

KING'S



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NEWSLETTER



THE AUTUMN ISSUE

THE HEAD MASTER'S PAGE

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

It is with enormous positivity that the first term of the academic year 2021-2022 has come to a close. Last week saw the celebration of our amazing Year 12 and our outstanding students from all years celebrated at our annual Speech Night. It was wonderful to be able to do this again in person. We were delighted to be joined by the Olympian Sam Ruddock whose inspirational speech reinforced the incredible journey that we all have been on. It was wonderful to listen to his story, and how he had to persevere to achieve success. I know all who attended will be willing him on at the Paris Olympic Games.

It seems such an age ago that we carried out Lateral Flow Tests for all students in Year 7 to 13 in just two days. Since then we have had a number of year groups hit by Covid-19 outbreaks, which has been seen across the county. However, as we head into half term we have seen 3 weeks of falling numbers for students off school due to a positive Polymer Chain Reaction (PCR) test.

It is really pleasing to report that our students performed better than ever in the A level examinations and in the GCSEs this summer. We had the best Universities profile for a significant number of years with nearly half of all A level grades being either A* or A, with a similar profile being achieved at GCSE. As a school, we congratulate them on this fantastic achievement. We are all really excited at the prospect of students sitting actual examinations next summer where we know that their hard work will be recognised in some incredible results.

Year 13 are starting to receive their university offers as they prepare and send off their UCAS applications and we have a record number applying to Oxford, Cambridge, and Veterinary and Medical courses.

It brings me great pleasure to see all of the new Year 7 students settling in well. Their education before arriving had been very disrupted over the 18 months at the end of their Primary School education. It has been wonderful to see them settle in and enjoy the many opportunities available to them.

It is unfortunate that the new CIS Roof project on the old Elizabethan building has been enormously delayed due to issues over the ability to have Castlegate closed for scaffolding work. We are hopeful that this project may commence soon so that we can start to use the library again.

The new two classroom block that will replace the Old Church Hall should have been completed by the end of October is also delayed due to a combination of HGV driver shortage and waiting for a structural survey on the existing concrete plinth. Hopefully soon we will have our new classrooms and we can return to a bit more consistency.

I had the personal pleasure of taking the Year 12 and 13 students on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the White Peaks this October. We had an amazing 3 days and the students were an absolute credit. They all passed after some challenging walks. It was wonderful after a rainy Saturday to see the sun rise on the Sunday for their walk to the finish and the excitement of a good nights sleep in the comfort of their own beds. Well done to them all, it was a really impressive expedition.

I would like to remind you that the school has for some time been supported by parents who have purchased through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kingschoolgrantham. You can also support the school financially: <https://www.kings.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Fundraising+%2D+Regular+Giving&pid=238>

Thank you for your continued support.

Simon Pickett - Head Master



Food Bank Donations

Every year we run a House Competition to see how many items each House can donate to the Grantham Food Bank. The boys always come up trumps to support this cause in our local community. This year we are extending the donation period, and are asking students (and parents) support the Food Bank by donating items up to the end of term at Christmas. The House Competition will also be extended to Christmas.

The Food Bank are grateful for items such as:

- Tinned fruit, tinned meat or casserole sauces
- Cereals
- Soup
- Tea or coffee
- Steamed puddings or custard
- Cordials
- Childrens treats or biscuits
- Jam or spreads
- Deodorants, toilet rolls, razors
- Salad cream or sauces

Donations should be taken to Mrs Orrey in the Head Master's office.

Student Excellence

CRICKET

Congratulations and well done to Swayam Bajpal of Year 9 who has done very well for his cricket club, Ellersille, where he plays in various age groups including the development team. He has been recognised as the highest run scorer and highest wicket taker across the whole club, and the best fielder, as well as being given the Manager's Choice 'player of the season'.



Student Excellence

DRAMA

Luke Carroll of Year 10 appeared in Jesus Christ Superstar at St Mary's Church in Melton Mowbray in the summer.

Luke was part of the cast ensemble and also played an apostle. He auditioned and was successful in obtaining the part, working with a much older cast over 2 weeks of the summer holidays. Well done Luke.

MUSIC

Leo Dudman-Millbank of Year 8 recently passed his Grade 5 music performance exam with distinction. It has been particularly challenging during Covid times as Leo had to do his music lessons on Zoom with all the limitations that comes with and so we applaud his motivation, resilience and determination to continue to practice. Well done Leo!

WATERPOLO

Sam Leveridge of Year 11 has been selected to play in the U17 national Waterpolo squad. A fantastic achievement, well done Sam.

Congratulations also goes to Tom Perks, Tom Webb, Lenny Hilton and Kaelin Smith who, with Sam, have been selected for the Inter-Regional squad.



Student Success

Lincolnshire Youth Ballet

Matthew Ross of Year 11 achieved Level 9 for GCSE Dance in the summer. A fantastic achievement.

He then went on to perform for the Lincolnshire Youth Ballet in one of their principal roles as Cinderella's father. In addition, Matthew was also cast as understudy to the Prince Charming role which was amazing as the Prince was played by a professional dancer.

Well done Matthew.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Toby Lee of Year 10 who was selected to attend the Wales Under 16 national training camp and to play for the Welsh National team against France recently. What a fantastic achievement.

FRENCH - Spelling Bee Whizzes!

Another successful French Spelling Bee competition was held in early October of this term, with boys in Year 8 competing to spell a weird and wonderful assortment of phrases ranging from 'Les cuisses de grenouille' (aka Frogs' Legs) to 'la baguette magique' (magic wand). The boys in question had worked tremendously hard over the course of the summer term of Year 7 and during the holidays to master their French alphabet and vocabulary and acquitted themselves excellently during the lunchtime contest. Thank you and well done to all those involved; it was a pleasure to see your enthusiasm and competitive spirit! The final results were as follows:

1st= Burleigh

2nd= Newton

3rd= Foxe

4th= More

5th=School (valiant, as the one member was there on his own!)

6th= Curteis (a little last minute, but made it nonetheless!)

DRAMA

Get the Show on the Road: Drama Club Begins!

The new academic year saw the re-establishment of the Key Stage 3 Drama Club, run on a Thursday Lunchtime (1 – 1:30pm) by Mr Kearney in Room 43. Drama has a myriad of benefits: collaboration, confidence, compromise ... and the chance to have a good old laugh with other like-minded peers!

