



HEAD MASTER'S PAGE

I write at the end of another busy term. This term's newsletter provides a wealth of evidence to demonstrate that the boys are working hard and making the most of the school's extra-curricular offer.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

The examination season is now well underway. We wish all boys taking public examinations the best of luck.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Planning for the Autumn Term is already underway. The PTFA would be grateful to receive any good-quality secondhand uniform donations. I should be most grateful if you would leave donations at the School Reception.

GCSE MUSIC

I was very pleased to receive a letter from ISM, the Incorporated Society of Musicians, to congratulate the school on last year's excellent results in GCSE Music. To recognise this achievement we have been awarded the ISM/ISM Trust Silver Certificate in Music 2016.

SCHOOL ARCHIVES

Following my announcement in the last newsletter regarding assistance with the school's archive section, I am pleased to report that two parents have stepped forward to volunteer. Thank you to Sarah Smith and Claire Mackin.

FORMER STUDENT

A former student of King's, Tejpal Bains, (26) has recently become the Deputy Mayor of Melton Borough Council.

Tejpal, who is a solicitor, has been described by a fellow Councilor as "a real champion of young people". We wish him well.

TRIATHLON

Following on from becoming his age group British Duathlon Champion at Windsor last month, Seamus Sheard of Year 12 has now qualified for the 2016 ITU Standard distance Triathlon World Championships to be held in Mexico in September.

Seamus is now looking to try to raise the funding required to ensure he can compete in Mexico.

If anyone is interested in helping Seamus with his quest they can contact him at SSheard2016ITU@aol.com.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Two practice and assessed expeditions for the Bronze DoE award took place during this term. On both expeditions the boys walked for 6 hours on Saturday and Sunday carrying everything they needed in their rucksacks for walking and camping. It was hard going but they all passed and are well on the way to achieving their Bronze award.



CHESS

Four members of the Chess problem-solving team, along with Mrs Drulia, went to Imperial College to defend their title. We were delighted that they came away with the Shield for the second year running.

Well done to all involved.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ROTARY YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION

Entries for the Rotary Young Writer competition were submitted in both senior—Year 12 Literature and Language students—and junior—Year 9, categories.

Students could approach the theme 'Our Beautiful World' using their own choice of form. Year 12 students Harry Evison and Ethan Bell both wrote satirical non-fiction pieces and were placed second and runner-up respectively. Ben Robinson of 9C placed second in the junior category with his poem inspired by William Shakespeare's "All the World's a Stage". Ben Burdock and Rio Harada-Parr, both also of 9C, took third place jointly. Each entrant received a £10 voucher.

We are grateful to the Rotary Club for the opportunity to take part and hope that many more boys will be inspired to enter the competition next year. Ben Robinson's poem is detailed below:

OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Life is merely a book, a story, a novel,
With a beginning, a middle and an end for all those who read it.
At first the introduction; baby steps to start,
Brings one being, a character, to the scene,
Brought to life, a child amongst men.
The story, a mystery with many genres, one the you can choose,
Exploiting the full potential of the book.
Next comes the second chapter, stepping-stones,
The build-up in your own personal enigma,
Where one leans to live, love and capitalize
On opportunities, plot twists and side stories if you will,
Still, however, young and unprofessional in their acts.
Then the leap to manhood,
Bringing, at first, an exciting, yet foolhardy, joy to life;
As work must be done, mouths fed,
An intricate climax in the Book of Life.
Gradually, the book gets shorter, fewer pages left to read everyday.
Life slows down and the mind wearies with thoughts of old age
As your children leave you for a book of their own,
Then simple tasks get harder and life becomes more difficult to hear,
see, read,
And help is needed; friends and family are beside you more often,
But you are blinded by age, as the book nears a close.
Then the epilogue, and you are felled by the inevitable,
As your book is placed upon the shelf.
Read once, the book begins to collect dust,
As the memories fade, the legacies relived too many times,
And the book gets tossed aside, to make room for new stories,
Of your descendants, on the Bookshelf of Life
In our Beautiful World.

SHOOTING

James Walton of Year 10 recently took part in the English Small-bore Shooting Championships, competing in the 25m Sport Pistol competition. James has been a member of the GB Junior Pistol Squad for a few years and he is now one of only 6 people from the whole of Great Britain selected for the GB Talent Squad. He has represented GB on numerous occasions, most recently winning silver in 25m Sport Pistol and bronze in 10m Pistol. James also won the Eley competition last year—this is a national competition attracting in excess of 1,000 entries.

WHIST CLUB

The Whist Club continues to go from strength to strength and has taken part in 2 successful House Competitions, individual Knock-Out and Partner Whist. Whilst members from each House have participated, the rivalry between Burleigh and School has dominated in both competitions, with each House having an excellent turn-out. School House produced the winners in the 2 competitions, with Burleigh triumphant in the Partner Whist.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to Year 12 students for their help and support. Special mention must go to Will Hodder of 8A (and School House) who took the individual Knock-Out title as well as the Partner title with Rory Mapletoft, also of 8A and School House.

