

KING'S

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Head Master's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

“Well here it is Merry Christmas” and I wish you all a very fun filled vacation and a chance to spend valuable time with loved ones. I know that all of the boys are looking forward to a well-deserved break, as are the staff, and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family.

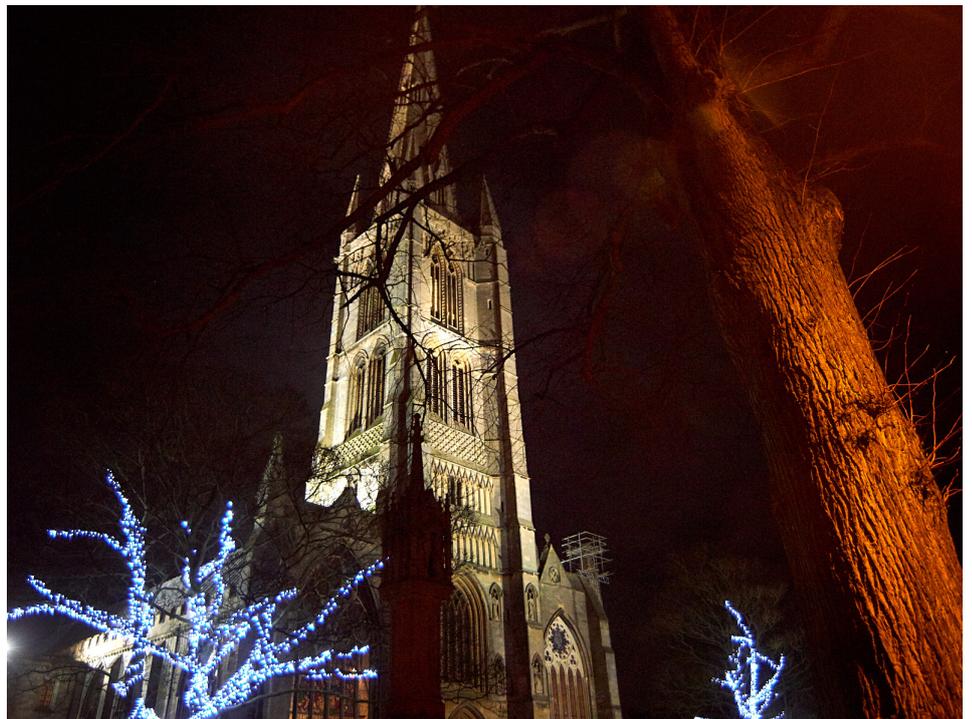
During this half term, the school, has been filled with activities and successes and there is just a flavour of all of the activities throughout this newsletter.

There has been a clear theme of kindness this half term and I have thanked the Sixth Form Gentlemen in particular for reminding me of what it means to give to others. It is impressive to see young men so delighted to see joy that giving brings. I have been overwhelmed by the number of times students and staff have given freely of their time to help and support others. Time is priceless and certainly a resource that is limited for us all. To see so many examples of individuals kindly giving time for the benefit of another is such a privilege and part of what makes this school so special.

This term also saw the school listed in the top 300 in England by the Sunday Times Schools Guide 2019, an incredible achievement and due to the hard work of all of the staff and students.

The long term ended with the annual carol service which was such a treat! The boys certainly raised the roof and the choir and musicians were absolutely amazing. I hope like me you are impressed by all the events taking place here and have the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful school.

You will all, of course, know of the great sadness's in this year. The untimely loss of a highly valued member of the King's community, Joseph Parker, came as a tragic shock and followed that of William D'Bouk. I am confident that your thoughts are, like ours, with their families, particularly at Christmas.



THE KING'S SCHOOL MOURNS THE DEATH OF JOSEPH PARKER

Staff and students were sad to learn of the sudden death of Joe.

Joe was a hard working, bright and popular member of our community who always had time for others - a kind and thoughtful person who loved, and was loved by his family and friends.

Joseph was greatly involved in many aspects of the school and known and well liked. The boys from all year groups were saddened, many recounting how he had been kind and spoken to them, when they first joined. He was a credit to the school, his friends and his family.

Joe's family asked for donations to CASY, a local Newark charity providing Counselling and Support for Young People (www.casy.org.uk).

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.
Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.
Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

Keates, read at Joseph's Thanksgiving



EDWARD PETER BRISTER (KING'S OLD BOY)

Edward entered the world of King's in 1985. With his parents Peter and Geraldine and brothers Simon and Dominic, he was part of the larger 'Boarding House Family'.

