



MESSAGE FROM HEAD MASTER

Welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter. This edition is crammed with achievements from another busy term. I hope that you enjoy the new format. Please be aware of the following:

SPEECH NIGHT

Year 12 students received their GCSE certificates at the annual Speech Night held at St Wulfram's Church on 16 October. Prizes and awards were awarded for outstanding achievements in all aspects of school life. This year's address was led by the Chair of Governors, Mr Paul Ross.

BURGHLEY LECTURE

We were delighted to welcome Dr Matthew Seligmann, Reader in History at Brunel University to deliver our annual Burghley Lecture on 21 October. History students from Years 11, 12 and 13 and girls from KGGS enjoyed his informative and thought-provoking lecture, which was entitled "The Origins of the First World War: A Political Problem or a Historiographical One?"

LITERACY FOCUS

The focus for Term 2 will be Grammar tenses (section 5).

EBOLA—ADVICE FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching the Ebola Virus. The following advice is from Public Health England:

- ◆ The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.
- ◆ Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.
- ◆ It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school.

STEM TRIP 2014

On 16 September ten King's boys were invited to RAF Scampton for an exciting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics day (STEM). Ed Johnston of Form 9C details the trip:

"We set off early and headed for RAF Scampton. We were directed to a large hangar, full of Red Arrows planes and many displays from the most cutting-edge technology companies. A brief introduction followed, in which Professor Brian Cox, Wing Commander Andy Green (the man who set the land speed record) and Jason Bradbury from The Gadget Show, spoke about STEM and what the day would entail.

Throughout the day we visited many different exhibitions and career options. For example: We saw a state-of-the-art 3D CAD demonstration and got to look inside a Rolls Royce jet engine with the Boeing Team; we learnt about the mechanics of bridges with the RAF engineers; and we got to learn about, and get in, an Aston Martin supercar—Lewis Brady really enjoyed revving the engine! In addition we saw the inside of a EuroFighter typhoon aircraft.

To finish the day we saw an amazing display by The Red Arrows over their own airfield—a spectacular experience.

Every boy on this trip gave an excellent impression of The King's School and it was enjoyed by all. Because of the trip many boys also want to pursue a career in one of the STEM areas. A great trip overall—thank you Mr Davis.

Boys involved were: Lewis Brady, Ben Wright, Cameron Chow, Dominic Mould, Ed Johnston, Felix Cross, Neil Sweeney, Oran Quant-Epps, Edward Buck and Nathan Stewart.



YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 FLU VACCINE

Dates for your diary:

Year 7: 25 November and Year 8: 18 November.

MUSIC EVENTS DURING TERM 2

Thank you to all parents and boys who have signed up to instrumental and vocal lessons this year. The boys have now started to prepare for our forthcoming concerts as follows:

Wednesday 3 December: Year 7 Concert (classes 7B, 7D, 7E); Soul Band and Year 8 Soloists

Thursday 4 December: Christmas Feast (Wind Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, School Choir, Brass & Percussion Ensembles, Sax Quartet)

Wednesday 17 December: Carol Service at St Wulfram's Church (School Choir, Concert Band, Wind Band, Brass Ensemble)

Rehearsals for these groups take place weekly as follows:

Monday:	1:00pm	School Choir
Tuesday:	1:00pm	Concert Band
Wednesday:	1:00pm	Wind Band
Thursday:	8:45am	Brass Ensemble
Thursday:	1:00pm	Percussion Ensemble
Friday:	12:35pm	Orchestra

Sam Shelton of Year 11 played the Trombone in the Soul Band at the PTFA Harvest Ball in early October and writes:

"Every year the PTFA Harvest Ball is one of the most anticipated events for The King's School Soul Band. This year I had the privilege of being asked to play trombone with some of the best musicians in the school as part of the Soul Band. Even though every one of us stood waiting nervously for the audience to finish their desserts, we all knew that as soon as we picked up our instruments and played the first few notes of 'Let Me Entertain You' we would play the best and most exciting gig we ever have, or maybe will! Even after the gig, I was still buzzing with excitement while members of the PTFA were coming up and complimenting us, including the Head Master, who told me how fantastic the whole Band sounded. It was certainly a great experience to have the opportunity to play with my friends and in front of a live, dancing audience who seemed to enjoy it as much as I did."