Results were as follows:

	Knock-Out	Partner
1st	School (234)	Burleigh (468)
2nd	Burleigh (209)	School (368)
3rd	More (102)	Foxe (64)
4th	Newton (78)	More (57)
5th	Curteis (75)	Curteis & Newton (31)
6th	Foxe (21)	



PTFA NEWS

THE KING'S PTFA ANNUAL BALL

The King's School PTFA Annual Ball will take place on Saturday 8 October 2016 at the Belton Woods Hotel. By popular demand the school's Soul Band will take centre stage again, and will be joined by a couple of guests for extra sparkle.

Tickets are £40 each, including the meal and entertainment and have been available for sale at recent parents' evenings. Ticket requests may be sent via the PTFA Facebook page.

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

This will not only be a memorable evening, but each table of 10 (at time of booking) may nominate a school activity, department or team which they would like to directly benefit from a share in the surplus—£150 per table. The person who makes the booking can nominate a club or activity at the school of which they would like to benefit from a £75 investment. Fundraising is to raise money for the benefit of all students. This way the activities that your son really enjoys will benefit directly. For table bookings please contact jreid342001@yahoo.co.uk or send a note through the school office.

The Ball will also be host to the annual raffle drawn on the evening.

GOLD DRAW

The King's Gold Card Scheme is a monthly prize draw that helps support the work of the King's PTFA. For just £10 per year you will receive a Gold Card number that is entered into the draw. Every quarter at the PTFA meetings a random draw of 3 numbers is made for the months within that quarter. Lucky prize winners will receive a cheque for £60, rising to £450 in June and December. If you have not already entered the King's Gold Card Scheme, ask at the school office or contact the PTFA for details and an entry form.

For existing Gold Card members, if you move home, please drop a note into the school office marked for the attention of the Gold Card Draw Administrator.

The lucky winners from the March 2016 draw were:

S Sheffield (979)
P A Proctor (845)
C L Cherry (913)

CCF NEWS

The CCF Contingent remains strong and needs to keep its numbers high. A Taster Day for Year 7 students will be held on 13 July 2016. The Contingent Commander, Lt Col Ray Ogg, has been in contact with 2 Army Reserve Units who have both agreed to support this day and is hoping that a field kitchen will be on display for cadets and prospective students to taste Army cooking.

RAF Section with trophies won during the year



Army Section with trophies won during the year



The last exercise, March Hare, was attended by 84 cadets. Training involved camping out overnight living in the field off the Army's 24 hour ration pack, a fieldcraft exercise, not forgetting a map and compass and walking exercise to navigate to Oasby. 84 cadets arrived, so the training must be working!

SSI Pulfrey briefing cadets on eating and feeding using a 24 hour ration pack



CCF NEWS CONTINUED

The next event was shooting at RAF Cranwell on 21 May. 17 cadets, predominantly from Year 9, covered all aspects of range discipline and shooting. These Year 9 cadets will become the nucleus of the team in 2018. Shooting will take place again in mid-June at RAF Cranwell with the CADSAM team and the cadets attending the summer camp at Kendrew Barracks will also shoot on the 25m range there.

The annual CCF Dinner will take place on 22 June with the guest of honour being Wing Commander Melville MBE, Officer Commanding No. 5 Squadron at RAF Waddington. There are still a few places left for this—please contact SSI Pulfrey at the school if you would like to attend.

As a CCF Unit we have been asked to select a cadet to compete in a competition for a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet—a newly created post. This would allow the successful cadet to attend events in the County with the Lord Lieutenant when senior members of the Royal Family visit. An interview board will be created and the RFCA (Lt Col Worsley) will select the winning cadet.

In July both the RAF and Army Sections will attend their individual summer camps at RAF Northhold and Kendrew Barracks respectively.

TENNIS

Joe Patton, Lewis Picker and Elliot Smith-Rasmussen of Year 11) recently won all their matches (singles and doubles) against a Boston A side at Grantham Tennis Club.

Well done to all the boys.

TABLE TENNIS

Matt Leete of Year 11, has been selected to represent England Schools at the British Senior Schools International event from 24-26 June 2016 in Ireland.

We wish Matt every success in this event.

WATER POLO

We are pleased to report that Cameron Terry of Year 11 won Gold at a water polo event at the end of April. Well done Cameron.

PE DEPARTMENT

ATHLETICS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following their success at the District Championships, the following boys have been selected to represent the district at the County Championships in Boston on 8 June.