He joined the school in 1996. His enthusiasm for singing, drama, public speaking, athletics and rugby were only exceeded by his love of the CCF. Ed was a marksman, keen on Drill, a Gold DoE award winner and the first cadet RSM (since 1976) to truly embrace the Combined element of the Force and go flying.

Following Ed's death on 31 July 2018, his family received many wonderful messages but none that were more comforting than those which paid tribute to his warm, caring nature which encouraged young men to aspire to be what he was and his enthusiasm to help them achieve it. The RAF Sword was presented to me as Contingent Commander of the CCF at a moving ceremony on the Quad on 16 November. Edward Peter Brister - A King's Man Forever.



CHARITY

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Through a collection at the school's Service of Remembrance a total of £380.09 was raised, with half of this amount (£190.05) going to the Help for Heroes charity, and half to St Wulfram's Church. A letter of thanks from Help for Heroes included the following:

"Thank you with all my heart for being there for me and for others. Please don't go away. One way or another we're going to need you for the rest of our lives." H4H beneficiary.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Boys and staff raised £453.24 for Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers on 14 December.

Well done everyone.



HOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Donations and funds raised through the House Christmas Dinners total £1,711.61 which will be donated to Asthma UK, in memory of William D'Bouk.

The final raffle draw saw Henry Buck of Year 8 win the £25 Amazon voucher.



TOY BANK

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Toy Bank this year. I am always overwhelmed by the amount of energy and enthusiasm that the Sixth Form team put into this project and am very proud that their commitment has secured a record-breaking 235 children receiving toys this year.

I am deeply passionate about this charitable project and we will continue to strive to ensure that as many people as possible can benefit and receive our support at this expensive time of year. The project also allows our students to enhance their management and life skills to further ready them for their future steps in the world.

This year has seen approximately 50 students take on a number of team roles including - assembly, toy collections, shop manager, media, customer service and wrapping. The Toy Bank has featured on BBC Radio Lincolnshire, Radio Newark, Smooth and Capital FM, BBC Look North and BBC East Midlands Today.

It is humbling and gratifying to be able to reflect on our work and be able to share a thought and image of each of the 235 children running to the Christmas tree next week with excited anticipation of what awaits them. We wouldn't be able to achieve any of it without the support of the whole school and the wider community.

Nathan Whales



WELLBEING LEAD

Our young men experience a wide range of pressures which sometimes affects their wellbeing.

It is important that they feel able to share their concerns, in confidence and confident of support, no matter what these may be. Talking with any member of staff, or a teacher they know well can often be helpful in the first instance. Beyond that we can swiftly arrange for a private meeting with the school's dedicated Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Jenny Wigham. Similarly, it is most important that parents inform the school if they have concerns about their son's wellbeing. Only then can we take the necessary supportive action.

It is worth reminding boys that Kooth is a free service they have access to online. Their service is outlined below.

- Kooth has been commissioned by Lincolnshire County Council and provides free, online counselling, support and advice for children and young people aged 11 to 19.
- Kooth currently works with 88 Local Authorities across England and Wales and are experts in delivering a therapeutic model of online counselling. The support we offer to children and young people includes:
- Children and young people are entitled to 12 hours of counselling. They can use Kooth as a 'drop in' service or book regular sessions with a named counsellor.
- Our counsellors are available 365 days a year, from 12pm to 10pm Monday to Friday and 6pm until 10pm at weekends.

Emotional Health message forums. Within the forums children and young people discuss various emotional health related issues. The forums are hosted by a qualified counsellor and every post is moderated before it goes 'Live' onto the website. The forums are a great way to enhance young people's confidence and emotional wellbeing and another way children and young people can receive clinical support.

'Ask kooth'. This feature enables children and young people to ask our counselling team anything that may be of concern to them. Our team respond to these questions within 24 hours and will provide appropriate support and advice.

Online magazine. 80% of the magazine is written by our users. They write articles about various topics. These range from emotional health, sport, technology, fashion etc. These are moderated before they go live onto the site.

THE NEW STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

A new Student Support Centre will be opened at school in early 2019. At the beginning of September we began work on converting an area of the original school into a facility for SEND, student support and mental health.

Mrs Jenny Wigham, our Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead, will be based in this area together with the SEND Team. Students are aware of how to contact Mrs Wigham should they need support, and parents can also make contact at: jenny.wigham@kings.lincs.sch.uk or via the school's main telephone number.

SAMARITANS & DR SIGMAN PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday 10 January 2019 representatives from The Samaritans will be in school to deliver a talk to parents on bereavement from 5:00-5:45pm in the Old School.

The Samaritans will provide information on how parents can support their children in talking about their feelings and enable them to develop positive coping mechanisms.

If you would like to attend the Samaritans talk on Thursday 10 January, please email admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk by Tuesday 8 January 2019.

