



MESSAGES FROM HEAD MASTER

STAFFING

I omitted to mention in my last newsletter that Mrs Markwick left her post in the Mathematics Department at Christmas. We wish her well for the future. Our good wishes also go with Mr Hough who has left his post in Chemistry.

Mrs Carbutt, English Teacher, has commenced her maternity leave and Mr McHugh has started a period of paternity leave.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

- ◆ Mrs Tansley has stepped in to cover for Mrs Markwick until a permanent appointment is made.
- ◆ Mrs Malloney and Mr Mordue will cover the temporary absences of Mrs Carbutt and Mr McHugh.
- ◆ Mr Clarke has been appointed as Teacher of Chemistry, replacing Mr Hough. Mr Clarke will commence his duties after Easter.
- ◆ Miss Leek has been appointed as Teacher of Business Studies and Economics, to replace Mrs Hibbett who leaves to take up a new position in Stamford.
- ◆ Mr Whiting, (Physics) has been appointed Co-ordinator of Key Stage 3 Science.

CYBER-BULLYING (DFE LINK)

The Department for Education has issued useful advice for parents and carers on cyberbullying. I encourage as many parents as possible to read the advice which can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day was held on Tuesday 10 February. A useful range of materials can be found at <http://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/2015>.

SCREEN DEPENDENCY WORKSHOPS

Dr Aric Sigman delivered a talk on managing screen time and screen dependency during the school day to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. He also delivered an evening talk to parents. His talk covered the following:

- ◆ How recreational screen time may affect cognitive skills, attention, brain development, literacy and academic achievement.
- ◆ How much and what type of electronic media children should be using before and after school hours, and at what ages.
- ◆ What 'multi-tasking' does to children's minds and brains.
- ◆ What schools and parents should do together in deciding how much and what type of electronic media children should be using.

Dr Sigman is a Fellow of the Society of Biology, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a Chartered Scientist. He has worked extensively with the Department of Health, European Parliament and the Royal College of Paediatrics' on teenage health

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS—SUMMER 2015

Since the external examination season will start in May, I ask the parents of boys in Year 11 and the Sixth Form to encourage their son to start his revision programme during the half-term break. The new linear examinations are harder so your son needs to start his revision programme as soon as possible. I wish the boys every success with their preparation for external examinations.

PARKING—SCHOOL FIELD

The school has received a letter from the new owner of The Kings Hotel respectfully asking that parents do not park there when dropping off/picking up boys or attending matches at the Field. Boys are also asked not to use the hotel as a short-cut.

LITERACY FOCUS

The focus for Term 4 is punctuation. Since spelling, punctuation and grammar has increased emphasis in external examinations, any support parents can give to their son would be helpful.

MESSAGES FROM HEAD MASTER Continued

Sports Hall Officially Opened



On 30 January the official opening of the Sports Hall took place. The opening ceremony was undertaken jointly by Nick Boles, MP & Minister of State for Skills & Equalities and Angus Fraser MBE, former England Cricketer and current England Selector and Managing Director of Cricket at Middlesex County Cricket Club. Boys gave demonstrations of various activities during the event.

The boys have already started to use the Sports Hall for activities such as Basketball, Badminton, Cricket, indoor

Football and are enjoying the experience. We are delighted to have this new facility.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CHESS

Daniel Southern and William Taylor (Year 11) both played for the Lincolnshire Under 120 (Adult) team against Warwickshire in the Midland Counties competition. As a result of their efforts (they both won), Lincolnshire scored a narrow 6.5 to 5.5 win which qualified them for the national quarter final—for the first time ever. We congratulate the boys for their efforts.

King's won at Witham Hall earlier in January—well done to Joe Proctor, Farhan Ali, Kieran Morris, David Pritchard, Tom Stokes, Jake McDonald-Pike, Josh Davey and Toby Hall.

The A team were the overall winners at an the Worksop College event. Particular mention is made of the top two boards with Joe Proctor winning all five of his games and Abdullah Pirwani winning four and drawing one. The B team were equally impressive winning four of their five matches and winning the B team trophy. The team was well led by Mitchell French who won four out of five and Tom Stokes who won all five.

After a titanic struggle, the first team were edged out (3.5 to 2.5) with wins by Karl Southern and Haydn Godfrey and a draw by James Wilson at Nottingham High School in a National Knock-Out competition. The match was as close as the score suggests. The second team put up a good show with Joe Proctor winning and close games by Abdullah Pirwani and Farhan Ali but the score of 5-1 flattered the opposition.



The A and B teams faced each other in the last round with the winners taking a place in the National Plate Last 16 on Saturday 7 February. The winners of the event, Queen Elizabeth's Barnet, qualified for the last 16 stage of the Knock-Out and the runners-up, King's 'A', qualified for the Last 16 stage of Plate Finals. The picture shows the opening exchanges of the A v B match.

Boys enjoyed a decisive win against Witham Hall School on 9 February, winning 11-3. Wins were recorded by Tom Stokes, James Forman, Farhan Ali, Luke Holland, Kieran Morris, Daniel Hill, Oliver Fernandez, Jack Woodward, Viran Panchal and Daniel Gregorick and draws for Joe Proctor and Jake McDonald-Pike. The boys were entertained to tea at Witham and Joe Proctor made a speech thanking the opposition for a close fought game!

Mr Beckett reports that our boys are regularly complimented by other schools/teams for the way in which they conduct themselves.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (continued)

FOUR KING'S BOYS SELECTED FOR MIDLANDS SQUAD

Four boys from the 1st XV have been selected for the Midlands Under 18 squad. The four selected were Edward Bloodworth, Philip Fletcher, Joshua Hubbard and Callum Slack. If they perform well for the Midlands the next step is trials for England. This is a fantastic achievement for the boys and for the school. We have not had more than one boy selected for the Midlands squad for many years.

AIKIDO

Morgan Cheshire of Year 10 has been invited to the World Aikido Championships in Switzerland as a result of achieving fourth place in the European competition held in October. Well done Morgan.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

The non-uniform day held on 13 January organised by members of the School Council, raised £801.95 to be divided between the Nottinghamshire Leukaemia Charity and the Naomi Fund (donates to Great Ormond Street; Heartlink Glenfield and The Kingfisher Ward and Community Team).

CAREERS TALKS

As part of our ongoing Careers Education programme for students and parents, the following talks have taken place:

Adrian Mallinson

Adrian spent 20 years in the City where he undertook a number of trading and asset management roles primarily in the securitization and credit derivatives sectors. He was most recently a Partner at Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP. Adrian spoke to students who may be interested in pursuing a career in the City and gave an insight into the breadth of roles within the banking sector. His discussion focused on the 'front office' roles typically offered by investment banks (sales and trading, corporate finance, equity research and capital markets).

Carys Siemieniuch—Professor of Enterprise Systems Engineering—Loughborough University

Carys is the Programme Director for the undergraduate courses (BEng and MEng) in Systems Engineering. It is widely agreed that the UK needs to train around 87,000 engineering graduates a year by 2020. The purpose of Carys' presentation was to discuss the benefits of engineering as a career, the various routes students could take and also to describe a range of engineering disciplines together with the sorts of domains where those skills are needed from fashion to pharmaceuticals, from medicine to renewable energy.

BRITISH VALUES

'British Values' have had a high profile in the media in recent weeks. Living in a society which is often quick to condemn the actions of young people, I was delighted to receive the following communication commending a King's boy for his action:

"I'm writing to you to convey my utmost gratitude to one of your pupils. While I was in Asda a group of 3 young men came over to me, began to push me around and make racial remarks. One of your pupils in a red blazer came over and stood in front of the men. Despite the verbal abuse being directed at both himself and I, he refused to leave until the men had left and stood up for both myself and my religion. It was a beautiful act of kindness that I don't think I will ever forget and it helped to restore my faith in humanity.

I am truly inspired by this young man, I can't thank him enough."

CCF

NEWS

The Army and RAF Sections have been working hard to offer fun and friendship, together with action and adventure for our cadets over the last term.