In addition to tackling tongue twisters, performing spontaneous duologues, resolving crisis situation scenes and practising our poker faces (no corpsing permitted!), we have also played a range of interactive group drama games: wink, wink, murder ... zip-zap-boing ... fruit salad, to name but a few. Next term, we will move onto focused script work. Keen to learn more? Join us in Room 43!

Props & Costumes: Can You Help?

In response to the growing popularity of Drama at King's – both as part of the Year 7 curriculum and KS3 Drama Club – we are keen to expand the Department's stock of props and costumes. Whether you've unearthed an old candlestick phone or have a swish and unwanted scarf, we would welcome suitable donations to our props and costumes cupboard. Please email Mr Kearney (Drama Co-Ordinator) if you are able to help: james.kearney@kings.lincs.sch.uk

Mr Kearney, Assistant Subject Leader of English

It has been a great pleasure to welcome the Year 7 to Term 1 at King's

What an amazing start to The King's School our Year 7s have had! It's been a roller-coaster few weeks with activities, House competitions and a Geography field trip, never mind the new subjects and making new friends.

The term started off well, the weather has been (mostly) fine and every Friday we have spent our lunchtimes up at the field, kicking a ball around or just sitting, picnicking and making new friends. In week 4, Year 7 were lucky enough to go to Rutland Water on a Geography field trip – new skills were learnt, and again new friendships were formed.

In the last few weeks, lunchtime clubs have restarted and Year 7s have been taking part in activities such as cricket and dodgeball to whist and chess.

On Friday 8th October, the Year 7s took part in a House "Welly wanging" competition. The victors were Burleigh house, with Senul Fernando throwing the furthest.

Well done to the Year 7 football team who played in the National Cup on 13th October. They won 9-1 against East Leake.

Mrs Quinn – Assistant Head of Year 7

Obituary

Mr Sam Branson

It is with great sadness that I have to inform the King's family of the death of Sam Branson who taught mathematics, a true King's Man dedicated, hard-working and loyal to this school.

He was appointed as the Head of Mathematics at The King's School in September 1961.

We are all appreciative of all that he did for us over the many years of association he had with The King's School and our community. Our sincere condolences are extended to Sam's three daughters and extended family.

He graduated from Bristol University with 1st class honours in Mathematics and began his working life first at a school in Wellingborough, and then at Hyde Grammar School, Manchester.

Whilst at King's he established a 'Mathematics Room' in what was then the new 'Tower Block' and developed the Mathematics syllabus from what were considered as 'traditional' teaching methods to a more innovative approach. Sam retired in 1985 but he continued to take a great interest in the school.

A few years after retirement Sam, with his good friend Mrs Joyce Barnes, he went on to organise the school's archives. It was an onerous task which they began from a very base level, they did a sterling job, creating the basis from which the archives is run today. The school receives many enquiries from around the world about information it may have about Old Boys or events and the work done by Sam and Joyce is an invaluable source of information. Sam and Joyce retired from this voluntary role only a few years ago due to Sam's declining health.

Sam wrote a comprehensive history of the school after his retirement and it filled an important gap in the town's history. Sam did a great deal of historical work around Grantham including transcribing and indexing the records of local primary schools.

He will be greatly missed.

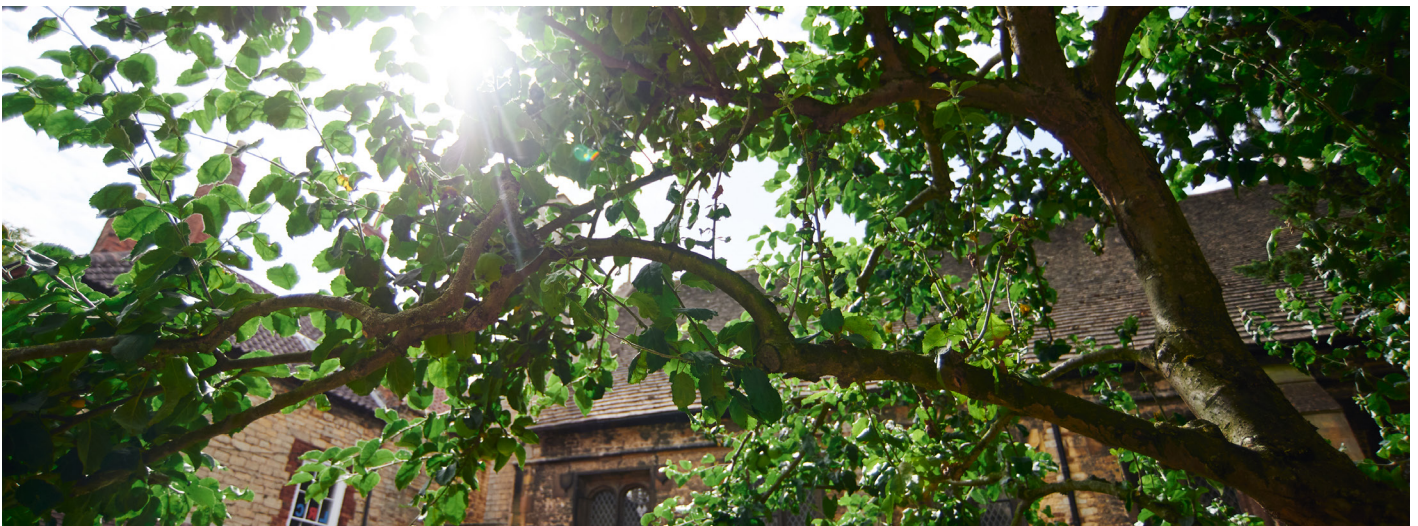
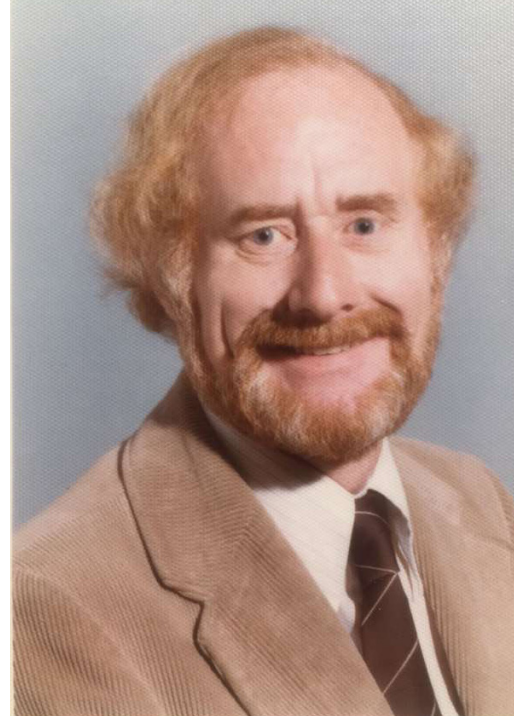
Jane Unsworth

It was with great sadness that we learnt that the school's Archivist Jane died on 7 July. She had been ill for some time but her death was sudden and quite unexpected.