*Laurie Rowland and James Clack (Year 12)
performing with the rest of the Soul Band
at the PTFA Harvest Ball*



PTFA

REQUEST FOR HELPERS

There are a number of exciting events already planned for the year ahead and the PTFA welcome new ideas for fundraising from anyone who would like to support them. There is no need to join the Committee in order to take part. If you are willing to help, you will be made very welcome. Please contact the PTFA via the school Office, the school website or via the PTFA Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

This fundraiser is planned for lunchtime on 16 December. As well as various delicious treats on offer, we will have a tombola stall and raffle for the boys. Christmas-themed cakes and biscuit donations are welcome on the day and raffle/tombola prizes should be donated via the school Office in advance. Nearly anything goes for prizes (cheap and cheerful or top of the range, as long as it is a prize). The more funds that are raised, the more we can do for the school.

GOLD CARD SCHEME

Thank you to all new members and existing members for your continued support. We look forward to awarding cash prizes to many of you over the coming year.

Moirá Kinnear—Chair of the PTFA



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DRAMA

'Oh What a Lovely War' (Theatre Workshop—Joan Littlewood)

This musical, chronicling the events leading up to the outbreak of World War 1 and some of the battles, features many of the songs popular at the time. This will be staged in the school Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (26, 27 and 28 November) at 7:30pm. A letter/email to all parents will be sent out early in November with details of how to obtain tickets. We shall have a live band and the cast will include students from both King's and KGGS. Make a note in your diaries now!

E-SAFETY

E-Safety continues to be a priority for the school and this term we have worked with Alan Mackenzie who is an e-safety consultant. Alan was the e-safety lead at Lincolnshire County Council for many years and now works with schools and local authorities and is a regular contributor to national newspapers.

Alan worked with members of the School Council from each year group to discuss issues surrounding e-safety. Next term members of the School Council will deliver e-safety assemblies. All staff have received e-safety training and parents attended an evening presentation.

CAREERS

Careers provision will be enhanced this year through the introduction of Careers Talks to boys in Years 8 to 13 and their parents; Oxbridge Workshops and a Year 10 Careers Fair. All Year 11 students will also receive a 45 minute individual careers interview with a trained careers advisor to discuss post-16 options. All students in Years 8 to 13 are also able to access impartial careers advice and guidance by arranging an appointment through Mrs Hutchins.

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Careers Talk 1:

The first Careers Talk of the year proved extremely popular, with over 250 parents and students attending. There were presentations in the Old School from Steff Wright (CEO of the Gusto Group) on leading a business specialising in construction, manufacturing and architecture. Steff was followed by Peter Brown (Director at Nichol Thomas) on careers in architecture.



In the School Hall Daniel Chard (Head of Conveyancing and Old Boy of the school) and Paul Hardy (Consultant Solicitor) from Bird & Co Solicitors, discussed careers in Law. Dr Loretta Trickett (Nottingham Trent University) who specialises in criminal law, criminology, human rights and ICL discussed Law at University.

Careers Talk 2:

Colin Mason (Finance Director at Direct Group) and Neil Fleming (Government Economist) presented in the Old School, whilst Dr Nicholas Williams discussed careers in Dentistry in the Oxford Room.

Aspiring to Oxbridge Talk:

240 students and parents from Years 9 to 11 attended the 'Aspiring to Oxbridge' talk in the School Hall on 13 October. The talk was led by Simon Bucknall from London. An Oxford graduate (1995-98), Simon has first-hand experience of the university interview process—and has since delivered communications skills sessions for students, academics and faculties in schools, colleges and universities across the country.



