



HEAD MASTER'S PAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the end of term newsletter. Hopefully each newsletter helps parents, governors and old boys to gain an insight into the exceptional range of activities on offer here at King's.

Congratulations to the boys for the positive manner in which they engage with the rich learning opportunities offered in the classroom and beyond.

Thank you to all parents for the support given to the school and for the continued encouragement given to the boys to help them to achieve the very best they can. In addition, thank you to all of my colleagues for their continued commitment and dedication. This is a very busy and stressful time for all boys involved in external examinations. I wish them the very best of luck.

Boys return to school on Monday 4 June 2018. I wish each of you a relaxing half-term break.

F Hedley—Head Master

SAFEGUARDING

Ofsted have created a webinar for schools and parents on how to help keep **children safe online**. The aim is to raise awareness about e-safety. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwezYyq3Ss> for more information.

MAX'S TREE

Thank you to all students and staff who have helped to raise a total of £1368.98 towards the cost of 'Max's Tree' which is situated at the School Field. The money has been used towards funding the cost of the oak tree, a bench and plaque. On 24 May the tree was dedicated to Max's memory and the plaque unveiled by Mr Gavin Hubbard and his youngest son, Sam. In addition, a small 'memory' box was presented to Gavin and Amanda Hubbard by the Head Master.



Some of Max's friends read the following poem at the unveiling. They wrote the second part of the poem themselves:

Max's 'Tree of Life'

A limb has fallen from the family tree
But keep hearing his voice that says, 'grieve not for me'
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song
The good life I lived, when I was strong
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you
Keep smiling, and surely the sun will shine through
My mind is at ease, and my soul is at rest
Remember all, how I was truly blessed
Continue traditions, no matter how small
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin
Until the day comes we're together again

When that day comes, our grieving will end
The reuniting of the boys, and that one special friend
You still have a home here, it's deep in our hearts
When in our company, the whole is the sum of its parts
Your part was the laughs, the joy and the soul
Giving memories to the group, that will never get old
And although missing a teammate, a brother, and a friend
It seems that the good times will not cease to end
We live in your memory, it's the least we could do
Max Hubbard, what a special friend, this tree is for you





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LITERACY FOCUS

The literacy focus for Term 6 is as follows:

Spelling (Sections 1 and 2)



The Year 7 'Spelling Bee' takes place during this term (further details on FROG).

UNIFORM

Before parents purchase new uniform for September please take note of the following:

- Socks must be black only
- The only acceptable jumpers are an optional grey V-neck jumper with contrast stripe (as picture) or plain grey V-neck jumper. Grey sweatshirts and crew neck jumpers are not acceptable.



I ask for your support to make sure that the correct school uniform is worn at all times.

Thank you.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CHARITY EVENT

As reported in the March edition of the Newsletter, Thomas Linford of Year 9 organised a musical concert charity event in aid of Beaumont House Community Hospice in Newark. The musical evening played to a full house. It is reported that The King's School's Junior Soul Band were excellent and Mr Lond is thanked for his support. Thomas sang a solo and played the saxophone, Viraj Deorukhkar played piano pieces and many of Thomas's peers and local music groups performed too.

We are pleased to report that the event raised a total of £1330.00 for Beaumont House Community Hospice. Well done Thomas and all involved.

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### MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

We were pleased to hear of achievements in the musical world for James Pritchard of Year 7. James won a scholarship last year with YOST—a national initiative to encourage more people to learn to play the organ. During a visit by the Trust Chairman recently, James performed at the end of a Sunday morning service at St Wulfram's and his playing ability is receiving acclaim nationally. James is also a gifted chorister and is working towards the RSCM Gold Award. Well done James!

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ART PRIZE

During a recent Sixth Form Assembly, Ben Sharpe of Year 13 was awarded a certificate and cheque from the Grantham Arts Society. Well done Ben.

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### DRAMA

Joe Daniels of Year 8 is currently on set of the BBC drama 'Casualty' having been cast as a main character in an episode of the programme.

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BLACK BELT

Congratulations to Harvey Triston of Year 8 who has been awarded his Black Belt, 2nd Dan. A very notable achievement.