She was very much looking forward to resuming work, post pandemic, in the archive and was really excited about the plans she had. Unfortunately the pandemic had continued to frustrate her. At the beginning of the pandemic she had been designated clinically extremely vulnerable and had been required to isolate. We know that she was really excited to being able to continue her work at King's once the pandemic had allowed.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Jane's family.

She will be greatly missed.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

School Scientist of the Year Awards

Lincoln University held the School Scientist of the Year award for the first time since 2019, due to COVID. There were two events on Monday 20 September for the Physics winners and on Tuesday 21 September for the winners of the Biology, Chemistry and Computer Science awards. An awards ceremony, including a lecture, was held on both evenings.

The King's students who were recognised for their achievements in the last complete academic year were: Michael Grace (Y10 Physics), Ned O'Malley (Y12 Physics), Oliver Beard (Y10 Biology), Viraj Deorukhkar (Y12 Biology), Theo Flavin (Y10 Chemistry), Hamza Behzad (Y12 Chemistry), Archie Bradbury (Y10 Computer Science) and Henry Beldon (Y12 Computer Science).

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

On Friday 1 October fourteen of our Year 13 Physics students took part in the Oxford University British Physics Olympiad Physics Challenge. This is a one hour paper of complex problem-solving questions that start by using areas of the curriculum and then delve outside the normal parameters of the specification.

All students should be proud to have taken part, three of them gained a participation award and eleven of them have gained a merit award.

Particular mention goes to: Ovindu Weerasinghe, Thomas Linford, Ned O'Malley, Alex Humphries and Nasir Chaudhry. Some students will now choose to take part in the 2hour 45 minute BPhO Round 1 in November. Congratulations to all students who took part and good luck to those who take part in the next level.

Miss Jones – Subject Leader, Physics

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Celebrating National Poetry Day

Some of our Key Stage 3 English classes had the opportunity to celebrate National Poetry Day (7 October 2021) through creative writing this year by responding to a poem tied to their regular English course.

Year 7s headed up to County Durham and immersed themselves in the Geordie dialect by exploring the Lambton Worm. A stalwart of the King's School English Department, the Lambton Worm enabled pupils to explore the importance of the oral tradition in the History of English, before re-interpreting this through the visual media form of a comic strip.

Year 8 took a breather from the horror and suspense of our term 1 reader, *The Woman in Black*, to head to the more light-hearted castle of Colonel Fazackerley – the title of Charles Causley's amusing poem. The Colonel's confidence in defeating a ghost which haunts his castle stimulated some varied creative writing – and even a rap or two!

Year 9 delved into thought-provoking philosophical questions in response to our study of William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*. Craig Raine's enigmatic poem, *A Martian Sends A Postcard Home*, provided an interesting dilemma: Martians view the human world in cryptic and individual ways, but how would they respond to the savage island setting of *Lord of the Flies*?

Rhys Thain, Year 8

ENGLISH

The following was written by Jim Gleed of Year 10 and was a shortlisted entry to the East Midlands 'Ghosts of the Landscape' Summer Writing competition run in conjunction with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Jim's work will be published in a digital anthology containing the top 30 entries nationwide.

The Scent of Danger

The stillness provoked my ears to stand on end. A rustling in the bushes. My nose sniffed out every traceable scent. Something unusual, unseen before. The joyous cycle of life within the moor disturbed by this sudden change. But then movement. A speck of light, glinting in the evening sunset. The sight was new to my eyes. Like the sound. Like the scent. Something was different, new. This wasn't like every other day on the moor, peaceful and care-free. My senses alerted me to a new oddity. A flash of light, sudden yet smooth. An orange haze lingered below a stronger red, the collection of colours dazzling my eyes. This new light illuminated a shadowy figure, similar to a deer but not as large. Two legs, not four. This creation likened to a bird in how it stood, yet was far larger than the largest on the moor. The eyes of the new animal, ghostly brown, reflected not their own colour, but the same reds, yellows, blues and oranges of the light it carried with it. They paralleled to no eye I had ever seen before. The determination of the Lynx, the manipulation of the Adder, the experience of the Hen Harrier, the eagerness of the Owl, the innocence of the Polecat and the bold eyes of the Mountain Hare. But these were different, blotched with explicit colour, yet a strange look covered behind the dominating curtain of light. But just as quickly as the burst of light had appeared, it died out, plunging the area into darkness, the final whimpers of sunset scratching the surface of the most distant rock outcrop.

Intuitively, I scampered towards the site of interest, quickly at first but as I reached the bush, I slowed to a cautious pace. My own eyes darted left to right, picking out the rising moon awakening over the far horizon. I noticed a further movement, behind one of the low shrub rows, the purple flowers covering the lower half of the figure, a second dark shadow, identical to the previous one, lurking in the darkness. I perched myself between two small rocks, enveloped in moss and home to several insect colonies. Looking up, I saw that the figure had joined their counterpart and began creating sounds alien to me, not like anything I had heard in many years on the moor. Unlike the hoot of an owl, hiss of the adder, flutter of the butterfly, or song of the bird. A deeper tone emerged from the figure, quiet and simple. This prompted the other to create a similar sound, but in a different pattern. Then the sounds faded to a murmur, with one of the dark, mysterious forms withdrawing a second light with what looked like a paw but had distinguished gaps which allowed for it to clasp. This paw retrieved a second light, but this time it was a softer white instead of a harsh orange. This light emitted noise just as the person made their own noise into it. Then the light vanished again, and I could just see the figure replace it with their paw. I wondered to myself which animal this could be. Nothing I knew was as large, nor made such noise or moved in that way. This must be something different.