On 11 March we shall be welcoming Dr Aric Sigman into school to deliver a talk on 'Preventing Mental Health Problems in Children'. This will take place from 4:30-6:00pm. Dr Sigman is a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood and is a contributing author to the new Parliamentary Group report on Mental Health in Childhood. Further details regarding Dr Sigman's presentation will be issued after the new year.

CHRISTIAN UNION

A local church pastor, Lee Gallaher, would like to invite interested students to Christian Union. As the name Christian Union suggests, it is an opportunity to explore Christianity. Some of us are already believers, some of us are just wondering and asking questions. All are welcome.

We always begin with some sort of game, challenge or competition, then we either watch a short video clip as a springboard into discussion, or have time for open questions about life and faith.

In January we will be running an Alpha Course. This is an excellent opportunity to check out the God stuff and get some answers to key questions about your life and purpose.

The Christian Union is student-led and this year sixth former Dominic Mould is leading. Meetings take place every Friday lunchtime in Room 51. If you've got questions about spiritual things, come along, let's talk. Hopefully CU there!



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

UK MATHEMATICS TRUST SENIOR CHALLENGE 2018

The Senior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. Over 80,000 students took part nationally, with the top 10% achieving Gold. Forty one King's students from the Sixth Form took part in the Individual Challenges on 6 November this year and achieved 3 Gold, 17 Silver and 16 Bronze certificates.

In addition to their Gold successes, Alex Pay and Lewis Haywood of Year 13 and Xu Chen of Year 12 also qualified for the Senior Kangaroo round and received qualification certificates.

Congratulations to all students who took part.

Mrs Cherry

CRYPTOGRAPHY

In the New Year Mr Saunders will be running a Cryptography lunchtime activity. In order to take part students need to register with Mr Saunders. Students can compete as individuals or as teams of up to four members.

The competition begins on Monday 28 January 2019, so students need to have registered by then.

Competitors have the opportunity to win Amazon vouchers.

LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

On 20 November, 9 Sixth Form students competed in the Scoop Competition at West Bridgford School in Nottingham. The competition was run by the Business Languages Champions, an organisation that arranges inter-school language challenges across the region.

In the course of the day the students had to invent a French Newspaper and design its front cover, complete with leading articles and advertising. This was a demanding task as all stories had to be translated into advanced French, all negotiations over publicity had to be conducted in French and there were continual live news feeds and briefings in a range of foreign languages which had to be analysed and included. In addition, students had to present their newspaper concept to a panel of judges in French and produce a social media campaign. All of this was done under time pressure too. Team work and the ability to produce excellent French at high speed were essential.

King's was represented by two teams, one from Year 12 (Pip Mattison, James Scott, Harry Trenam and Kacper Waniek), and one from Year 13 (Krzysztof Fedorczuk, Edward Johnston, Robbie Kelly, Cameron Manderfield and Alex Pay).

Both teams acquitted themselves very well and produced outstanding front covers (which can be seen in the MFL Department). However, Year 13 excelled themselves by winning the competition against nine other teams. Well done to them.

They have won a trip to the “i” newspaper’s Head Office in London which should take place in the New Year. The Year 13 team are pictured with journalist Simon Hart, one of the judges on the panel from the “i” newspaper. - Mrs Roberts



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

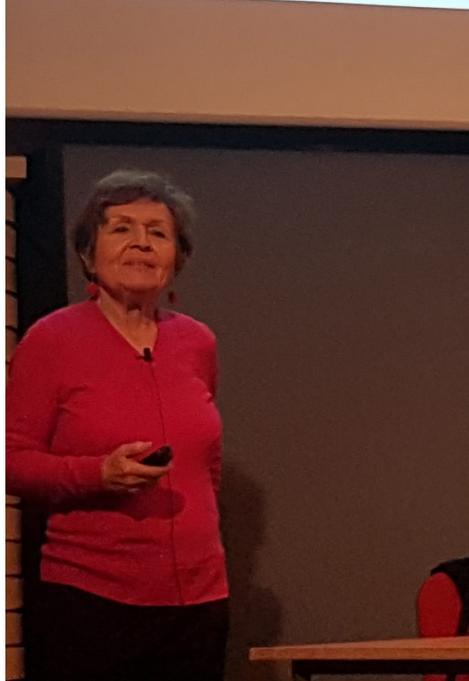
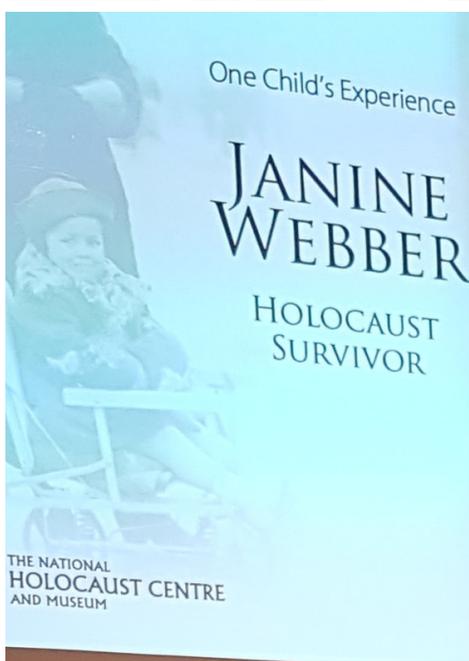
On 16 November, thirty Year 9 students visited the National Holocaust Centre with Mr Snowden and Mrs Quinn.