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENJOY PUBLIC READING

On a sultry Tuesday evening in early May, Year 8 students presented their extended stories to an invited audience in the Old School.

For the five weeks leading up to this event the boys had worked extremely hard on drafting and re-drafting detective stories that were 4,000 –6,000 words long. This was part of a project to develop narrative skills, technical accuracy, academic rigour, self-confidence and oracy.

Initially, the boys read and were inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes' story: *The Red Headed League*. The story was deconstructed to find out how the nuts and bolts of the narrative was constructed and how suspense and character were created and developed.

As part of the project, students built models of their chief protagonists and provided deconstructed key quotes around them to explain their motivation and actions. These were brought



along to the Old School to make a talking point after the public reading. The public reading was undertaken as a promenade performance; students read out extracts from their stories simultaneously while guests meandered from person to person. Students were therefore obliged to engage with the adult audience and to explain and describe, as well as narrate.

The adult audience was made up of parents, friends and relatives, who all left the event proud of their son's achievement. Many stopped to express their surprise at the quality of the stories and the confidence of the students in speaking about them. One man said that he thought there were a number of potential novelists present, while another guest was astounded at the creativity within the room.

Student Harry Wakerley explained that he did not think he would be capable of writing 4,000-6,000 words and was surprised and delighted at the outcome: "I really enjoyed the whole process."

Mr Johnson—English Teacher



LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

YEAR 8 TRIP TO ALSACE 2018

In March the Languages Department launched the new trip to Alsace. The trip combines the study of both French and German and their cultures in this fascinating region. On 11 March, 36 members of Year 8 set off with Mr Bufton, Mr Finke, Mrs Martin and Mrs Roberts for a week-long tour.

The highlights included day trips to the historic centres of Strasbourg and Colmar, a visit to the stunning hill-top castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg, a tour of a German coalmine and a tasting in a chocolate museum. Some students said that they most enjoyed meeting French students from a local school with whom we went bowling, before returning to their school to take part in some lively sports activities.

Students developed their linguistic (and life) skills by carrying out surveys in French and German in Strasbourg and Kehl, where we were staying in the youth hostel. Many King's boys were impressed by the number of languages spoken by ordinary people in the Alsace region. Something to be inspired by!

All in all, an excellent experience was had by all and we look forward to running the trip next year with the current Year 7.

Mrs Roberts—Subject Leader, French



Year 8 students pictured on the coalmine visit

JUNIOR QUIZ TEAM

The Junior Quiz team played a regional heat against Boston Grammar School, which they won emphatically by 670 to 190 points. The competition follows similar rules to University Challenge and the boys were impressive in answering difficult questions on a wide array of topics from the history of the British monarchy to famous sports grounds. The team will soon face Nottingham High School in the regional final. Congratulations and best of luck to the team:

Joshua Kinnear (captain), Joe Barnabas,
Joe Daniels and Rory Herring

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Sixth Form helpers (Sam Jackson, Chris Ramsay, Oliver Craven, Ben Cole and James Cole) for their hard work and time in revitalising the school's junior quiz club over the past two years, which has given students in Years 7 and 8 the opportunity to enjoy testing their general knowledge in a fun, competitive environment.

Miss Burton—Mathematics Teacher

PE DEPARTMENT

BASKETBALL

George Conran (Year 8), Samuel Morgan and Jack Andrews (both Year 7) were selected to represent Lincolnshire in the U13 Basketball Team on Sunday 22 April. The team were put up against stiff opposition in the form of very well-organised teams from Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. The boys showed great persistence and team spirit which saw them narrowly lose to Derbyshire 31-28, missing a 3 point shot in the dying seconds. A great achievement for the King's boys and all involved.

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### ATHLETICS

The Year 8 Athletics Team qualified for the regional stage of the ESAA Track & Field Cup by winning the County tournament in Grimsby. The regional stage will take place in Derby on 12 June.



The Year 9/10 Team came second in the County tournament but will still progress into the regional 'runners-up' competition, which will take place at The Meres on 13 June.