I heard a high whistle in the air before a scent approached. This instinctively made me refocus my glance to my side, where, approaching from further down the moor, a third figure neared. They were accompanied by a dull orange glint which sat beneath their eyes. The pungent smell plagued my eyes, which began to water. Then, the glow dropped, hitting the long grass which layered the moor. I dashed over to see what it was and to try and get a better look at this new creature of the moor. However, just as I approached, a giant scattering of glowing particles spread within the dense, dry grass. Mere moments later, the sparks grew and grew. Before my eyes, the very footsteps of my hind legs vanished within the bright light which now enveloped the surroundings as far as I could see behind me. The long, green grass transitioned into a bright field of yellow, orange and red. Calls from the three figures were muffled by the crackling of the light. The last I saw of them was a hurry away from the growing monster, taking my very moorland away from me. I dared not get any closer, in fact I retreated, due to the intense, burning heat of the light. My first thought was my family, resting in the closest burrow to the stream. I darted around the inferno and rushed back to my burrow. There was now a thick scent in the air. Not just a scent though, a taste, a sight.

The moor was incredibly bright now, as if it were daytime. I scampered into the burrow to alert my family, but they were already awake. I indicated for them to follow me out of the hole which was our home. We rushed out, to encounter a field of bright orange, blanketed in a thick grey mist. It was difficult to see, but we pushed through. The wall of heat and flickering bright light grew and grew, not stopping. By now, we were at a safe distance, but it was still close enough to feel the heat, see the demented colour combinations fading in and out. Half the size one second, then three times the size another. It kept growing and growing, taking more of my precious moorland. I just hoped that the other animals, birds, and insects would realise what was happening. If they did, that would be more than I did. But I knew what danger was. And this was it. The scent of danger. All over. Everywhere.

Jim has also won the Under 19 category for the Grantham Writers' Group's 'Flash Fiction' competition on 'The Iron Lady'. He was the highest performing student in the entire competition and will be awarded a £20 book token.

Mr Clack – English Department

SPORT

RUGBY

The new rugby season is well underway with all our age group teams already played and been successful in fixtures against a host of other schools. We were all very disappointed that no competitive rugby fixtures were possible last year but we are equally excited to see our boys representing once again this year.

I am particularly pleased to report that our highly talented U15 team have already made it through to the 2nd round of the NatWest Vase competition by defeating Welland Park Academy in convincing fashion. Our First XV has kindly been sponsored by Portas Global and Melli UK this season. The team has made a promising start to the season and are looking forward to entering the Rosslyn Park 7's tournament in March. I am pleased to report once again that our PE staff remain as committed as ever to Saturday fixtures and we will continue to play the vast majority of our fixtures on Saturdays.

Results so far are as follows:

1st XV

King's 42 – 34 Leicester Grammar

Worksop College 14 – 31 King's

(Natwest R2) King's 24-0 Trent College

2nd XV

King's 35 – 10 Leicester Grammar

The U15 team look forward to continuing their NatWest journey against Spalding Grammar in Round 2.

U15

Worksop 7 – 15 King's

(Natwest R1) Welland Park Academy 21 – 33 King's

U14

King's 25 – 20 Worksop College

King's 50 – 0 Spalding Grammar

U13

King's 25 – 0 Worksop College

King's 15 – 30 Stamford

King's B 0 – 40 Stamford B

King's 55 – 5 Spalding Grammar

U12

King's 55 – 50 Worksop College

King's 50 – 30 Stamford

King's B 0 – 30 Stamford B

King's 65 - 25 Spalding Grammar

Mr Lindsay – Head of Rugby





FOOTBALL

Lower School

In the first round of the national cup the Year 7s travelled to East Leake. A comprehensive 9-1 victory saw King's successfully through to the second round. The Year 8 team lost their first game of the season 3-1 to Carre's. In an open game, King's created the most chances but were unable to apply accurate finishing. Year 9 also lost their first match of the season 1-0 to Bourne Grammar in a tight contest. The Year 10 team, missing Welsh international Toby Lee, lost 4-3 to Carre's. King's had plenty of opportunity to get a result from the match, including two misses from inside the 6 yard box. Year 11 lost 4-0 to a very strong Rushcliffe Academy side. Although this has been a disappointing start to the season for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 there is still plenty of football to be played and attention will now turn to the league and county cups which will begin after half-term. We do of course look forward to seeing how the Year 7s perform as the only side left in the national cup.

Sixth Form

The first XI have enjoyed a good start to the season. A 2-2 draw against local rivals Priory Ruskin was followed by a 4-2 win away at Horncastle grammar. Special mention should go to Max Fairlie who, on loan from the Rugby first XV, made his debut for the first XI scoring one of the 4 goals. The second XI have made a steady start to the year, although they play in the 'B league', the second XI are playing against the first teams of all other schools in their league. Having let a 2 goal lead slip in their first match against Alford Grammar, losing 3-2, they bounced back in spectacular fashion to record a 5-4 win away against Skegness Academy (having been 4-2 down at half time).

CROSS COUNTRY

The first round of the national championships took place on 5th October. The Junior Boys team of Sam Kirkham, Alex Reidy, Jacob Perry, Theo Cozens, Oscar Lond, Okitha Jayakody and Luca Carpenter finished in a credible 8th place overall. Jacob Perry was the highest placed individual for King's finishing in 10th. The Intermediate Boys team of Joseph Monk, Oli Bailey, Tristan Wakely, Sam Rowson, Joseph Hazzledine, Alfie Kane and Morgan Arrowsmith finished in 4th position in the team standings. This included a 2nd place finish for Joseph Monk and a 6th place finish for Sam Rowson. Our thanks go to Mr Snowden who managed the teams on the day. Attention will now turn to the district championships after half term.

Mr Hulme – Head of Physical Education



CRICKET

Dan Frost of Year 13 played for Nottinghamshire's 2nd XI in their match against Worcestershire 2nd XI on the 6-7 July 2021. Dan was subbed in on Day 2 as the first team keeper was called up to the England squad.

On Day 2 Dan kept wicket for 12 overs and on Day 3 kept 50 overs, with 2 catches. On both days Dan also batted on both days at number 9.

He played alongside Joe Leach, Tom Fell, Daryl Mitchell and other first team professional players from Worcestershire. Nottinghamshire lost in the end, but it was great experience for Dan.

Well done.