Oxbridge Interview Skills

72 students and parents attended this talk on 13 October. The workshop which was practical and interactive and 'de-mystified' the interview process. Practical tips were given to help students make the most of their opportunity at interview.

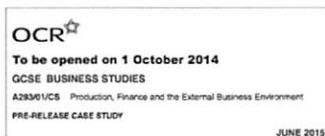
Year 10 Junior Prefects

Twelve students from Year 10 have been selected as Junior Prefects. They will work with students in Year 7 and lead Form activities. Students will receive training from external facilitators to develop the skills and techniques required to make them effective leaders. The first session on peer mentoring was delivered on 3 October.

BUSINESS STUDIES NEWS

Case studies out now!

Each Business Studies course has a pre-issued case study upon which some or all of the examination questions will be based. All the case studies are available on the school website on the Business Studies page.

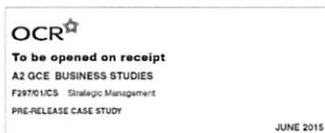


Year 11 GCSE Business Studies

The case study is based on two businesses—*Holden plc* and *Bromley Furnishings*. Holden plc is a business that manufactures cushions and bean bags and Bromley Furnishings is a business that sells home furnishings.

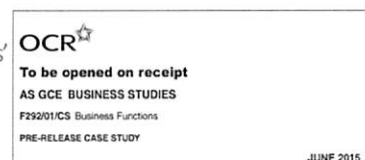
Year 12 AS Business Studies

The case study is based on a fictional business called Qué Rico Ltd which operates a chain of 'Tapas' restaurants across the UK, serving 'an authentic variety of Spanish food and drink'.



Year 13 A2 Business Studies

The case study is based on Smith & Haddon Ltd which designs and sells fashion clothing under the fictional brand 'Harvey'.



CHESS

In late June 8 boys travelled to a Northern National Semi-Final Chess event. James Kelly (then Year 11) qualified for the National Final for the second successive year.

He managed to score 50% and continued to enhance his reputation in what was a powerful field. The other boys—Dan Godfrey, Will Knight, Will Taylor, Dan Southern, Haydn Godfrey, Jacob Storey and Perry Gresham—all came close but just missed out on the national finals.

In the last event of the year, 10 boys played in the Lincoln Quick Play event, with James Kelly winning the event overall. Will Knight and Dan Southern finished equal third, with Will Taylor and Will Sadler in equal fifth place. King's continue to dominate the Lincolnshire events.

Our first event of the new academic year was the traditionally strong Invitation Event at Eton College, with 48 schools competing. The King's team came 10th overall, finishing ahead of notable schools such as Eton, Bedales, Westminster and St Pauls.

The continued fine form of Dan Southern and Will Taylor saw them selected for one of the adult Lincolnshire teams where they both scored wins as the team drew 6-6 with Worcestershire.

We look forward to forthcoming fixtures against Ranby House School and Witham Hall School.

On 12 November we will welcome the regional finalists to King's, when we play against teams from Nottingham High School, Oakham, and Big Wood School (Notts).

King's has been chosen to host the Final of the Inter-Counties Championship in June 2015 when we will welcome up to 500 players from across the country.

The Year 7 House Chess results (more on House events later in this Newsletter) were:

1st:	Burleigh (21)
2nd	Foxe (18)
3rd	School (16.5)
4th	Curteis and Newton (12.5)
6th	More (9.5)

Year 8 House Chess matches will take place after half-term.



RUGBY REPORT

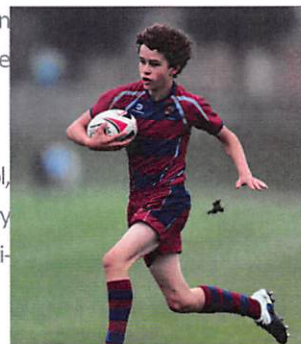
The rugby season is well under way and as always the PE Department have worked tirelessly on weekdays and weekends with 26 games of rugby being played in 7 weeks across all of the year groups in the school.