Many students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in the District Athletics competition on 22 May. All represented the school well, with many qualifying for the County competition on 6 June at Boston. If students qualify at the County event they will progress to the regional competition.

Well done and good luck to all!

Mr Kelsall—PE Teacher

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FOOTBALL

Well done to the following teams for their recent winning results:

Year 7 & 8 B Team - beat Lincoln Minster 4-2

Year 7 & 8 A Team - beat Spalding Grammar 6-0

Year 9 & 10 A Team - beat Spalding Grammar 5-1

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### CRICKET

The U15 team beat Toll Bar School, Grimsby, by 8 wickets to qualify to represent Lincolnshire in the national T20 competition.

Toll Bar School scored 155-4 wickets from their 20 overs and King's matched their total in 15.3 overs with Ravi Yarwood-Paintal scoring an unbeaten 94 that included 8 sixes and 7 fours!

In previous rounds King's had beaten Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Horncastle, by 30 runs, with George Park hitting 83 not out. They also beat Carres Grammar School Sleaford by a massive 141 runs, with George Park scoring another half century and Danny Stokes hitting 88 not out.

Mr Richardson—Head of Cricket



## PE DEPARTMENT Continued ../

### YEAR 12 ASSEMBLY

Year 12 students enjoyed an additional assembly this week from Sam Ruddock, a 2 times Paralympian. This was arranged via our association with Inspire+ and involved a motivational speech around pressure.

Sam is a Paralympic track and field athlete for Great Britain who made his International debut at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. He is profoundly affected by cerebral palsy, specifically spastic diplegia, impacting balance, co-ordination and flexibility in various muscles across the lower body.

He was a keen sportsman late into his teens, often playing football, basketball and rugby. At Loughborough University he started to play American Football and in December 2011 he was spotted by a sprints coach whilst taking part in sprints drills. Sam ran his first races in April 2012 before being internationally classified as his times improved throughout May to July, when he was selected as part of the Great Britain Paralympic Team.

In his Paralympic debut in London he ran a time of 13.92 in the T35 100m heats which left him only 0.600 seconds short of the final. Five days later he returned to the Olympic Stadium, running a personal best time of 28.75 in the T35 200m.

During the 2013-14 season Sam juggled events, competing at the IPC World Championships and switched permanently from track to field in the 2015 season to further his development in the lead up to the 2016 Paralympic Games and in preparation for Tokyo 2020.

I hope the boys took inspiration from this young man who has triumphed in the face of adversity.



### KING'S FOOTBALL WEEK

We are excited to present the inaugural Football Week for Years 6, 7, 8 and 9. The week will run over the May half-term (dates below) and will involve a variety of fun football-related activities, expert coaching clinics and tournaments.

We encourage all abilities to come and play and you do not have to attend The King's School to participate in the event.

**Tuesday 29 May, Wednesday 30 May, Thursday 31 May**

**10am to 3pm**

Cost is £50 for the week or £20 per day.



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KING'S CRICKET WEEK

Monday 30 July-Thursday 2 August 2018

For boys in school years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

To be held at The King's School Playing Fields, Grantham from 10:00am to 3:00pm



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### KING'S RUGBY WEEK

**Monday to Thursday—13-16 August 2018**

For boys in school years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

To be held at The King's School Playing Fields, Grantham from 10:00am to 3:00pm



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PE DEPARTMENT

RUGBY—MATCH REPORT

King's 1st XV v Old Boys—Wednesday 28 March 2018

The annual rugby match between King's 1st XV and Old Boys (OBs) took place on 28 March, deferred from December when RFU age restrictions and fixture clashes prevented it.

A large and enthusiastic crowd were treated to a competitive and entertaining game which OBs eventually won 21-15 but, as the scoreline suggests, the school remained competitive throughout.

This was a very strong OBs team, arguably the strongest ever assembled. The majority had formed the squad which was unbeaten in their first five years at King's and reached the quarter-final of the national U15 Cup and the semi-final of the National Sevens competition as U16s.

OBs experience and weight advantage in the forwards appeared to set the tone for the games as James Newman powered over almost unopposed for the first score of the game after five minutes. Harvey Green added the conversion. Shortly after, Green himself almost scored but lost the ball over the line, dispossessed by a timely tackle from his brother Tom.