- Year 7: Jonathon Esiwe
Tate Emery-Peters
Oliver Coyle
- Year 8: Jordan Seetul-Drew
- Year 9: Sheldon Fivaz
Emyr Jenkins
Lewis Wilby
Taylor Jordan
George Cottle
Noah Cadby
James Tweedie
- Year 10: Tom Evans
Jacob Carrington
Will Seage
Tom Gandee
Ed Buck
Sam Letchworth

RUGBY—NEWARK U14s

We are delighted that several of our boys have enjoyed another successful season at Newark Rugby Club, winning the NLD Championship for a third successive year. To win it once is an achievement, to win it three times is remarkable and the boys deserve great credit for their hard work and dedication.

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6 (2015-16)

WEEK COMMENCING 6 JUNE: YEAR 10 EXAMINATION WEEK

- Monday 6 June : TERM 6 BEGINS
- Wednesday 8 June : CRICKET MATCH—U13 V. LINCOLN MINSTER (H) - 2:00PM

WEEK COMMENCING 13 JUNE:

- Monday 13 June: YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
MUSIC PARENTS' GROUP MEAL—7:30PM
- Tuesday 14 June: YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—2:00PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL
LONDONTORPE CHURCH (MUSIC) CONCERT—7:00PM
- Wednesday 15 June: CRICKET MATCHES—U15/U14 V. LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - 2:00PM
CRICKET MATCHES—U13/12 V. LOUGHBOROUGH (H) - 2:00PM
- Thursday 16 June: YEAR 10—HULL TRIP
GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE (TO 24 JUNE)

WEEK COMMENCING 20 JUNE:

- Monday 20 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Tuesday 21 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Wednesday 22 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI V. LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - 2:00PM
CRICKET MATCH—U12 V. WELLOW SCHOOL (H) - 2:00PM
UCAS DAY
PTFA MEETING—7:30PM IN ROOM 34
ANNUAL CCF DINNER—7:00PM IN OLD SCHOOL
- Friday 24 June: YEAR 12 VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY

WEEK COMMENCING 27 JUNE: SIXTH FORM INDUCTION WEEK

- Monday 27 June: CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI V. SPALDING (A) - 2:00PM
OPEN EVENING—**SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2:45PM**
- Tuesday 28 June: CRICKET MATCH—U14 V. HILL HOUSE (A) - 2:00PM
- Wednesday 29 June: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—CURTEIS & NEWTON
YEAR 7 GERMAN TRIP (TO 3 JULY)
CRICKET MATCH—U13 /U12 V. HILL HOUSE (H) - 2:00PM
EUAN COULTHARD MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI—BELVOIR CRICKET CLUB—5:00PM
- Thursday 30 June: SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' MEAL
CRICKET MATCHES—U13 & U12 V. LEICESTER GRAMMAR (H) - 2:00PM
YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING IN THE HALL—4:30-7:00PM
- Friday 1 July: YEAR 12 VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
MCC CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI—11:30AM
- Weekend: SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRACTICE (2-4 JULY)

WEEK COMMENCING 4 JULY:

- Monday 4 July: NEW YEAR 7 INTAKE EVENING
- Tuesday 5 July: YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY
CRICKET MATCH— 1ST XI V. LEICESTER GRAMMAR (H) - 2:00PM
NATIONAL GOLF FINAL
SUMMER CONCERT IN THE HEAD MASTER'S GARDEN—7:00PM
- Wednesday 6 July: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI V. OLD BOYS '(H)—11:00AM
NATIONAL GOLF DAY
CRICKET MATCH—U12 V. TRENT COLLEGE (H) - 2:00PM
- Thursday 7 July: YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
CRICKET MATCH—1ST XI V. OLD BOYS' T20 (H) - 5:00PM
- Friday 8 July: YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Weekend: SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH (TO 11 JULY)

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DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6 (2015-16)

WEEK COMMENCING 11 JULY:

- Monday 11 July: YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING—4:30-7:00PM IN THE HALL
- Tuesday 12 July: YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY TRIP
- Wednesday 13 July: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOXES & BURLEIGH
BATTLEFIELDS TRIP (TO 15 JULY)
YEAR 7 CCF TASTER DAY
- Thursday 14 July: ALTON TOWERS TRIP
HOUSE LEADERSHIP SKILLS AT THE SCHOOL FIELD
- Friday 15 July: BATTLEFIELDS TRIP RETURNS
- Weekend: ARMY CCF CAMP (17 TO 21 JULY)
BORNEO TRIP DEPARTS 16 JULY TO 11 AUGUST

WEEK COMMENCING 18 JULY:

- Monday 18 July: PHYSICS TRIP TO SWITZERLAND (TO 20 JULY)
- Wednesday 20 July: FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE AT ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH
SPORTS DAY AT THE MERES LEISURE CENTRE/SPORTS STADIUM
- Thursday 21 July: END OF TERM ASSEMBLY AT ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH
TERM ENDS—2:45PM
- Weekend: RAF CCF SUMMER CAMP (23-30 JULY) AT RAF NORTHOLT
- Weekend: 28 JULY TO 1 AUGUST—DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD