matches beating Rugby's number 2 and 4 seeds 6-4 and 6-2 respectively. Lewis Picker was made to work a bit harder by their number 2 seed who took the match to a tie-break. Thankfully Lewis edged this to take his match 7-6. Michael Cragg faced a very strong number 1 seed who was just too strong for Cragg and White so the match came down to the two Year 11s, Patton and Picker, who were facing two Year 13s! The pair once again managed to outwit their opponents in fine fashion and record an impressive 6-4 victory and with that secure a place in the next round for King's. The side now face Magdalen School in the round of 16. If they are successful they will qualify for the National Finals for the first time in the school's history, as one of the top 8 schools in the country. To visit one of the top independent schools in the country created a memorable day for all involved and to beat them was an incredible achievement.



PTFA NEWS

ANNUAL BALL—SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2016



The annual PTFA Ball will take place at the Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham. By popular demand, the King's Soul Band will take centre stage and they will be joined by a couple of guests for extra sparkle!

Tickets are £40 each, which includes a 3 course meal. Tickets will be available for sale at each Parents' Evening or by sending a message via the PTFA Facebook page. Bookings for tables of 10 are welcome, with the aim to seat all guests by their son's year group, unless otherwise notified.

Ticket holders will be able to take advantage of a discounted room rate for 2 Belton Woods will email ticket holders with menu choices and an opportunity to pre-order wine for your table in early September 2016. All wine pre-orders will attract a 10% discount.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Ball will be host to the annual raffle. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at each of the Parents Evenings.

It is hoped that raffle tickets will be printed next week but the PTFA are still looking for a third major prize. They have pledges from O2 and Belton Woods for prizes and are looking for a third company to join the line-up. The company logo will be printed on the tickets and there will also be many other prizes in the raffle.

Julie Reid is co-ordinating the raffle and would be delighted to hear from you if you can help (jreid342001@yahoo.co.uk).

GOLD DRAW

This popular draw is facilitated under a South Kesteven District Council Gambling Licence L029. You have to be in it to win it, so if you are not already registered you can obtain a joining form from the School Office. The cost is £10 a year and a standing order collects the entry fee annually on 1 November. Parents joining later in the year will be given the option to pay by cheque for the year they are in or be entered into the draw from the following November.

Once the initial payment is received parents will be allocated a Gold Card number and will receive their card in the post. Draws are made quarterly, with 3 numbers being drawn for the months contained within that quarter. All draws take place during PTFA meetings and are witnessed by those present. Winners are notified by post with a congratulatory letter and a cheque for the amount won.

PTFA NEWS Continued .../

AGM MEETING

The AGM held in September welcomed new volunteers. The current Office Holders are:

Chair	Moir Kinnear
Vice Chair	Julie Reid
Honorary Secretary	Heather Peacock
Honorary Treasurer	Nicola Hutchinson
Hon. Assist. Treasurer	Kim Sherwood
Gold Card Administrator	Matt Sherwood
Health & Safety Officer	Tracey Hobson

Over the last year, fundraising from events such as the Christmas and Easter Fayres, non-uniform days, refreshments (events) and the Annual Ball have been fantastic. The PTFA are very grateful for the support and time that volunteers and parents give. Their contribution has enabled the PTFA to support the school by purchasing the following during the 2014-15 academic year:

- ◆ Apple Mac workstation and specialist software for the Art Department to support extra lunch-time clubs;
- ◆ £1,800 towards the new floodlights at the Sports Field;
- ◆ £500 towards books to support Library resources;
- ◆ Several table tennis and football tables for the Quad;
- ◆ Support for after-school clubs, e.g. Warhammer.

EASTER FAYRE

The next fundraiser will be the popular chocolate tombola with an Easter twist. The boys do love these and the demand is always high.

Volunteers between 12 noon and 2:00pm on Wednesday 23 March will increase our ability to give access to all those boys who wish to participate. Please message the PTFA via their Facebook page or leave a message with the School Office and you will be contacted via email with details.



Donations of chocolate (e.g. Easter eggs, Easter-themed chocolate, chocolate bars etc) and small cakes are sought. These can be taken to the School Office between 21 and 23 March.

NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

We have a number of boys who are allergic to anything containing nut products (even the smallest trace), therefore donations of confectionery or baked goods should be nut-free. Thank you for your understanding.



DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 4 (2015-16)

WEEK COMMENCING 22 FEBRUARY:

All week—Sixth Form Mock Examinations

- Monday 22 February: BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL: RUGBY 7S TRAINING FOR YEARS 11, 12 AND 13—4:00-5:00PM
- Tuesday 23 February: YEAR 11 RUGBY 7S MATCH V. LGS—1:30PM KICK OFF
AFTER SCHOOL: RUGBY 7S TRAINING—YEARS 9 AND 10—4:00-5:00PM
- Wednesday 24 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOXES AND BURLEIGH

WEEK COMMENCING 29 FEBRUARY:

- Monday 29 February: YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING - IN THE HALL—4:30-7:00PM
- Tuesday 1 March: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—2:00PM
- Wednesday 2 March: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—CURTEIS & NEWTON
FOOTBALL MATCH—1ST & 2ND TEAM V. LINCOLN COLLEGE (A)
- Friday 4 March: CAREERS ADVICE - MORNING—TOMBS ROOM
JAZZ NITE—IN THE HALL—7:00PM
- Weekend: Sunday Rugby 7s MATCH V. NEWARK—YEARS 11, 12 & 13—9AM KICK OFF (leave school 8:00am)

WEEK COMMENCING 7 MARCH:

- Monday 7 March: YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 11, 12 & 13—4:00-5:00PM
YEAR 10 RUGBY 7s MATCH V. LGS—1:30PM KICK OFF (leave school 12 noon)
- Tuesday 8 March: YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
RUGBY COUNTY 7s—YEARS 8 & 9—10:00AM TO 3:00PM
- Wednesday 9 March: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 12 & 13—1:30-3:00PM
CHESS TOURNAMENT—4:00-6:00PM—ROOMS 35, 36 & 38
PTFA MEETING—7:30PM
- Thursday 10 March: YEAR 7 RUGBY 7s MATCH V. LGS—1:30PM KICK OFF (leaving school at 12 noon)
- RUGBY 7S TRAINING—YEAR 8—4:00-5:00PM
- Friday 11 March: CAREERS ADVICE—MORNING—TOMBS ROOM
- Weekend: RAF COMPETITION AT HALTON—CCF

WEEK COMMENCING 14 MARCH:

- Monday 14 March: RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 11, 12 & 13—4:00-5:00PM
- Tuesday 15 March: RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 9 & 10—4:00-5:00PM
- Wednesday 16 March: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOXES & BURLEIGH
YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT REHEARSALS—ALL DAY IN THE HALL
YEAR 10 BIG BANG FAYRE AT THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM
RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 12 & 13—1:30-3:00pm
YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT IN THE HALL—7:00PM
- Thursday 17 March: SPRING CONCERT REHEARSALS—ALL DAY IN THE HALL
SPRING CONCERT IN THE HALL—7:30PM
YEAR 7 RUGBY 12s TRAINING—4:00-5:00PM
- Friday 18 March: CAREERS ADVICE—AM—TOMBS ROOM
ROUEN TRIP DEPARTS—TO 21 MARCH
CCF—COMBAT CADET—18 TO 20 MARCH
RUGBY U12 COUNTY 12s—YEAR 7—1:30PM KICK OFF (leaving school 12 noon)
RUGBY DINNER—7:00PM

WEEK COMMENCING 21 MARCH:

- Monday 21 March: RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 11, 12 & 13—4:00-5:00PM
HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY IN THE HALL—7:00PM
- Tuesday 22 March: RUGBY 7s TRAINING—YEARS 9 & 10—4:00-5:00PM
- Wednesday 23 March: PTFA EASTER FAYRE IN THE HALL AT LUNCHTIME
RUGBY COUNTY 7s—YEARS 10, 12 & 13—10AM TO 2:00PM
RUGBY 7S—1:30PM KICK OFF (leaving school at 12:35pm)
YEAR 12 HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING IN THE HALL—7:00PM
- Thursday 24 March: **TERM ENDS = 3:45PM**