Following a scrappy period of handling errors due to the greasy conditions, School wing Finlay Tweedie crashed over in the corner for a try but the conversion was missed. OBs fly half Green again found himself breaking through the School defence and a deft offload in the School 22 allowed Connor Slack to score OBs second try. Green converted to give his team the half-time lead 14-5.

As the second half developed, King's forwards made more of a mark on the game and were able to secure more ball for their impressive looking backs. Tweedie seized on a loose ball on halfway, beat a tackle and chipped over the defence before gathering the ball and scoring a fine individual try for King's. Again the conversion attempt went wide. With the score at 14-10 in their favour, but sensing pressure from School, OBs upped the tempo and continued forward domination, and produced a try for flanker Haydn Godfrey. Green again converted.

King's introduced a number of replacements, a luxury OBs didn't have, and fresh legs immediately made a difference. Dan Godfrey matched his brother's score with a try for School, again unconverted.

The final minutes were played out in the middle of the field and at the final whistle both sides received huge applause from the crowd in appreciation of the quality of the rugby shown. Some tired OBs were happy to pass on their congratulations to a very determined School team who had more than played their part in a great game, expertly refereed by Mr Collins.



Immediately after the match OBs President, Angus Shaw, thanked the School for their hospitality, in particular Mr Whales who had co-ordinated proceedings, and presented the winners shield to OBs captain Josh Hubbard (left). In return, Josh thanked his side for their commitment and accomplished performance, and complimented the School on their determination and spirit. Angus then presented his President's Tankard to the Man of the Match. This award always goes to a School player and several candidates were noted: Kit Gunby, Josh Seabrook, Alex Henderson and Matt Mallinson in the backs, plus forward Tom Green, had all been prominent for King's. But the deserved recipient of the



award who, as well as his two excellent tries, had been industrious throughout, was Finlay Tweedie (right).

Players, spectators, friends and family then enjoyed refreshments and a very sociable gathering with School staff in the Long Room. The consensus was a thoroughly great event.



King's 1st XV:

Joshua Peters, Harry Bateman, Conor White, Cameron Cox, Harry Bartlett, Jacob Pearson, Isaac Ridley, Tom Green, Kit Gunby, Will Hellwell, Joshua Seabrook, Joshua Beavis, Finlay Tweedie, Alex Henderson, Matthew Mallinson, Joshua Hough, Ollie Plowman, Daniel Godfrey, Tom Layhe, Archie Warren

Old Boys:

Jack Radford, Jack Plowman, Charlie Stewart, James Newman, Charlie Wilkinson, Will Cousins, Josh Latham, Josh Hubbard, Harvey Green, Jordan Slack, Callum Slack, Connor Slack, Josh Watts, Sam Bell, Haydn Godfrey

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Listed below is a flavour of the extra-curricular activities taking place during Term 6 before school, at lunchtimes and after school:

Mondays:

Homework Room	Year 11 Geography Revision (lunchtime & after school)
Languages Club	Year 8 Science Club
Cross-Country Club	Cricket (Year 9)

Tuesdays:

Homework Room	Newton & More House Social Space
Whist Club	Year 11 Geography Revision
Cricket (Year 8)	Year 11 History Revision

Wednesdays:

Homework Room	Curteis & School House Social Space
Geography Club (Week A)	Geology Club (Week B)
Warhammer Club	Year 11 GCSE Chemistry Revision & Exam Technique
Cricket (Year 10)	Tennis

Thursdays:

Homework Room	Burleigh & Foxe House Social Space
GCSE Chemistry Support	CCF
CCF BTEC	Year 11 Geography Revision
GCSE Biology	Cricket (Year 7)

Fridays:

Homework Room	House Sporting Activities
CCF Shooting Club (CCF cadets in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 only)	Year 9 Chemistry Mentoring

ST BARNABAS HOSPICE BUBBLE RUSH - SUNDAY 8 JULY 2018

10:30am Registration, 12:00 noon start

Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham, NG33 5EJ

The bubble-filled, 5k fun run is back by popular demand. Join in with the biggest, brightest and frothiest 5k fun run in Lincolnshire on Sunday 8 July at Stoke Rochford Hall, Grantham. The 5k course starts in a sea of bubbles and features four bubble stations along the route. At each station cannons will pump out coloured foam to create 4ft deep bubbles.