As part of the visit the students received an introduction by an experienced educator at the centre who encouraged the boys to focus on the role of the individual and the choices they made between 1933 and 1945. Following the introduction the students visited the museum where they saw a range of exhibitions detailing the growth of Anti-Semitism and how the holocaust was able to occur in a western democracy. A walk around the memorial gardens followed, giving students the chance to reflect on all they had learned so far. Each of the boys contributed to the children’s memorial where they placed a stone to represent a child victim of the holocaust. Finally, students had the opportunity to listen to Janine Webber, a holocaust survivor and ask her questions about her experience. The boys were very moved by the experience and came away with a wealth of knowledge.

Mr Snowden said: “I booked this trip in order to develop the boys’ knowledge of the Holocaust, however they all came away with a greater understanding not only of the Holocaust but the need to remember what happened in order to stop it being repeated.”

Thomas Littlecott said: “I have learnt from this trip to stand up to bullying and discrimination of minority groups, as all genocides start with small acts.”

James Griffiths (Director of Learning) at the National Holocaust Centre, said, “The learning programmes at The National Holocaust Centre encourage students to focus on the importance of the ‘choices’ individuals make. They also teach students about the consequences of not challenging discrimination and propaganda and failing to value diversity.”



COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

The Computing Department has been invited to take part in HM Government's Cyber Discovery training programme, aimed at 14-18 year olds.

This is an extra-curricular activity and consists of a range of challenges that the students have to complete over several months. The ultimate prize is an invitation to a face-to-face CyberStart Elite Camp where the best 170 students in the country meet to spend time with leading industry and government specialists, as well as potentially kick-starting their career in the cyber-security industry.

The challenge was initially launched with some cyphers that were posted around the school and the students who managed to crack these were then introduced to the online programme.

For more information, please have a look at cyberdisc.io/guide-join.

The first phase finished on 7 January, so there's still time to crack the code and take part.

Mr Greenhalgh



CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Earlier this term, the Year 13 Chemists carried out part of their A-level Practical Endorsement at Sheffield University's Teaching Laboratory. Although the prospect of a 7am meet at school was unusual for the sleepy teenagers, we arrived in high spirits and ready to synthesise! The boys were perfect ambassadors for the school throughout the day. The University teaching staff were very complimentary and hopeful that some of them would consider applying to Sheffield University.

The samples of medicine produced by the Year 13's this year were again of a very good standard despite a few misjudgements keeping their palladium catalysts cool! During their spectroscopy workshops the boys listened intently and really made the most of the opportunity to use world class NMR, Diamond-ATR IR and Mass Spectrometers. The analysis of their medicines was very pleasing and would have been safe to consume (in theory!).

During Term 6 a few of our Year 9 students will get the chance of a similar opportunity.

Mr Downing

MUSIC

YEAR 7 MASH UP PROJECT

Forms 7M, 7N and 7F have been involved in a project run by the Lincolnshire Music Service, called 'Mash Up'.



During the project all students have been learning an instrument as part of their class music lessons. The students have learnt either the clarinet, trumpet or trombone during this term. One the day of the concert they also participated in a percussion workshop and this, along with instrumental work, was performed in a concert to parents. All of our Year 7 students have now had access to this project and as a result 14 more students have taken up an instrument.

CHRISTMAS FEAST

The Christmas Feast concert was a festive and enjoyable occasion, with performances from the Concert Band, Wind Band, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensembles, Brass Ensembles and Choirs.

There were some fantastic performances that were enjoyed by the audience and enabled the boys to showcase their musical talents.

YEAR 9 GUITAR PROJECT

All six of the Year 9 Forms have been involved in a project in which all students learnt either the Electric Guitar or Bass Guitar as part of their class music lessons focusing on iconic guitar riffs.