Year 7s remain undefeated with 2 very impressive victories recorded against Birkdale School and Spalding Grammar School.

The Year 8 team have also shown their quality as a year group with a 67-5 victory over Carre's Grammar School and this is the performance of the season so far.

The Year 9 team has improved as the season goes on and they had an impressive 49-0 victory over Birkdale School.



Our Year 10s have played well in every game and recorded a good victory over Nottingham High School, winning 29-3. They also went through to the third round of the National Cup and were beaten by a very impressive Uppingham School side. The team is hopeful of a long cup run in the National Vase Competition.

The second XV have played very well in all matches, and with a strong cohort of Year 11 students in the side they have recorded impressive victories over Priory LSST 1st XV, Loughborough Grammar and Carre's 1st XV.



The first XV have led the way as they should, and they boast the best points difference of all 6 rugby sides in the school. They recorded early season victories against Loughborough Grammar and Nottingham High School and have made it through to the fourth round of the National Cup where they will play Gresham's School from Norfolk on 19 November.



On 22 October 8 of our boys from the Sixth Form represented the Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire (NLD) U18 Rugby side against the East Midlands (Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire) and they had a comprehensive victory of 38 points to nil. The students who played were Ed Cole, Ed Bloodworth, James Newman, Connor, Callum and Jordan Slack, Joshua Hubbard and Philip Fletcher.

Not to be outdone, Matthew Law and Christopher Hardy played for the U16 NLD side against Warwickshire in Coventry and they won 17-10.



WATERPOLO

U16 AND u18 First Round Success

King's entered teams at the Junior, Inter and Senior sections of the East Midlands Division of the National Schools competition and all year groups performed extremely well. The boys swam against Lutterworth High, Oundle, Nottingham High, King Edward VI Grammar, Minster, Priory LSST, Kimberley, William Farr, Groby, Ashby and Bilborough. Whilst all teams performed well, it was the Intermediate team that excelled, winning both the Medley and the Freestyle event. Their time for the Medley has seen them qualify for the Finals TO BE HELD AT THE London Aquatic Centre (Olympic Pool) on 22 November.

FOOTBALL

All teams have been entered into the KSSA local League, County and National Cups this year. Sixth Form and Year 10 continue to represent the school in the National Cup, whilst all year groups are continuing to make progress in the County Cup.

Notable performances have come in Year 8, with a 7-0 win over John Fermeley—a fixture which saw Ben Lumb score 6 goals. The Sixth Form teams defeated Beckett School 5-1 in the National Cup, with Alex Wharmby scoring a brace.

HOUSE NEWS

COMPETITIONS

We have had a number of very successful House events this term, culminating in a whole-school series of events on 22 October.

A series of House Dodgeball events with success for both Newton and Burleigh Houses.

The Year 7 House Chess competition was hard fought and won by Burleigh.

The Senior Maths Challenge was won by Newton.

House points are allocated to Houses with the most merits each term and in the first term the winning Houses were More and Newton.

WHOLE-SCHOOL HOUSE ACTIVITY MORNING

On 22 October we ran the first whole-school House challenges. More of these will be run each term, giving each year group a chance to have a go at all the activities. Years 7, 8 and 9 held a Tug of War competition in the Quad. Amongst much support and cheering on, School House beat Curteis in a nail-biting final (picture opposite courtesy of Mr Deller).

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SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Twelve Year 9 students have been selected to be Inspire+ Sports Ambassador students and will be trained in 2 NGB awards. They will devote 10 hours of their time delivering coaching sessions to younger students both in and outside of school.

Three Year 10 students have been invited to join the Inspire+ Gold Ambassadors scheme. They will have a strategic role in the delivery of coaching opportunities for Junior students and will facilitate a wide number of major sporting events.



The Year 9 Ambassadors are: Will Derby, Henry Wood, Jonny Law, Henry Parker, Oli Parks, Will Seage, Noah Clegg, Dominic Mould, Jacob Carrington, Lewis Brady, Tom Scott and Iwan Evans.

The Year 10 Gold Ambassadors are Ethan Richards-Cole, Joe Creasey and Mohammad Bhat.



HOUSE NEWS (Continued)

Years 10 and 11 competed to build the tallest tower of drinking straws in terms of 4. In Year 10, More dominated this event with a tower reaching 126cm, whilst in Year 11 the competition was much closer with only 5cm separating the top 3 Houses. In the end Burleigh won with a tower of 137cm.

The Sixth Form have an Enterprise challenge to turn £25.00 into as much as they can during the next 3 weeks. All activities must be completed by Wednesday 12 November, 4:00pm.



SOCIAL SPACES

The lunchtime social spaces have continued to grow in popularity and these will continue next term. Students might like to bring in games to play during this time and are welcome to eat their lunch in the social space. The social space rota is:

Monday:	Curteis and Newton	Tuesday:	Burleigh		
Wednesday:	Foxe	Thursday:	More	Friday:	School

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS SO FAR

1st NEWTON (840) 2nd CURTEIS (760) 3rd BURLEIGH (730) 4th FOXE (720) 5th MORE & SCHOOL (650)

Mr Dyer (Head of House Co-ordinator & Head of Curteis House)

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 2

DRUG AND ADDICTION WORKSHOP—THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER IN THE OLD SCHOOL

On Thursday 6 November students from Years 9 and 10 will receive a talk on drugs and addiction by Simon Leigh. Simon qualified with a Masters Degree in Addiction Counselling and runs private practices in Central and North West London. Simon's expertise has led to regular work with the BBC (both television and radio) and he is a regular contributor to broadsheets and medical journals.

In addition, he will also deliver an evening talk to Years 9 and 10 parents in the Old School from 5:00-7:00pm. The evening will allow parents to keep abreast of what their son is learning and offer guidance and advice on how to talk with your son about drugs. If you would like to attend, please email: admin@kings.lincs.sch.uk and specify whether you would like 1 or 2 seats. Please note that the evening is only for parents and your son should not attend.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE—11 NOVEMBER

Each year we have a short service at St Wulfram's Church for Remembrance Day.

SIXTH FORM OPEN AFTERNOON (EXTERNAL CANDIDATES) - THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 1:45-3:45PM

There will be an opportunity on Thursday 13 November for prospective Sixth Form students to listen to a presentation in the Old School before being shown around the school. Please encourage any potential students to book an appointment on 01476 563180. This event is for external candidates only.

SIXTH FORM OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING—THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 6:30-8:30PM

Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend this information evening regarding future study in the Sixth Form.



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DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 2 (Continued)

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR PROSTATE & TESTICULAR CANCER—TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

On 25 November there will be a non-uniform day in aid of prostate and testicular cancer. Sixth Form students will be leading a series of assemblies to heighten students' understanding and awareness.

CAREERS TALK—TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 4:00-5:30PM

Talks on careers in the Law, Human Resource Management and International Business will be covered.

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING—TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER, 4:30-7:00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT IN THE SCHOOL HALL—WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 7:00PM

Detailed in the Music section.

CHRISTMAS FEAST IN THE SCHOOL HALL—THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER, 7:30PM

Detailed in the Music section.

CAREERS TALK—TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER, 4:00-5:30PM

Talks on careers in Geology and the Oil industry, Engineering, History and Heritage.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH

Wednesday 17 December.

FINAL ASSEMBLY AT ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH

Whole-school end of term celebration of achievement assembly at St Wulfram's Church.

END OF TERM—THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

Term ends on Thursday 18 December at 2:45pm (please note earlier closure). Parents of boys who need to stay in school for transport reasons should inform the School Office by 12 December.