Once registered, all you need to do is:

1. Put on your FREE Bubble Rush t-shirt at the start line
2. Finish covered in multi-coloured bubbles
3. Give someone a bubble cuddle and pose for photos
4. Raise lots of money for St Barnabas Hospice

Anyone can take part—it's fun for all the family. You don't need to be a runner. Whether you want to get fit, run for fun or remember a loved one, join in—it will be a fantastic, foamy day out.

St Barnabas Hospice is a local independent charity and every year they support more than 9,000 people across Lincolnshire living with a life-limiting or terminal illness.

PTFA NEWS

ANNUAL BALL—SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

So, what's a 'Ball'? We know Cinderella went to one, but as Prince Harry has just got married, there aren't any Princes left to come to our PTFA Ball. Instead, this black-tie event invites you to enjoy a three-course dinner at Belton Woods Hotel sitting at tables with fellow parents and friends. The King's Soul Band provide fantastic live music—some guests dance, most just listen and enjoy. Apart from the Grand Draw the casino tables will be back by popular demand.

Other entertainments are yet to be confirmed, but altogether it's good value at £40 a ticket per person, and it's a fun way to contribute to PTFA funds, which all go towards benefitting the boys.

If you work for a company who would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please contact Julie Reid (jreid342001@yahoo.co.uk) or Michelle Tasker (michelletasker@rocketmail.com).

Contact Julie or Michelle for tickets—£40 per person (as in 2017).

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### PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND

Don't worry about your son growing out of his school uniform just weeks before the summer holidays. You can order pre-loved school uniform via the PTFA's Facebook page (or by email, details below).

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PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM—YEAR 7 INTAKE EVENING

If your son will be joining King's in September, any secondhand uniform ordered via the PTFA's Facebook page will be available for collection on the night of 2 July, the Year 7 Intake Evening. There will also be secondhand stock available to purchase. Cash payments please.

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### PARENTS, TEACHERS, FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A long-winded heading for a short meeting! Put the date in your diary and come along. Hear what's happened during the year and how the PTFA have contributed to fun stuff around the school for the boys. If you come to the meeting we *promise* not to drag you onto the Committee!

The date is Thursday 4 October at 7:30pm (venue tbc but will be at school).

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Keep in Touch via Facebook, Twitter and Email:

Find out what the PTFA are doing and have done via Facebook.

@KingsPTFA And Twitter> Twitter.com/KingsPTFA

Email: admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk

KING'S NEWSLETTER

Items for the King's Newsletter should be submitted to Mrs Orrey, PA to the Head Master, at least 10 days prior to the end of each term (su.orrey@kings.lincs.sch.uk)

CCF NEWS



Lt Col Ogg



SSI Pulfrey

What a busy and successful term the CCF have enjoyed. When you join the CCF in Year 9, you select the section you wish to be in, either the RAF or Army. This is what you can achieve:

ARMY

We have the first Cadet in Lincolnshire to qualify as a Master Cadet at the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park in Camberley, Surrey. Well done Sgt Ed Johnston.

Whilst he was there Sgt Johnston also qualified for a Commandant's Coin, given for his feedback to the Training Major for his Exercise Report.

This is what Sgt Johnston had to say about this course: "Make sure you are confident in your ability to hold your own and stand out. Try and seize any of the leadership opportunities you get, but also be a fun and positive team player. Make the most of the opportunity—it was certainly the highlight of my cadet career."



I was pleased to see the Army proficiency training provided by Capt Dunlop and his team stood up to the test at Frimley Park, the centre of the Cadet Training World.

I have been in contact with an ex King's boy who was in the CCF in 2006 and was Head Boy of the school. Capt Simon Dinsdale is cap badged Blues and Royals, and is their Adjutant. He has undertaken two tours in Afganistan and Iraq and wishes to come and talk to the Army Section Cadets ... watch this space.