Mr Richardson – Head of Cricket

Speech Night 2021





Careers in Law

What Careers are there?

Your thoughts might immediately move to the image of a barrister defending clients in court, but there are many careers in law that you could consider, including Barrister, Judge, Para-legal, Court Usher, Patent Attorney, Mediator, Conveyancer or Legal Secretary. For more information on what these roles involve go to: www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/law-sector/law-careers. This newsletter focuses on the role of solicitor, but much of the advice translates between the different roles and the links below will take you to more research on further careers in the law.

What is a solicitor?

Solicitors support their clients to understand and navigate the law. They work in different fields, such as family law, commercial law, property law and criminal law. The role can be challenging and Law is a competitive sector, but the financial rewards can be considerable. Day to day, a solicitor advises clients, drafts legal documents, instructs barristers to work on behalf of clients, attends meetings and negotiations, researches the law and keeps up to date with new legal cases.

Is this right for you?

- Can you analyse situations?
- Do you have excellent verbal communication skills?
- Are you a problem solver?
- Are you a good listener?
- Can you explain things well to others?
- Can you work well under pressure and take feedback?

Entry Routes to becoming a solicitor:

A Traditional University Route

Most individuals will choose this route and the vast majority of solicitors are graduates. You can choose either to study Law at University, followed by the SQE examination, or another course and then take the SQE examinations and take part in a further two years work placement (training contract) which is usually paid. Both routes have their merits, while studying Law at University will give you a clear grounding in law and increase your basic knowledge before you work towards your SQE qualifications, studying a non-law degree might allow you to keep your options open. Top law firms look for applicants with the right characteristics and tend to recruit from high ranking Universities, whether you possess a degree in Law or something else. You can technically become a solicitor from having an under-graduate degree in any subject, but courses such as English, History or other courses with a large written component are most popular.

Apprenticeships

A small number of solicitors are now qualifying through the apprenticeship pathway at 18. Legal apprenticeships are highly competitive and you will be working in a legal firm, similarly to a para-legal, while spending 20% of your working week studying. For more information look at the following page: www.lawsociety.org.uk/en/career-advice/becoming-a-solicitor/qualifying-without-a-degree/apprenticeships

WITH A NON-LAW DEGREE

- Take a three-year non-law degree
- take an SQE1 preparation course
- sit the SQE stage 1
- take SQE stage 2
- complete a two year period of qualifying legal work experience (usually paid)
- satisfy the SRA's suitability
- Qualify

WITH A LAW DEGREE

- Take a three-year law degree
- sit the SQE stage 1
- take SQE stage 2
- complete a two year period of qualifying legal work experience (usually paid)
- satisfy the SRA's suitability
- Qualify

What to do now?

Work Experience: Legal work experience can be difficult to find, but it will give you some insight into the role of a solicitor. Keep open minded if the experience seems boring, remember it's a hard work place to get "stuck into". Ask lots of questions and keep your eyes and ears open.

Super-Curricular Activities: This might involve reading books, articles or journals that relate to Law, or listening to TED Talks. You could also get involved in any activities that involve presentation and debating, such as sports coaching, politics or debating clubs.

Useful Links

- The Law Society (www.lawsociety.org.uk/en)
- Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk)
- National Careers Service Website (<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>)
- Legal Apprenticeships Guide (<https://www.thelawyerportal.com/free-guides/legal-apprenticeships>)

News from the LRC

The start to the academic year was a unique one for the LRC: Mrs Mattison and Mr Kearney found themselves in school during August identifying the most popular books for a temporary library move to the Student Support Centre whilst roofing works take place in the CIS block. Fear not, though – we will be returning to our main library once roofing work is completed. Even more exciting is the prospect of new library furniture, increased shelving and a wider range of new books when we return! In the meantime, the temporary LRC has kept the team very busy ... we celebrated our highest number of book issues ever recorded for September!

New Acquisitions

Who can resist the 'add to basket' button on those eye-catching bookshop websites? Certainly not us! With a particular focus on fiction in term 1, here are just some of the wide range of recent acquisitions to the LRC's stock:

| Title | Author |
|---|----------------------|
| 24 Hours in Nowhere | Dusti Bowling |
| The Soul Hunters | Chris Bradford |
| The Demon Headmaster (Collection) | Gillian Cross |
| Darwin's Dragons | Lindsay Galvin |
| Ground Zero | Alan Gratz |
| Welcome to Nowhere | Elizabeth Laird |
| Black Brother, Black Brother | Jewell Parker Rhodes |
| The Woods Are Always Watching | Stephanie Perkins |
| Volcano Adventure | Willard Price |
| Forever Ends On Friday | Jason Reynolds |
| Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story | Bali Rai |
| The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh | Helen Rutter |
| Crongton Knights | Alex Wheatle |
| You Are A Champion (Non-Fiction) | Marcus Rashford |
| Good News: Why the World is Not as Bad as You Think (Non-Fiction) | Rashmi Sirdeshpande |
| Black History Matters (Non-Fiction) | Robin Walker |

Accelerated Reader

Year 7s and Year 8s are now enrolled on the Accelerated Reader (AR) Programme, run collaboratively by the LRC and the English Department. Most pupils will now have completed the Star Reading Test and collected their reading logs from the LRC. Remember – every time you pass a quiz on AR, jot down the score in your reading log, show it to Mrs Mattison and you can earn yourself a merit! In the next newsletter, we will reveal which English classes are in 1st place for the wordcount. In the meantime, KEEP READING!

Library Shop

The stationery shop continues to be very popular – clearly our Kingsmen want to be fully equipped for their lessons! From pencil and pens to sticky notes and highlighters, we stock everything you need – at low prices – to ensure you are kitted out for your studies.

Mrs Mattison and Mr Kearney, Learning Resource Centre Team

Combined Cadet Force

Overall Report

Everything on the Training programme is beginning to come together following our return to face-to-face activities, although progress is slow as Covid restrictions are still in place.

The Contingent has been undertaking weapon training and drill ready for our Remembrance Parade commitments, we have again been invited to participate in the Western Front Parade at the Cenotaph in London at the 11th hour on 11 November. Capt Peter Dunlop has been invited to lay a wreath on behalf of the Army.

The Contingent will also be attending the Grantham Town parade, where I have the honour of being the Parade Commander.

On 30 October we will be attending the Royal British Legion to mark the start of the Poppy Campaign at East Leake (the museum of the Lancaster, Just Jane). Eight cadets have been requested to signify the involvement of youth in the Poppy Remembrance.

Recently RAF CCF Cadets participated in the Battle of Britain raising the flag service at the Council Offices and the Chairman, Councillor Breda-Rae Griffin, sent a thank you message to the cadets who attended, expressing what a good job they had done and how much their contribution was appreciated. Well done to Henry Beldon, Kariru De Zoysa, James Profit and James Tasker (all Year 13) and to Jacob Bonham and Sam Davis (bugler) of Year 12.

We also had very important news when our Sgt Kaviru De Zoysa from the RAF CCF Section was selected as the Lord Lieutenants Cadet, a most prestigious position, and the first cadet from The King's School CCF Contingent to win the award. His badge presenting ceremony is on the evening of the 26 October with the Lord Lieutenant at the Robert Pattinson School in Lincoln. Well done Kaviru.

The RAF CCF cadets under Flt Lt Paula Barton have been preparing for the RAF Competition which is coming up shortly and our drill team is looking particularly impressive. We are in a good position to achieve a positive result.

In terms of future activities, the Contingent has requested Gliding places for next year, and are also waiting to see if we are offered any shooting dates. SSI Pulfrey is working on organising a day at RAF Cranwell's 5.56 range. Our Year 9 cadets will be getting a field-craft experience in late November at Oasby, which will include cooking, basha-building, and other activities under the direction of Capt Dunlop.

On the 15 June 2022 the Contingent is to hold The Queen's' Platinum Celebratory King's CCF Dinner at which we will host the Lord Lieutenant Toby Dennis, Brigadier Olly Brown 4 Brigade Commander, Air Commodore Nick Gordon, Lt Col Ben Hawes, the forthcoming new CO of 2 Royal Anglian at Cottesmore and our CCF Leavers in 2022.

Lt Col Ray Ogg BEM – Contingent Commander



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

| Name of Activity | Room/venue | Time | Member of staff responsible | Year groups who can attend |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| YR10 English Literature Intervention | 44 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Canham | Invitation Only |
| Senior Choir (Trebles & Altos) | 57 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Cook | Invitation Only |
| GCSE R.E Revision | 53 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mrs Cunningham | Year 11 |
| Chess Club | 31 | 12.40pm-1.30pm | Mr Davies | Year 7, 8 & 9 |
| Business Study Support Session | 63 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Otter | Year 12 |
| Business Study Support Session | 62 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Miss Leek | Year 13 |
| Art Class | 302 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Radbourne | Year 10, 11 & 12 |
| Rowing | Fitness Suite | 12.45pm-1.20pm | Mr Hulme | Year 7, 8 & 9 -Maximum of 20 students per session |
| Photography Club | 12 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr White | All Year Groups |
| Law Society | 45 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Clack | 6th Form |
| Clarinet Ensemble | 55 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Lond | Invitation Only |
| Senior Soul Band | Rehearsal Room | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| Junior Choir | 57 | 1.00-1.30pm | Mr Cook | Year 7 & 8 |
| Badminton | Sports Hall | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Hulme | All Year Groups |
| Rugby | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Lindsay | 6th Form |
| Rugby | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Whales | Year 8 |
| Football | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Burnett | Year 10 |

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

| Activity | Room/venue | Time | Member of staff responsible | Year groups who can attend |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| YR11 English Literature Intervention | 44 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Canham | Invitation Only |
| Senior Choir (Tenors & Basses) | 57 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Cook | Invitation Only |
| Historical Fiction Book Club | 21 | 12.40pm-1.10pm | Mrs McKenna Mr Foard | Year 7, 8 & 9 |
| Art Class | 302 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Radbourne | Year 10, 11 & 12 |
| Dodgeball | Gym | 12.45pm-1.20pm | Mr Hulme | Year 7 |
| Whist Club | 112 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Newton | All Year Groups |
| KS3 Attenborough Film Club | 209 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Evans | Year 7, 8 & 9 |
| French Support Session | 303 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Hansen | 6th Form |
| Concert Band | Rehearsal Room | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| French Informal Drop-In | 304 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Roberts | YR11 - Specific Questions |
| Parliamentary Debating Club | 24 | 1.00pm-1.40pm | Miss Welsh | Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 |
| GCSE Geography Revision | 209 | 3.50pm-4.30pm | Mr Bufton | Year 10 & 11 |
| Cross Country | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Snowden | All Year Groups |
| Football | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Burnett | Year 9 |
| Football | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Richardson | Year 7 |
| Rugby | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Lindsay | Year 7 |

WEDNESDAY

| Activity | Room/venue | Time | Member of staff responsible | Year groups who can attend |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Knotso's | Rehearsal Room | 8.40am-9.10am | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| YR9 English Intervention | 44 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Canham | Invitation Only |
| Senior Choir (Full Rehearsal) | 57 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Cook | Invitation Only |
| Equality and Inclusivity | 6th Form Centre | 8.50am-9.10am | 6th Form Students | All |
| The Great Debate | 21 | 12.40pm-1.10pm | Mrs McKenna | Year 11, 12 & 13 |
| Business Study Support Session | 63 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Otter | Year 10 |
| Business Study Support Session | 62 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Miss Leek | Year 11 |
| Art Class | 302 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Radbourne | Year 10, 11 & 12 |
| Rowing* | Fitness Suite | 12.45pm-1.20pm | Mr Hulme | Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 |
| Design Technology NEA Catch Up Sessions | 13 | 12.45pm-1.30pm | Miss Beedham | Year 11 Resistant Materials Group |
| Design Technology NEA Catch Up Sessions | 14 | 12.45pm-1.30pm | Miss Phillips | Year 11 Graphics Group |
| Windband | Rehearsal Room | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| French and Cakes | 304 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Roberts | Year 11 -Advanced Work |
| LGBTQ+ | 9 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Miss Leek Mr Hollingworth Miss Houlihan | All |
| Economics Study Support Session | 61 | 1.05pm-1.35pm | Mr Anderson | Year 13 |
| Mock Trial | 45 | 3.45pm-4.45pm | Mr Clack | 6th Form |
| Football | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Hulme | Year 8 |
| Football | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Hinchcliffe | Year 11 |
| Rugby | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Gilbert | Year 9 |