We have planted trees as part of the Army's Operation Reflect to commemorate the anniversary of the First World War.



There has also been an exercise testing leadership and initiative held at Wyville and a Kayaking event at Rutland Water (pictured).

In the last two weeks there has been a shooting exercise at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks where boys have developed their fitness and qualified for shooting badges. The team for the Shooting competitions to be held in May/June 2015 has also been selected.

Flying dates for the RAF Section in March, April and May at RAF Cranwell have now been agreed.

Twenty cadets have volunteered to undertake the Teamwork and Personal Development in the Community BTEC Level 2 Award.

MUSIC

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Two of our A-level Music students have been offered places at Music colleges from September 2015.

Nye Banfield has offers at Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the Birmingham Conservatoire. He is hoping to take up a place at Trinity College of Music to study Jazz saxophone.

Elliott Howley has received offers at Royal Northern College of Music, Trinity College of Music and the Birmingham Conservatoire. He is hoping to take up a place at the Royal Academy of Music to study French Horn.

George Topham has recently been awarded a place in the Junior Department at the Birmingham Conservatoire to study percussion.

You can hear all three of these performers playing lead roles in our concerts coming up this term:

**Jazz Nite—Friday 6 March, 7:00pm and
Spring Concert—Thursday 19 March.**



Tickets are available from Reception and should be purchased in advance to avoid disappointment.

This term, two new ensembles have been established.

The King's Concert Orchestra will perform for the first time at the Spring Concert performing exciting classical pieces as part of the 'BBC 10 Pieces' initiative. This term the King's Collective will feature the Big Band, a String Quartet and the Contemporary Choir and will be performing in the regional heats of the National Festival of Music for Youth in March 2015.

In partnership with Lincolnshire Music Hub we have been offered the opportunity for 12 of our Gifted and Talented percussionists from Years 8 and 10 to participate in a Rhythmic Routes project working with the world-renowned percussionist, Pat Garvey. During this project students will also work towards their Silver Arts Award. The project will commence after the half-term break, with the group meeting monthly and will culminate in a performance in November 2015.



HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE MONOPOLY

The results of the House Monopoly competition were:

- 1st Curteis
- 2nd= More
- 2nd= Newton
- 4th School
- 5th Burleigh
- 6th Foxe



Well done to all who took part.

MATHS CHALLENGE

SENIOR TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

Mrs Drulia took a team of four students to London to participate in the national finals of the UKMT Senior Team Maths Challenge on 3 February. The competition consisted of a poster round and three Maths rounds. The team had an enjoyable and challenging day and came 58th out of 79—a good achievement considering they faced some of the toughest teams in the country.



Well done to Nathan Peters, Karl Southern, Tim Mallinson and David Theisler.

TERM DATES 2015-16

The term dates for **2015-16** are now available on the school's website and are listed below.

Term 1: Wednesday 2 September 2015 ([Years 7 & 12 only](#))

Thursday 3 September 2015 ([all students](#)) to

Thursday 22 October 2015

[HALF-TERM](#)

Term 2: Tuesday 3 November to Thursday 17 December 2015

[CHRISTMAS BREAK](#)

Term 3: Tuesday 5 January to Friday 12 February 2016

[HALF-TERM](#)

Term 4: Monday 22 February to Thursday 24 March 2016

[EASTER BREAK](#)

Term 5: Tuesday 12 April to Friday 27 May 2016

[HALF-TERM](#)

Term 6: Monday 6 June to Thursday 21 July 2016

Staff training days are:

Tuesday 1 September 2015

Friday 23 October 2015

Monday 2 November 2015

Monday 4 January 2016

Monday 11 April 2016

PE/SPORT NEWS

WATERPOLO

The Under 15 Waterpolo team competed in the first round of the London Schools' Waterpolo competition. The team played well, beating all but the home side and moving to the next round with a good chance of making the national finals. There are two more rounds to go—if the team are in the top four then they will compete in the Final on 18 March.