RAF SECTION



Flt Lt Barton and I applied for a second Sir Michael Knight Pilot Scholarship for Sgt Richard Gibbs (as notified in the last newsletter). Our recommendation was accepted and the award was made by the RAF Charitable Trust.

Flt Sgt Gibbs has now qualified for a six week residential Private Pilot's Course at Tayside Aviation in Dundee with a minimum of 33 hours flying training and also has full access to online ground school training. This will really add dimension to his CV and, hopefully, a future career with the RAF (he was one of only three CCF Cadets in the whole of the UK to be selected).

Last year's recipient of the Sir Michael Knight Pilot Scholarship, William Proctor, was one of eight ATC/1 CCF cadet winners and the only CCF Cadet in the UK to be selected. From these nine cadets, the RAF Charitable Trust-sponsored Flying Excellence Trophy Winner representing "the best of the best" will be selected for an award of £5,000 towards furthering their flying training. Best of luck William.

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## BELTON HORSE TRIALS

SSI Pulfrey took some Cadets to the Belton International Horse Trials, where the CCF have helped for many years. A letter of thanks plus a cheque was sent to the Head Master from which I quote "Your boys were an amazing help and are always polite and hard working. The weather was against us, but the boys dug in and helped anywhere they could." A great reflection of the CCF ethos.

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SHOOTING AT RAF CRANWELL

Members of the Contingent visited RAF Cranwell on 12 May where SSI Pulfrey and Sgt Sharpe ran the cadets through Weapon Handling tests followed by live firing.



A good day was had and a nucleus of a CADSAM team was picked. More training has been planned for the summer camp and

a further day of live firing will take place on 1 September at RAF Cranwell before the cadets take part in the Brigade competition CADSAM at Beckingham on 8 September.

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## KAYAKING

Kayaking has been agreed from May to October 2018. Dates available from SSI Pulfrey and Capt Dunlop. This training will qualify cadets at British Canoe standard 1 and 2 star.

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CCF ANNUAL DINNER

Confirmation has been received that Brigadier Matthew P Lowe MBE Deputy Commander Cadets, UK Regional Command HQ, will be our VIP guest at the Annual Leavers Regimental Dinner on 20 June.

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## CCF UNIFORM

If parents or ex-cadets have uniform belonging to the CCF, please could these items be returned to SSI Pulfrey as soon as possible. Thank you.

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TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter at Kings_Grantham_CCF.

CCF NEWS Continued .../

MARCH HARE

On 5 and 6 May Exercise March Hare took place at Oasby. The exercise was run by Capt Dunlop, ably supported by Flt Lt Barton, FO Davis, our new Officer Tom Dunlop and SSI Pulfrey.

Seventy cadets took part, starting with a 12 km Navigation Exercise from Grantham to Oasby, testing the cadets on their ability to read a map and compass. Then on to building Basha's to sleep in overnight on two wonderfully hot days. "Take more water with it" was the order of the exercise, rehydration being vitally important.

24-hour ration packs were issued, with cooking stoves, so the cadets were self-sufficient. Training and tests then began including Fieldcraft, Camouflage and Concealment, Leadership tasks, First Aid and Observation exercises.

Seven teams had been created by Capt Dunlop, with the overall winners being Team A. Trophies were presented after which all returned to school, tired but elated at the success achieved.



Ration packs
Issued (left)



Camp setting up
and ration packs
being checked
(right)

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The Contingent, together with Magnus cadets, had their bi-annual photograph taken (shown below). An impressive group of cadets with their Commanding Officer, Mr Hedley.