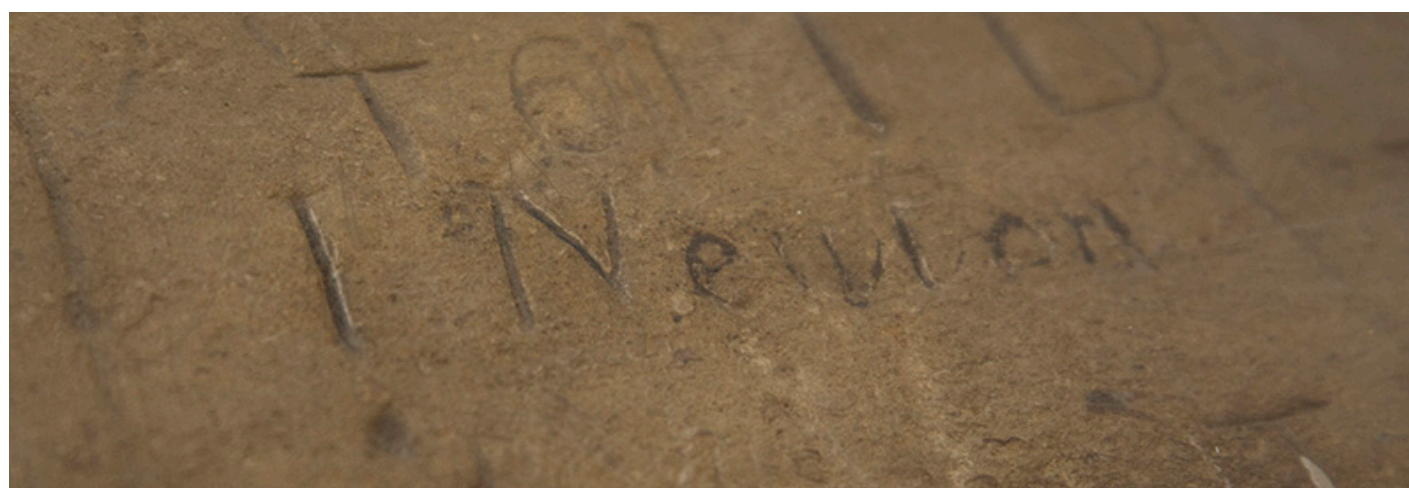
THURSDAY

| Activity | Room/venue | Time | Member of staff responsible | Year groups who can attend |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Saxophone Ensemble | 55 | 8.40am-9.10am | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| Junior Percussion Ensemble | Rehearsal Room | | Mr Richmond | Invitation Only |
| YR11 English Language Intervention | 44 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Canham | Invitation Only |
| YR11 French Support Session | 303 & MFL Office | 8.45am-9.10am | Mrs Hansen Mrs Woolerton | Invitation Only |
| Service Families Group | Tombs | 8.50am-9.10am | Mrs Gordon | All |
| Art Class | 302 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Radbourne | Year 10, 11 & 12 |
| Indoor Cricket | Gym | 12.45pm-1.25pm | Mr Richardson | Year 7 |
| Food Technology Catch Up Sessions | 14 | 12.45pm-1.30pm | Mrs Shaw | Year 11 Food and Nutrition Group |
| KS3 Drama Club | 43 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Kearney | Year 7, 8 & 9 |
| KS3 Geography Club | 209 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Evans | Year 7, 8 & 9 |
| YR8 Stretch and Challenge Writing Club | 45 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Clack | Invitation Only |
| Junior Brass Ensemble | 57 | | Mr Greenfield | Invitation Only |
| Junior Soul Band | 55 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| A level English Literature Club | 46 | 3.45pm-4.45pm | Mr McLauchlan | Y12 & Y13 English Literature students |
| CCF | Quad & Classrooms | 3.45pm-5.00pm | Lt Col R Ogg SSI S Pulfrey Flt Lt Barton Mr Davis Mr Bufton Mr Gait | Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 |
| CCF BTEC | Classrooms | 3.45pm-5.00pm | SSI S Pulfrey | Year 13 CCF Only |
| A level Geography Revision | 201 | 3.50pm-4.45pm | Mr Cawthorn | Year 12 & 13 |
| Rugby | Field | 4.00pm-5.00pm | Mr Calland | Year 10 |

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY

| Activity | Room/venue | Time | Member of staff responsible | Year groups who can attend |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Senior Brass Ensemble | 55 | 8.40am-9.10am | Mr Greenfield | Invitation Only |
| YR10 English Language Intervention | 44 | 8.45am-9.10am | Mr Canham | Invitation Only |
| Young Carers | SSC | 8.50am-9.10am | Mrs Bond | All |
| Chess Club | 31 | 12.40pm-1.30pm | Mr Davies | KS4/5 |
| Economics Study Support Session | 61 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Anderson | Year 12 |
| Art Class | 302 | 12.40pm-1.40pm | Mr Radbourne | Year 10, 11 & 12 |
| Chemistry Revision | 20 | 12.45pm-1.20pm | Mr Downing | YR11 |
| CAROM Maths | 32 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Ms Corbett | 6th Form Mathematicians |
| String Ensemble | 57 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mrs Brown | Invitation Only |
| Senior Percussion Ensemble | Rehearsal Room | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Richmond | Invitation Only |
| Homework Club | 9 | 1.00pm-1.30pm | Mr Gilbert | Year 7 |
| Big Band | Rehearsal Room | 3.45pm-5.00pm | Mr Lond | Invitation Only |
| CCF Shooting Club | Gym | 3.45pm-6.00pm | SSI S Pulfrey Mr Dunlop | CCF Only - Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 |



Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Diary Dates

PTFA meeting dates for the next academic year, 2021-2022 are listed below:

Thursday 2 September, 7:30pm

Wednesday 29 September, Annual General Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday 2 March, 7:30pm

Thursday 30 June, 7:30pm

Introduction

The Parents, Teachers, Friends Association actively supports the school, teachers and students by organising events to raise funds for the school community.

Due to restrictions in place, our ability to hold face to face events and raise funds is currently limited; therefore the PTFA is working on how to continue the fundraising efforts with remote events.

We rely entirely on the goodwill, energy and participation of parents and teachers and would like to welcome anyone wanting to get involved.

Secondhand Uniform Items

The PTFA would be very pleased to receive items of used uniform items in good condition, e.g. blazers, ties and particularly the new style PE kits. Please email the PTFA at ptfauniformshop@gmail.com if you have items to donate. Thank you.