The Under 14 Waterpolo team won all of their matches at a tournament in mid-January and also got the chance to play a few friendlies to make the most out of the long journey to the City of London School. Scores were:

King's	3	City of London	1
King's	4	Eltham	2
City/London	2	Eltham	2

GYMNASTICS

The King's School Gymnastic Team gave an outstanding performance and were awarded the Regional East Midlands team winners for the Under 19 boys, thereby qualifying for the national Finals to be held in May in Stoke. Individually in this age group Jacob Armstrong won silver and Daniel Watson won the bronze medal.



PE/SPORT NEWS CONTINUED .../

KSSA CROSS COUNTRY—COUNTY HONOURS

Following the successful event at Burleigh Park earlier this year, 17 students represented the District in the second round of the County Cross Country at Sleaford Rugby Club on 17 January.

Gareth Lee (Year 7), James Gandee (Year 7), James Tweedie (Year 8), Ed Birch (Year 8), Tom Gandee (Year 9), Ethan Richards-Cole (Year 10) and Josh Lord (Year 13) all qualified to represent Lincolnshire at the next round with Gareth Lee, James Gandee, James Tweedie and Josh Lord all doing so well that they will run in the National Championships later this year.



U16 TABLE TENNIS

The U16 table tennis team continued their development and progressed through to the Midlands Finals having secured first place in the regional round.

- Matt Leete (Year 10)
- Nathan Butler (Year 10)
- Luke Harrison (Year 11)
- Aalhad Kulkarni (Year 8)

Matthew Leete was also victorious in the U16 Individual competition, beating Nathan Butler (his team mate from the team competition) 3-1 in the final. Aalhad Kulkarni secured first place in the U13 competition. We wish all the players the best of luck in their next round competitions.

EXTERNAL COACHING



Mr Whales reports that the new sports hall has allowed him to access new sports and bring in specialist external coaching.

We have been fortunate to secure the services of local Bad-

minton expert Rod Tyler and have continued to cement our relationship with Belton Woods Golf Club by working with Golf Professional, Iain Fulton.

Iain has been running an after school session with our Year 8 students which will eventually see them have use of the Par 3 course at Belton Woods for free.



SILVER AMBASSADORS



Following an extremely successful period as Bronze Ambassadors, Jonny Law, Lewis Brady, Will Derby and Noah Clegg have progressed onto the Silver Ambassadors scheme. All four students have received outstanding re-

views of the work at Bronze level and we wish them the best at the next stage of their leadership development.

5 Bronze Ambassadors were presented with their NGB certificates this week. Henry Wood, William Derby, Noah Clegg and Jonny Law all received their Cricket Young Leaders award while Dominic Mould received his Cricket Young Leaders Award and Badminton Leadership award.

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 4

TERM 4

Boys are expected back in school on Monday 23 February 2015.

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

Monday 2 March 2015—4:30-7:00pm in the School Hall.

YEAR 10 SUPERSPEED STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 3 March—Year 10 boys will attend workshops during the school day. There is also a session for parents and students from 5:30-6:30pm in the Hall.

YEAR 11 GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 4 March 2015—during the school day in the Old School.

MUSIC—YEARS 8 & 9 CONCERT & JAZZ NITE

The Years 8 & 9 Concert will take place on Thursday 5 March 2015 and Jazz Nite on Friday 6 March 2015. Both events will commence at 7:00pm.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—YEAR 12

Monday 9 March 2015.

PTFA MEETING

Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7:30pm in Room 34.

YEAR 10 CAREERS FAIR

Held during the school day in the Old School.

YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT & SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday 18 March, 7:00pm in the Hall and Thursday 19 March, 7:30pm respectively.

ROUEN TRIP DEPARTS

Staff and students depart for Rouen on Friday 20 March (return 23 March).

HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY

Monday 23 March, 7:00pm in the Hall.

OLD BOYS' AGM

Tuesday 24 March, 7:30pm in Room 34.

PTFA EASTER FAYRE

Wednesday 25 March, lunchtime in the Hall.

YEAR 12 HIGHER EDUCATION EVENING

Thursday 26 March, 7:00pm in the Hall.

END OF TERM

Friday 27 March 2015 at 3:45pm.