Lt Col R Ogg—Contingent Commander



## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6 (2018)

### WEEK COMMENCING 4 JUNE: WEEK B GCSE/A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

- Monday 4 June: TERM BEGINS
- Wednesday 6 June: U12 & U13 CRICKET V TRENT COLLEGE (A) - 2:00PM
- Thursday 7 June: YEAR 10 HEAD OF YEAR INTERVENTION MEETINGS - 4:00-6:30PM

### WEEK COMMENCING 11 JUNE: WEEK A GCSE/A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

- Monday 11 June: YEAR 7—GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Tuesday 12 June: YEAR 7—GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
MUSIC CONCERT AT LONDONTHORPE CHURCH—7:00PM
- Wednesday 13 June: YEAR 7—GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
U12/U13 CRICKET V LOUGHBOROUGH (H) - 2:00PM  
U14/U15 CRICKET V LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - 2:00PM
- Friday 15 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

### WEEK COMMENCING 18 JUNE: WEEK B GCSE/A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS YEAR 9 EXAMINATION WEEK

- Monday 18 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
MUSIC PARENTS GROUP MEAL—7:30PM
- Tuesday 19 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Wednesday 20 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
YEAR 12 UCAS APPLY DAY  
1ST XI CRICKET V LOUGHBOROUGH (A) - 2:00PM  
BAMBERG EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARRIVE IN THE AFTERNOON  
CCF ANNUAL DINNER—6:30 FOR 7:00PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL
- Thursday 21 June: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
U15 CRICKET V HILL HOUSE (A) - 2:00PM  
BAMBERG EXCHANGE VISITORS IN SCHOOL IN THE MORNING—ON A VISIT IN THE AFTERNOON
- Friday 22 June: YEAR 12 TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
BAMBERG EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
- Weekend: CCF CAMP DEPARTS SUNDAY 24 JUNE UNTIL SATURDAY 30 JUNE  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER PRACTICE UNTIL MONDAY 25 JUNE

### WEEK COMMENCING 25 JUNE: WEEK A GCSE/A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

- Monday 25 June: SCHOOL CLOSING AT 2:45PM  
OPEN EVENING—6:00-9:00PM
- Tuesday 26 June: YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS MOP-UP SESSION—9:30AM IN THE BISHOP FOXE ROOM
- Wednesday 27 June: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—NEWTON & CURTEIS  
U12 CRICKET V ST HUGH'S & WELLOW A & B (A) - 2:00PM  
SIXTH FORM LEAVERS' MEAL—OLD SCHOOL—6:30PM FOR 7:00PM
- Thursday 28 June: YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Friday 29 June: YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER EXPEDITION TO SUNDAY 1 JULY  
1ST XI CRICKET V MCC (H) - 11:30AM  
BAMBERG EXCHANGE VISITORS DEPART—EARLY AM
- Weekend: SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 6 (2018)

### WEEK COMMENCING 2 JULY: WEEK B SIXTH FORM INDUCTION WEEK

- Monday 2 July: YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
NEW YEAR 7 INTAKE EVENING—6:00-8:00PM
- Tuesday 3 July: YEAR 6 TASTER DAY  
YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
1ST XI CRICKET—LEICESTER GRAMMAR (H) - 2:00PM
- Wednesday 4 July: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL  
YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK  
U12/13 CRICKET V HILL HOUSE (H) - 2:00PM
- Thursday 5 July: PTFA MEETING—7:30PM—ROOM 34 (TOWER BLOCK)
- Friday 6 July: YEAR 12 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY—TBC

### WEEK COMMENCING 9 JULY: WEEK A

- Monday 9 July: SUMMER CONCERT IN THE HEAD MASTER'S GARDEN—7:00PM
- Wednesday 11 July: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—BURLEIGH & FOXE  
YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO 13 JULY
- Thursday 12 July: HOUSE ACTIVITIES DAY AT THE SCHOOL FIELD  
HOUSE ALTON TOWERS TRIP
- Friday 13 July: 1ST XI CRICKET—OLD BOYS' (H) - 11:00AM

### WEEK COMMENCING 16 JULY: WEEK B

- Monday 16 July: YEAR 9 GIFTED & TALENTED TRIP TO SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY
- Tuesday 17 July: SIXTH FORM PHYSICS TRIP TO GENEVA & CERN—TO 20 JULY
- Thursday 19 July: FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE AT ST WULFRAM'S—9:45AM—FOLLOWED BY:  
SPORTS DAY AT THE MERES
- Friday 20 July: SIXTH FORM PHYSICS TRIP TO GENEVA & CERN RETURNS  
WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH—1:45PM

END OF TERM—2:45PM



## Is your child studying for GCSEs?

If so, or if they will in the future, you might be interested to know that GCSEs in England are changing. The courses and exams are changing to ensure that young people have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The new GCSEs ensure that students leave school better prepared for work or further study. They cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in the world.