Funding

If you haven't already registered with easyfundraising to help support us, please sign up now at [easyfundraising.com](#) where the money raised will make a real and positive contribution to the education of your boys.

We hope that many of you will feel able to contribute something to the school and with the ability to claim back the tax you have paid, the school will receive £12.50 for every £10 you give.

We recognise that not all parents will be able to help us in this way and would like to thank anyone who is able to either give some time through volunteering on an ad-hoc or regular basis to PTFA activities, or is able to make a regular gift, both of which will help to make a huge difference to the whole-school experience for our boys.



STUDENT WELFARE

This term we have had a variety of assemblies, workshops and seminars from a number of external presenters to enhance our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) and our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum.

Chris Hemmings visited the school on two occasions to speak with boys in Year 9 to Year 13. Chris is a professional public speaker who has been working with schools around the country since he published his book 'Be A Man – How macho culture damages us and how to escape it'. Chris previously spent ten years working as a journalist producing documentaries on the subject for the BBC. He now speaks at schools, universities and places of work to promote a healthier idea of what it means to be a man. Students were encouraged to think critically about their own behaviour and were given tools to become resilient, kind and compassionate young men.

Alan Mackenzie is an online safety expert who is currently working on a series of projects for the NSPCC on keeping children safe online. Alan spoke to all Year 7 students at the start of term about staying safe online. We also invited Year 7 parents to an evening presentation to help support them in keeping their son safe online.

Alan has also delivered a series of assemblies, throughout the term, on a range of topics including cyberbullying, online child exploitation, hacking and creating a positive digital footprint.

Dr Aric Sigman who is a contributing author to four recent Parliamentary Group reports on mental health in childhood delivered a range of talks including talks on screen time and mental health. He also spoke to all of the school staff on the new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum.

Kate Woolley is an experienced practitioner in PSHE and relationships education and will be delivering a series of assemblies and workshops throughout the year. This term she covered topics including different types of relationships, the law relating to consent and coercive control.

In addition to the great range of opportunities we have also been working with the Drug and Alcohol Education Services (DAES). DAES work with schools to deliver drug awareness assemblies which are tailored to different year groups. This term each year group looked at a different topic. This included Year 7 looking at the effects of caffeine and energy drinks, Year 9 smoking and vaping and Year 11 explored the very topical and challenging subject of County Lines and exploitation.

BRITISH VALUES

Our House system has always encouraged students to lead assemblies and discuss topical issues.

Throughout the year students will be exploring the British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty,
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

These values were first set out by the government in the 'Prevent' strategy in 2011.

Students have enjoyed preparing and delivering assemblies this term on democracy and the rule of law.

KING@S VALUES

Our King's School values of courage, friendship, humility, honour, perseverance and responsibility commit us to always trying our best to do the right thing. Our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy have led assemblies this term on courage. They have led engaging assemblies that have challenged students to seize opportunities, be open minded and not limit themselves for fear of failure.

Well done Viraj and Tom

SAFEGUARDING

If you are worried about a child and think they might be suffering abuse or if you have a concern about safeguarding or child protection please contact Justin Dixon (Deputy Head Master) who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Simone Bieber is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Head Master is also a qualified Designated Safeguarding Lead.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

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| Monday 1 November | Term 2 Begins |
| | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| Tuesday 2 November | Sixth Form – ‘Preparing for Oxbridge’ Interviews |
| | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| | Sixth Form – parents & students – ‘Preparing for Oxbridge’ 6:00-7:30pm |
| Wednesday 3 November | Covid vaccinations – Years 8-11 |
| | CAT 1 completed for Years 10, 12 and 13 |
| Thursday 4 November | Year 11 – EduKate Lincs (PSHE Workshop) |
| Monday 8 November | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| Tuesday 9 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| Wednesday 10 November | Year 8 CAT 1 completed |
| Thursday 11 November | Remembrance – 11:00am – 2 minute silence observed in school |
| | Remembrance Service @ St Wulfram’s Church for Years 7, 8 and 9 (11:50am) |
| | Prospective Sixth Form Options Evening – presentations @ 5:30 & 6:15pm |
| Monday 15 November | Year 11 Homework Embargo prior to Mocks |
| | Chris Hemmings – PSHE Workshops all day |
| | Sixth Form Careers Interviews |
| Tuesday 16 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| | Non-Uniform Day (School Council) |
| | School Council Meet – 12 noon |
| Thursday 18 November | Year 12 Parents’ Evening – online |
| Monday 22 November | Year 11 Homework Embargo prior to Mocks |
| | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| | Selected students/parents’ Intervention Meetings with Years 10, 12 & 13 Heads of Year – 4:00-6:30pm |
| Tuesday 23 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| Wednesday 24 November | Year 7 Music Concert 1 (Burleigh, Foxe, More) – 7:30pm (daytime rehearsals) |

TERM 2 CALENDAR

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| Thursday 25 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| | Christmas Feast Concert – 7:30pm (rehearsals during the day) |
| Friday 26 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| Monday 29 November | Year 11 Mock Exam Week (CAT 2) |
| | Careers Adviser Talk on alternatives to Sixth Form |
| | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| Tuesday 30 November | Year 11 Careers Interviews |
| Monday 6 December | ‘Linking Careers to the Curriculum’ Week |
| | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| | Burleigh House Christmas Dinner |
| Tuesday 7 December | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| | Curteis House Christmas Dinner |
| Wednesday 8 December | Foxe House Christmas Dinner |
| | Year 9 Music Concert – 7:30pm (daytime rehearsals) |
| Thursday 9 December | More House Christmas Dinner |
| | Year 10 Parents’ Evening (4:15-7:15pm) – online |
| Friday 10 December | Newton House Christmas Dinner |
| | Year 8 Reports Issued |
| Monday 13 December | Careers Adviser Talk – Alternatives to Sixth Form |
| | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| | School House Christmas Dinner |
| | Careers Adviser Talk – parents & students (4:30-5:30pm) |
| Tuesday 14 December | Careers Interviews for all year groups |
| Wednesday 15 December | Carol Service – Year 7 @ St Wulfram’s Church (6:30-8:00pm) |
| Thursday 16 December | Whole School Inter-House Activity (8:50-9:30am) |
| | Friday 17 December – End of Term 2 (12:45pm) |



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