On the day of the concert they also participated in a percussion workshop and this, along with the instrumental work, was performed in a concert to parents earlier this term.





SPORTING EXCELLENCE

CROSS COUNTRY

Thirty students competed in the Kesteven District cross-country championships at Burghley Park and can report that 23 runners qualified to run in the Zone Finals in



January. We were pleased with the performances of all the runners and the school secured first place in the team positions in three of the four year groups. We were also hugely proud of the fact that the school had the first runner of each of the races with Joe Monk winning in Year 7, Jasper Adamson in Years 8 and 9, Tate Emery-Peters in Years 10 and 11 and Ed Buck coming home first in the Sixth Form age group.

We wish them all the best for the next round and with their efforts to qualify for the County Team.

RUGBY

During this term we have seen all our age groups in action across the region with 33 matches being played overall.

The 1st XV, fielding a very young team this year, have endured a tough term, going out of the Natwest Vase at the last 32 stage and suffering heavy defeats against NSB, Welbeck and Mount Saint Mary's. However, the huge potential of the team to do well next has been shown in some excellent performances, particularly in the victory over Hill House.

There were a large number of fixtures for Year 7 and Year 8 boys for both the 'A' and 'B' teams. Both teams for Year 7 were undefeated this term, including fixtures v. Trent College, Carre's and Mount Saint Mary's. Special mention must go to Charlie North who has scored in every single Year 7 'A' team fixture this season - a remarkable achievement. Year 8 'A' and 'B' teams were also undefeated and scored notable victories against Leicester Grammar and Trent College. This means the Year 8 'A' team have never lost a game in two years at the school.

Year 9 students were involved in some very close games, most notably the 17-5 victory away to Trent College, and they have really grown as a team this year. Their only defeat was a narrow loss to NSB. Some outstanding individual performances from Sam Gilbert, George Conron and Jamie Porter means that expectations will be high when this team enters the NatWest Vase competition in Year 10.

WATER POLO

A team of U18s travelled to the Manchester Aquatics Centre at the beginning of December to play in the first round of the annual ESSAs Water Polo tournament. With a stronger than expected start, winning 4-1 against SBSJ, of whom we had no prior knowledge, we continued this form in the second victory (5-1) against St Ambrose thanks to Olly Coyle's outstanding defensive performance, playing three years above his own age group.

Unfortunately, Bolton's precision and strength were too much for us, but as a team we were proud to come away with a 5-2 loss and regained our confidence with a dominant 6-1 performance against Camp Hill.

We were proud to have made it to the semi-finals and will go into round two with the same winning mentality as the first.

Noah Cadby - Year 12

BUTTERFLY NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TEAM SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Junior Table Tennis team were victorious in the first round of the national table tennis competition and now progress to the Zone Finals on 19 January 2019.



SPORTING EXCELLENCE

YEAR 10 HAVE ENJOYED A HUGELY SUCCESSFUL TERM.

They kicked it off with victory in the NLD 12-a-side competition built on this, with wins against Trent College and De Aston in the NatWest Vase (Round 3). Led by Mr Collins, the team has also beaten Brunts Academy to progress to the last 16 of the NatWest Vase competition. The next round will be played in January.

House Rugby took place on Saturday 15 December. Despite horrible conditions, the boys braved the weather, all in the name of House Points. After all the year groups had played, the overall results were as follows:

Congratulations to School House and well done to all who took part.

1st	School	355 points	2nd	Curteis	345 points
3rd	Foxe	330 points	4th	More	230 points
5th	Newton	220 points	6th	Burleigh	100 points

FOOTBALL

All year groups are actively pursuing County Cup victory and League success. The Year 7 and Year 8 Football teams have done exceptionally well to reach the last 64 of their respective national cups - competitions which begin with nearly 500 teams. Both senior sides are sitting top of their Lincolnshire Schools and Colleges leagues and are showing excellent form.

The Year 8 team were very unlucky to exit the National Cup following a 6-5 defeat on penalties to Hampton Gardens, Peterborough. The team work and competitive spirit they showed was everything we ask of our students, but sadly the dreaded penalties brought our demise - perhaps a tour to Germany instead of Holland next year could be the solution.

Football will continue next term and we hope to report both County and League success.

The Year 8 and 9 teams enjoyed a superb tour to Holland, playing 4 fixtures and immersing themselves in the Dutch culture. The standard of football was very high and we learnt a great deal about the standards we are striving to meet.

In addition to the matches and the training sessions at outstanding facilities, the boys enjoyed a stadium tour of Vitesse Arnhem, a trip to the Arnhem war museum and memorial, tenpin bowling and a trip to Amsterdam, a flight simulator of the Amsterdam story and a lovely stop at the pancake house.