### Top facts about the new GCSEs

- 1 The new GCSEs in England have a new 9 to 1 grading scale, to better differentiate between the highest performing students and distinguish clearly between the old and new exams.
- 2 Grade 9 is the highest grade and will be awarded to fewer students than the current A\*.
- 3 The first exams in new English language, English literature and maths GCSEs were sat in summer 2017 and the rest of the new GCSEs will be rolled out over the next three years.
- 4 The old and new GCSE grading scales do not directly compare but there are three points where they align, as the diagram shows:
  - The bottom of grade 7 is aligned with the bottom of grade A;
  - The bottom of grade 4 is aligned with the bottom of grade C; and
  - The bottom of grade 1 is aligned with the bottom of grade G.
- 5 Although the exams will cover more challenging content, it is right that pupils are not disadvantaged simply by being the first to sit the new GCSEs. The approach used by Ofqual, the exams regulator ensures that, all things being equal, broadly the same proportion of pupils get grades 1, 4 and 7 and above in any subject, as would have got G, C or A and above respectively in the old system.
- 6 The Department for Education recognises grade 4 and above as a 'standard pass'; this is the minimum level that students need to reach in English and maths, otherwise they need to

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

| New grading structure | Current grading structure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9                     |                           |
| 8                     | A*                        |
| 7                     | A                         |
| 6                     | B                         |
| 5<br>STRONG PASS      |                           |
| 4<br>STANDARD PASS    | C                         |
| 3                     | D                         |
| 2                     | E                         |
| 1                     | F                         |
|                       | G                         |
| U                     | U                         |

continue to study these subjects as part of their post-16 education. There is no re-take requirement for other subjects.

- 7 Employers, universities and colleges will continue to set the GCSE grades they require for entry to employment or further study. We are saying to them that if you previously set grade C as your minimum requirement, then the nearest equivalent is grade 4. The old A\* to G grades will remain valid for future employment or study.
- 8 For measuring school performance, we will publish the proportion of students achieving a grade 5 and above in English and maths. The Department for Education recognises grade 5 and above in English and maths as a “strong pass”, a benchmark in line with the expectations of top performing education systems around the world – this is one of the headline measures of school performance. We will also publish the proportion of students achieving a grade 4 or above in English and maths for transparency and to enable schools to show their students’ achievements.
- 9 Most GCSEs taken by students at schools in Wales and Northern Ireland will continue to be graded A\* to G. The grading scales for AS (A to E) and A levels (A\* to E) are not changing.

## When is this happening?

- The first exams for new GCSEs in English language, English literature and maths were sat in 2017. An additional 20 new GCSE subjects will have their first exams in 2018.
- All GCSE subjects will be revised for courses starting by 2018 and examined by 2020.
- Between 2017 and 2019, GCSE exam certificates will have a combination of number and letter grades. By 2020, exam certificates will contain only number grades.

| First teaching in 2015, first exams 2017       | First teaching in 2016, first exams 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | First teaching in 2017, first exams 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | First teaching in 2018, first exams 2020                                                    |
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| English language, English literature and maths | English and maths plus...<br>art and design, biology, chemistry, citizenship studies, combined science, computer science, dance, drama, food preparation and nutrition, French, geography, German, classical Greek, history, Latin, music, physical education (including short course), physics, religious studies (including short course), and Spanish | 2015 and 2016 subjects plus...<br>ancient history, Arabic, astronomy, Bengali, business, Chinese, classical civilisation, design and technology, economics, electronics, engineering, film studies, geology, Italian, Japanese, media studies, modern Greek, modern Hebrew, Panjabi, Polish, psychology, Russian, sociology, statistics and Urdu | All previous subjects plus...<br>Biblical Hebrew, Gujarati, Persian, Portuguese and Turkish |