The boys were a credit to the school and a pleasure to tour with.



STOP PRESS NEWS

The U12s team beat William Farr 2-0 in the National Cup competition with second-half goals from Fred Seaman.

They are now into the last 32 and have a home tie against Wales High School, Sheffield.

In the first round we got a bye, in the second round we beat Carre's 4-1 on penalties - goal scorers were Marcus Tajero and Liam Ivermee, with penalties scored by Elliot Paley, Harry Harper, Will Leaning and Liam Ivermee.

The third round saw the boys beating Priory 5-1, goal scorers were Liam Ivermee (x 2), Will Leaning, Toby Lee and Charlie North.

In the fourth round we beat Bourne Grammar School 3-1. Goal scorers were Toby Lee (x 2) and Liam Ivermee.

BASKETBALL

The U14 and U16 boys are through to the basketball district finals which will be held in January.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Sam Hawkins, Daniel Stokes, George Park and Harry Clough who have all been selected to represent the NLD U16 side.

A fine reward for their commitment to the sport and we look forward to their future successes.



OLD BOY SUCCESS

King's Old Boy Jonny Law (2012-17) continues to make excellent progress with his rugby development as part of the Leicester Tigers Academy. We were proud to hear that Jonny's endeavours have seen him achieve the highly impressive accolade of being selected for the Tigers A League side earlier this month at Welford Road in their game vs. Wasps. Jonny played the full game at scrum half and was part of a winning 24-13 team.

Jonny has also been selected to play in a televised game for Leicester A Team vs. Worcester Warriors A team on 23 December at Sixways (at 1:10pm). The game on Sunday is on Sky Free sport 422 and Freeview 64 and we look forward to watching him in action.

Mr Whales

The new Book Club began this term, held on Monday lunchtimes. The theme for the first one was 'Horror' and the boys who attended each brought a book of this genre along with them or took one from the Library bookcase.

An enjoyable time was had, with each boy reading an extract from the book they had, and I also read from one of my favourite children's books, a ghost story set at Belton House, for local flavour. We then took a vote on all of the titles and the best one won a prize for its reader.

Comments from the boys included:

"I enjoyed the book club and was interested in books that the other people read ...I also liked the fact that Mrs Snee read an extract from one of her favourite books"

"It was nice to see what other people recommend and it was enjoyable."

In December the theme was Christmas stories to get everyone in the festive mood. In the new year the Club will expand to include any Year 8 student who is interested and be around the theme of 'Fantasy'.

We have run the December Book Club with a diverse set of Christmas stories. Jim Gleen won a prize (Thornton's Chocolate Cheeky Elf) after the vote. His book was a parody on 'The Night Before Christmas', called 'The Fight Before Christmas'.

Next term sees the completion of Form 7N's Reading Challenge and the start of Forms 7S and 7C running concurrently. Good luck to all participants.

The History Challenge is popular, especially since the introduction of a question sheet in place of the boys writing out a resume/review of previous years.

Please remember that a merit is given for every book read in both of these challenges - and they will be converted into House points eventually.

I have been inundated by boys who want to help out in the LRC for their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering section. Three boys have been chosen. Tasks involve re-shelving or tidying of shelves and keeping an eye on the others using the facilities.

The Warhammer after-school Club is continuing as usual and it has also been opened up to those who play Magic (card game). Anyone interested should speak to me.

Mrs Snee - LRC Manager

On 12 December interested students and parents attended a Careers Talk delivered by Zeta Rose, an Ambassador of the Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for Schools (ASK) Project.

This project is funded by the National Apprenticeship Service, part of the Department for Education. The aim of the organisation is to work with schools and other educational establishments across England to increase awareness of apprenticeships. This presentation explored the different levels of apprenticeship and covered all routes up to and including degree level apprenticeships.



Some resources that students, parents and teachers may find useful include:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>: You can register, set up alerts and look for live vacancies all year round.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>: You can download and print many resources and watch broadcasts from real employers and apprentices.

<https://notgoingtouni.co.uk/>: Focuses on higher and degree apprenticeships.

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>: You can search for live statuses on particular professions to see if they have been approved to proceed via the apprenticeship route.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

It has been another busy term for the CCF Contingent.

Our cadets were out and about in Grantham selling poppies on each week day prior to the Armistice Parade. On the 100th Anniversary of the ending of the First World War over 100 cadets marched with the Mayor of Grantham and other VIPs on their way to St Wulfram's Church for the Remembrance Sunday service. Wreaths were laid and then the Contingent marched home following the Colours through the main street once again.

Our "there, but not there" silhouettes were displayed in the Head Master's Garden and in St Wulfram's Church at the school's Remembrance Service.

Flt Lt Barton and staff took the RAF Cadets flying - and they were lucky to have two flying opportunities, Grob Tutors and Gliders. We achieved 4 gliding wings and 1 "A" pilot wing.

Capt. Dunlop took cadets to participate in some exciting canoeing at Rutland Water, which again resulted in qualifications, both British Canoe Level 1 and 2 Star Level were achieved.

The RAF Section, together with 2 cadets from the Magnus School under Flt Officer Davies competed against other schools and pre-uniformed colleges at RAF Wittering, obtaining a very creditable fourth place (1st place CCF team).

Three cadets attended the Senior Cadet Instructors Cadre at Beckingham, sponsored by 7 Brigade. All of them were a credit to the Contingent and passed with flying colours, again demonstrating that our CCF training is up to Brigade level standards.

Our Thursday Cadet evenings have been devoted to Drill and Turnout with Marching skills being developed, reading for marching through



the town. On the penultimate parade, our Commanding Officer Simon took the salute as we marched past in the Quad.

The Army Section badged to the Royal Lancers' were invited to a medal presentation at Catterick as guests of the Regiment, 15 cadets attended, and were lucky enough to be shown a Scimitar vehicle, Modern Weapons used by regular soldiers, and the medal parade was followed by an excellent curry lunch!

The Contingent and our Commanding Officer Simon were presented with a sword by Major Brister's family, in Remembrance of the life of Edward (Ed) Brister. A very moving occasion which will ensure that Ed is never forgotten by the CCF Contingent.

SSI Pulfrey and Capt Dunlop took cadets on Exercise Coldstart at Wyville, a training day developing APC skills for our newer cadets in living in the field. A skill which will be required at the Summer Camp 2019.

Cadets were introduced to improvised shelters, Camouflage and Concealment, Cammo cream and finally cooking and serving a meal from a current Army 24-hour ration pack.

The final event of the term was our fourth tree planting Exercise Operation Reflect, to mark the end of the 1918-2018 centenary of WW1.



COMBINED CADET FORCE

The final event of the term was the fourth tree-planting Exercise Operation Reflect to mark the end of the 1918-2018 centenary commemorations of WW1.

We planted trees in the form of a hedgerow supplied by the Woodland Trust on a public footpath at Glebe Farm, East Keal. Over 400 trees were planted, including an oak tree to remember Ed Brister.

Congratulations to FS Aaron Trevor (Year 12) who has been awarded an Air Cadet Pilot Scholarship, one of only six scholarships awarded in the Eastern Area.



LIFESAVING COMPETITION

In November, Grantham Lifesaving entered a competition in Leicester, with 5 King's boys and an Old Boy forming part of the winning team. They gave a fantastic performance to bring home the trophy.

Well done to Aaron Trevor, Oscar Parnham, Jacob Parnham, Tom Fulcher, Aston Killet and Steve Winter (Old Boy).



THANKS TO YOU ...

The PTFA are supporting the following requests from the school:

Development of the SEN and Wellbeing suite of rooms to provide valuable space and support for the boys (initial support of £300, with more considered as the project develops);

Renewal of subscription to 'Linguascope', the language learning website resource for French and German (£300 + VAT);

Lunchtime model making club (Airfix etc - providing an absorbing outlet as an alternative to the boisterous activities in the Quad! (£250);

Supporting the recently formed Sixth Form Debating Society, funding entrance fees and travel to competitions (at which there is also coaching in debating) (£200).

GOLD CARD DRAW

At the recent PTFA Committee meeting it was agreed to transfer £2,100 from the Gold Card account to the PTFA's current account. This will ensure we can support the growing number of requests from staff to fund projects which contribute to the education of the boys more broadly than just through the curriculum. An annual fee of £10 gives you the chance to be a winner whilst contributing to fun stuff for the boys!

The Draw took place at the meeting, and the following participants are winners:

October draw £60 L Owen

November draw £60 A Wilson

December draw £450 - S B Bramford.

ANNUAL BALL

70 guests had a great night at the annual Ball in October and the school's Soul Band were, as always, fantastic. However, this year we didn't make the profit we had hoped for and this will be reflected in the level of support we can give to funding requests, so please save the date for the 2019 Ball - Saturday 12 October. Pushing the Ball to the second week in the month gives the Band longer to rehearse after the start of the academic year. If you work for a company who would like to sponsor a raffle prize or other aspects of the Ball, please contact Michelle Tasker (michelletasker@rocketmail.com).

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Donations of secondhand school sports kit are always welcome. Items are available for purchase all year round (see the PTFA pages on the school's

WHIST CLUB

The Whist Club has become a thriving hub for those wishing to enjoy playing a game which does not rely on electronic gadgetry! It is a club where friendships are formed across year groups.

Earlier in the year Whist Club members Aaron Fleckney, Jack Brown, Alex Cant and Max Hopewell-Lovett took turns in taking part in the Freshers' Fayre. As a result, the Club had an influx of new members. Year 10 students then assisted in teaching the rules of the game and, after honing their skills, those new members have now embarked on the first House Competition of the year, playing Knock-Out Whist.

In all, 50 students have entered the competition in a league which will end at the beginning of next term. All Houses except Foxe have fielded entrants. Nevertheless, Foxe has produced an 'official' in the form of Daniel Hill to help Miss Newton to record the scores; his help has been invaluable as has that of Daniel Britten.

Liam Culhane must be singled out for a mention in the running of the Club. He has provided priceless assistance in this since the beginning of the academic year. The Club owes much to him.

Once the Knock-Out competition has drawn to a close, the New Year will herald the start of the Partner Whist season.

Miss Newton



TAE KWON-DO

Tae Kwon-Do classes are held in the school's Gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays (6-7pm Juniors and 7-8pm Adults). Recently graded to black belt first degree are King's students Harley Ebb and Jay Hawkins.

TaeKwon-Doisaneffectivemartialartwhichisalsofun.InstructionisgivenbyworldmasterMalcolmScholes,8th degree black belt, national coach and former British champion. The Tae Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain is recognised by Sport England and students can use this as recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Enquiries for new members should be made to: 07735 258155 or visit www.tkdclubs.com.

CALENDAR TERM 3

DATE	EVENT
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07 JANUARY	TERM BEGINS
09 JANUARY	Y9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY FOOTBALL 1ST XV (H) BOSTON GRAMMAR FOOTBALL 2ND XV (H) BOSTON
10 & 11 JANUARY	Y9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY
14 JANUARY	Y11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY Y9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING - 6.30 - 8.30PM
15 JANUARY	NON-UNIFORM DAY - PTFA
16 JANUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY TIM WARD - COUNSELLOR - IN SCHOOL - 1:00-4:00PM FOOTBALL 1ST XV (A) BOSTON COLLEGE FOOTBALL 2ND XV (A) SPALDING YEAR 13 - RECITAL EVENING - 7:00PM
17 JANUARY	CAREER DROP-INS - MORNING ONLY
21 JANUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY HEAD OF YEAR INTERVENTION MEETINGS - YEAR 11 - 4:00-6:30PM MUSIC PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP
22 JANUARY	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - 12 NOON
23 JANUARY	TIM WARD - COUNSELLOR - 1:00-4:00PM FOOTBALL 1ST XV (H) SPALDING YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING - 4:15-7:15PM
24 JANUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY
26-27 JANUARY	SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING DAY 9:00AM-4:00PM - HALL & TOWER BLOCK CLASSROOMS
28 JANUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY
30 JANUARY	YEAR 12 DRUG ADDICTION TALK BY SIMON LEIGH - 1:45-3:00PM TIM WARD - COUNSELLOR - 1:00-4:00PM FOOTBALL 1ST XV (A) QEGS DRUG ADDICTION TALK TO PARENTS - 4:30-6:30PM - OLD SCHOOL
31 JANUARY	CAREERS DROP-INS - MORNING ONLY
1 FEBRUARY	JAZZ NITE - 7:00PM - ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH
2 FEBRUARY	SIXTH FORM ENGLISH LITERATURE TRIP TO OXFORD PLAYHOUSE - ENRON
4 FEBRUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY
6 FEBRUARY	TIM WARD - COUNSELLOR - 1:00-4:00PM FOOTBALL 1ST XV (H) PRIORY CAREERS TALK - 4:30-5:30PM - OLD SCHOOL
7 FEBRUARY	CAREER DROP-INS - MORNING ONLY INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING - 4:15-7:15PM - HALL
9 FEBRUARY	BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING DAY - 9:00AM-4:00PM - HALL & TOWER BLOCK.
11 FEBRUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS - ALL DAY
12 FEBRUARY	OLD BOYS' MEETING - 7:30PM - BISHOP FOXE ROOM
13 FEBRUARY	FOOTBALL 1ST XV (A) LINCOLN COLLEGE
14 FEBRUARY	YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS ALL DAY RECITAL EVENING - 4:30-5:30PM - OLD SCHOOL
15 FEBRUARY	SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA DEPARTS END OF TERM - 3:45PM
16-21 FEBRUARY	SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA