



## HEAD MASTER

As we reach the end of another busy term, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their hard work throughout the year. The staff and boys remain eager to embrace all manner of new challenges. Much has been achieved and we are probably all now in need of some rest. This summer I hope that in your travels and leisure time you will find enrichment.

### SAFEGUARDING

#### Cars on the school site

Parents dropping off and collecting boys from the visitors car park at the start and end of the school day is causing a significant danger to the safety of boys. With immediate effect, I ask parents not to drive their cars into the visitors car park, but instead to drop their son outside the school boundary and ask him to walk into the school site.

#### Road Safety/Awareness

It is pertinent at this time to ask parents to speak with their sons about road safety and road awareness. The school has received calls from members of the public at various points in the year concerned that boys are ignoring the pedestrian crossings, choosing instead to dash between traffic. Please talk to your son to reinforce the importance of using the pedestrian crossings.

#### Keeping Your Son Safe Online

I would like to draw your attention to the 'thinkuknow' website, and to a new resource launched by CEOP called 'Nude Selfies: What parents and carers need to know now!' It consists of four short animated films:

- Film 1: Understanding why (2:13)
- Film 2: Talking to your child (2:42)
- Film 3: When should I be worried (2:52)
- Film 4: How to get help (1:55)

You can download these resources at: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents).

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND)

From September the SEND base will be located in the lower floor of the Newton Block. Miss Bieber continues to be the SENCO and Miss Percy has been appointed to support her with the administration of the revised Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Mrs Tracey Cryer has been appointed to provide counselling support for boys between 12 noon and 4:00pm on Wednesday afternoon (week A) and Thursday afternoon (week B).

### ATTENDANCE

From September 2015 the government is moving the benchmark for persistent absence from 85% to 90%. A student who has 19 days off during the academic year would fall into this category. There are very few boys who have an attendance of less than 90% but we would like everyone to be aware of this change.

### GCSE AND 'A' LEVEL RESULTS, 2015

A/AS level results day is **Thursday 13 August**. 'A' level results will be available from 8:00am and AS level results from 9:00am—in the Old School (NB. Year 13 students should have email addresses and telephone numbers for all admissions staff/departments from which they received offers, not just CF and CI offers).

Advice and guidance will be available for students receiving A/AS results on Thursday 13 August (to 2:30pm) and on Friday 14 August (8:00am to 12 noon). Priority will be given to outgoing Year 13 students.

For new Year 13 students who are unable to come into school on 13/14 August should come into school from 1:00pm on Wednesday 2 September.

GCSE results day is **Thursday 20 August**. Results will be available from 9:00am—2:30pm in the Sixth Form Centre.

### CHANGES IN THE LAW—Tobacco, e-cigarettes & smoking

Every time a child breathes in second-hand smoke, they breathe in thousands of chemicals. This puts them at risk of serious conditions such as meningitis, cancer and respiratory infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It can also make asthma worse. The law is changing to protect young people from harm.

From 1 October 2015 it will be illegal:

- For retailers to sell electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) or e-liquids to someone under 18.
- For adults to buy (or try to buy) tobacco products or e-cigarettes for someone under 18.
- To smoke in private vehicles that are carrying someone under 18.

### STAFF CHANGES

The following colleagues leave King's at the end of this term:

Mr Beardsall (Physics); Mr Beckett (Mathematics); Mr Collinson (Geography); Mr Dyer (Business Studies/Economics); Miss Rowark (RE/Philosophy); Mr Smith (Mathematics) and Mrs Smith (Science Tech).

We are delighted to welcome the following colleagues from September:

Mr Anderson (Business Studies/Economics); Mrs Ball (Mathematics); Mr Cawthorn (Geography); Mr Georgiou (RE/Philosophy); Mr Green (Physics); Mr Saunders (Mathematics); Mrs Vale-Brookes (Science Tech); Mrs Dixon (Teaching Assistant).

### YEAR 12 BOYS

Boys returning as Year 12 students should arrive in school for a meeting in the Hall at 9:00am on Wednesday 2 September. Dress in non-uniform, but smart.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### CHESS

Lincolnshire won the U18 minor team event in June, with 4 of the 6 players from King's—Dan Southern, Will Taylor, Will Knight and Haydn Godfrey.

Other King's players involved were James Wilson, Jacob Storey, Chris Ramsay, Will Sadler, Mitchell French and Tom Stokes. Special mention must be made of Farhan Ali who scored 4/4—the best performance by anyone in the event.

Five boys competed in the national semi-final in Manchester on Sunday 12 July, leaving school at 6:30am and arriving back at 8pm. Going into the final round, Will Knight had already qualified for the final and was playing for a chance to win the Northern Counties title. Jacob Storey, Will Taylor and Haydn Godfrey all needed wins to qualify. After some hard-fought games, Will Knight lost but achieved fourth place overall. Jacob won and qualified, and Haydn and Will Taylor both drew thus falling short by .5. Tom Stokes had a difficult event and scored 2/6 in his debut at this level.

Mr Beckett retires at the end of this term and our thanks go to him for giving his own time at lunchtimes, after school and weekends to enable the Chess Club to run and for encouraging boys in this arena. The considerable success enjoyed by King's boys in Chess over many years is in no small part due to his commitment.

### TABLE TENNIS

Matthew Leete (Year 10) represented England Under 16 Boys' B team at the recent Senior Schools Invitational International Championships in Perth, Scotland. Matthew won silver in the team event and bronze in the individual event.

Matthew has since been selected to play in the 2015 School Games for the Midlands team to take place in Manchester in September. We wish him the best of luck for continued success.



### MELTON YOUNG SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Ben Lumb (Year 8), who was crowned the Melton Young Sportsman of the Year.

Ben is pictured (front row, right).

Picture courtesy of the Melton Times

## MATHS DEPARTMENT

### UK MATHS CHALLENGES

Individual and team competitions are held at Junior (Years 8 and 9), Intermediate (Years 10 and 11) and Senior (Years 12 and 13) levels each year at King's. Once again we have had a very successful year in all of the competitions. The Senior team qualified for the national finals in London in November and in all three age groups we have students who have done well enough in the individual competitions to qualify for the Kangaroo round (these students are in the top 6000 in the country).

Worthy of special mention are: Kacper Waniek, Taylor Jordan, Henry Dakin, Luke Harrison, William Taylor, Matthew Dixon, Joseph Cavani, Christopher Ramsay, Nicholas Fruin, Matt Barnfield and Nathan Peters.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department has had a very successful summer term which began with the concert at Lonthorpe Church on 16 June. This is a great opportunity to showcase some of our soloists from Years 7 to 10 as well as the String Group and Jazz Trio. There were a variety of performances and the quality of musicianship was extremely high. Well done to all boys who performed.

On 30 June the Big Band went to Skegness, having been invited to perform in the Lincolnshire Schools' Prom. It proved to be a very hot day so the opportunity to pop down to the beach in between rehearsals was enjoyed by all. The next day was even hotter and the Head Master's Garden was a lovely setting for the summer concert. This event was our chance to say thank you, goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 13 students—Nye Banfield, John Bowskill, Lewis Brown, Alex Harrod, Elliott Howley, John Fleming and Henry Scott.



On 10 July the Big Band were off again—this time to Birmingham to take part in the finals of the National Music for Youth Festival. They performed Big Band standards 'Splanky' and 'Spain' to rapturous applause. The adjudicators particularly commented on wonderful solos from Nye Banfield and Henry Scott and said they would love to hear us perform again. Official photographs from the event can be viewed on the classicfm website: <http://www.classicfm.com/concerts-events/music-youth/pictures/town-hall-10-july/the-kings-school-big-band/>. We now await news to see if we will be invited to perform in the Schools Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.

Finally, our thanks and good wishes go to Mrs Bower, Mr Duckels and Mrs Townsend from the Lincolnshire Music Service, who are all moving on to take up new posts in September.

## LANGUAGES CLUB

### LINGO-FRENZY!

Members of the Languages Club have continued to branch out into new languages this term. Having studied Japanese, Mandarin, Polish and Bengali (not to mention French and German of course), the group decided to embrace technology and explore Italian using the wonderful website and app 'Duolingo'. The website/app is a fantastic resource for students interested in languages as it has a very clear and progressive approach to language acquisition and engages the learner through rewards (lingots) and a variety of activities.

Students' enthusiasm for languages this year has been effervescent and they have been impressive in the open-minded, flexible and ebullient approach they have demonstrated at every turn. They are to be congratulated on their newly acquired skills and I hope they will continue to engage in such excellent language learning opportunities.

## PE DEPARTMENT

### ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Andrew Wilson-Axpe on his performance at a Nottinghamshire Track and Field League event last month. Despite missing much of the season due to a broken hand, he came first (equal) in the U15 100m with an official recorded time of 11.9 seconds which, based on British Athletics official Power of 10 rankings, is a Top 50 UK time for the U15 100m category and a top 3 UK time for a current 13 year old. Well done!

#### Team Events

Junior boys achieved 3rd place in the Lincolnshire Championships and 2nd place in the Midlands B Final.



Inter boys achieved 1st place in the Lincolnshire Championships and 3rd place in the Midlands A Final—narrowly missing out on qualifications for the national final.

Well done to: Jordan Seetul-Drew, Gareth Lee, Andrew Wilson-Axpe, Emyr Jenkins, Sheldon Fivaz, Taylor Jordan, Alex Ismail, Callum Tweedie, James Tweedie, Ben Lumb, Ed Birch, Dexter Bickmore, George Cottle and Lewis Wilby.

#### Individual Events

The following boys represented the district at the Lincolnshire County Championships:

Tom Evans (1st—300m); Ryan Champion (hurdles); Ed Buck (high jump); Will Seage (discus); Oliver Jakes (1st—400m hurdles, 2nd Octathlon and 800m); Josh Beavis (2nd—400m hurdles); Max Hubbard (2nd—triple jump); Harry Bartlett (shot put and discus);

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Harry Topham (high jump and long jump); Kai Winfield (200m); Bill Rush (discus); Oliver Williams (1st—long jump).

The following boys represented Lincolnshire at the Regional Championships:

Tom Evans (1st—300m); Max Hubbard (2nd—triple jump); Oliver Jakes (1st—400m hurdles and 8th Octathlon); Oliver Williams (1st—senior boys long jump).

As a result of these results Tom Evans of Year 9 competed in the English Schools' Championships at Gateshead earlier this month and won the Junior Boys 300m in a personal best time of 35.69 seconds which also puts him top of the UK rankings.

Well done to all boys for their superb efforts.

### TENNIS



Boys from Years 7 and 8 achieved 4th place in Lincolnshire. The squad consists of Noah Carson, Owen Shaw, Seb Newton, Harry Clough, Sam Hubbard, Ben Robinson, Dan Egerton and Nitesh Shyam. Well done boys.

The Year 9/Year 10 squad achieved 1st place in Lincolnshire and progress to the national knockout competition next year. Well done to Joe Patton, Lewis Picker (Joe and Lewis are both undefeated in all matches this year), Elliot Smith-Rasmussen, Lewis Postle, Josh Sugden, Mohammed Sahil, Kevin Mason and Joe Plant.

### RUGBY

We were honoured to have Matt Hampson as a guest speaker at a fundraising event for the South America Rugby Tour earlier this month. Matt, a former England Rugby Union prop, runs a foundation to help people who have been injured in sport and cannot work as a result of their injuries. He spoke about his experiences in Rugby and about the support he received from Leicester Tigers and the RFU.

He praised the boys for their commitment to Rugby and wished them well for a successful tour of South America where they will be playing rugby in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Brazil. The boys have worked hard for 2 years to save and fundraise for what will be the tour of a lifetime.





## PE DEPARTMENT Continued ./

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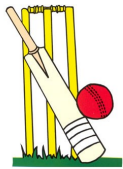
Four students have passed their Level 2 Rugby Referee course. Congratulations to Harvey Green, Jack Plowman, Joshua Watts and Charlie Wilkinson.



### CRICKET

#### MCC Match

The MCC won the toss and elected to bat first on what looked like a very good batting track. The weather was very hot and after one early breakthrough by Adam Wilson when the score was only 8 it soon became apparent that it was going to be hard work for the bowlers. The MCC added 70 runs for the second wicket, followed by a century partnership for the third, taking the total onto 180 before lunch, with D



France scoring 106 and Tom Banham 76. After lunch MCC declared on 238 for 3 off 44 overs. The wicket takers for King's were Adam Wilson (1-43 from 10 overs), Alex Dempster (1-34 from 6 overs) and Fergus Myles (1-5 off 2 overs).

King's made good progress by reaching 52-2 off 15 overs with Dan Wilson scoring 30 and Alex Dempster 22, but after both players fell in quick succession it was down to Harry Brewin and Matthew Law to rebuild the innings. They managed to take the score up to 99-4 off 27 overs. The MCC captain Chris Dring put himself into bowl (spin). This led to a King's batting collapse as they were bowled out for 114 off 38 overs, with Dring finishing with figures of 4 for 16 off 6 overs.

The MCC nominated Alex Dempster as man of the match for the school team.

#### Old Boys' T20 Match

On 9 July the Old Boys' T20 match took place. Old Boys' won the toss and elected to bat first. Jack Copley (53) and Tom Neville (55) put on a 100 in 12 overs for the first wicket. Matt Harland then got a quickfire 41 which included 5 sixes! The Old Boys finished on 193-2 off their 20 overs. The only wicket takers were Adam Wilson 1-44 (3 overs) and Dan Wilson 1-17 (3 overs). King's set about chasing the mammoth total scoring 33 off the first 5 overs but this was still someway behind the required run rate. Taylor Bowers was out for 23 and Harry Brewin made 25. Will Cousins managed to carry his bat, making 64 not out. King's finished on 137-4 from their 20 overs.

#### King's 1st XI v. Old Boys'

King's Old Boys' batted first, with openers Jack Copley and Rohan Nurse briskly reaching 33 before Copley fell in the 6th over. Tony Williams (34) and Nurse had put on 75 when Nurse was runout for a well-made 51. Dan Taylor then upped the tempo, striking 4 sixes and 7

fours in his 63 from 34 balls. Veteran Bill Taylor remained unbeaten on 35 when the innings was declared on 247-5 from 38 overs.

Unfazed by the enormity of the task, King's openers Taylor Bowers and Will Cousins began watchfully before Cousins found his stride, hitting 14 fours and a six before falling for 79 as they put on 138 for the first wicket. Bowers continued to accumulate steadily as Dan Wilson (23) helped King's reach 202 before he was bowled by Ross Denton. Captain Bowers pushed for victory but finished agonizingly on 99 not out with the total just 16 runs short.

This was a great game and a tremendous advert for King's cricket, with nearly 500 runs scored on a rapidly improving wicket.

Bower's captains innings earned him the Alec Weightman Memorial Trophy for the Man of the Match.

#### Year 8

Well done to our Year 8 cricket team who won the County Cup convincingly by beating Spalding Grammar by 7 wickets.

The boys were a credit to the school and Mr McHugh says they were an absolute pleasure to work with.

The team were: Ben Lumb (captain), Max Wilson, Jaidev Prakash, Sebastian Newton, Sebastian Edwards, Ben Gregory, James Scott, Oliver Barry, Ben Robinson, Alex Ismail and Ed Birch.

## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 1 (2015-16)

### TERM 1

#### WEEK COMMENCING 31 AUGUST:

- NEW YEAR 7 BOYS BEGIN THE TERM—Wednesday 2 September at 8:45am
- YEAR 12 BOYS ALSO BEGIN ON Wednesday 2 September (Year 13 (Sept) students who are unable to arrange an appointment with Mr Barton or Mr Whales on results day will need to come into school from 1:00pm on Wednesday 2 September)
- ALL OTHER BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL—Thursday 3 September
- WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH—Friday 4 September
- RUGBY—U13/U14/U15/U16 DEVELOPMENT XV & 1ST XV RUGBY MATCHES V. NOTTS HIGH (H) - Weekend 10:00am

#### WEEK COMMENCING 7 SEPTEMBER:

- PTFA MEETING—Wednesday 9 September—7:30pm
- 11+ ENTRANCE VERBAL TEST 1—Saturday 12 September—9:00am
- RUGBY—U13/U14 & U15 V. LOUGHBOUGH (A) - Saturday 10:00am

#### WEEK COMMENCING 14 SEPTEMBER:

- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 14 September, all day
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING (student representatives) —Tuesday 15 September, 12 noon
- YEAR 7 MATHS EXPLAINED - Tuesday 15 September, 6:30pm
- OLD BOYS' SOCIETY MEETING—Tuesday 15 September, 7:30pm
- RUGBY—U16 DEVELOPMENT XV & 1ST XV V. WORKSOP COLLEGE (A) - Wednesday 16 September, 2:30pm
- YEAR 11 ART TRIP TO LONDON - Thursday 17 September
- HEAD OF YEAR INTERVENTION MEETINGS—YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 —Thursday 17 September, 4:00-6:30pm
- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR YEARS 7, 9 AND 12 IN THE OLD SCHOOL— Friday 18 September
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Friday 18 September, all day
- 11+ ENTRANCE NON-VERBAL TEST 2—Saturday 19 September, 9:00am

#### WEEK COMMENCING 21 SEPTEMBER:

- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 21 September, all day
- MUSIC PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP—Monday 21 September, 7:00pm
- RUGBY—1ST XV MATCH V. QE BARNET (A) AT ALLANZ PARK—Wednesday 23 September
- YEAR 10 PARENTS' SUPPORT EVENING—Thursday 24 September, 5:00-6:30pm
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Friday 25 September, all day
- RUGBY—U12/U13/U16 DEVELOPMENT XV & 1ST XV RUGBY MATCHES V. STAMFORD (A) - Saturday 11:00am
- RUGBY—U14 & U15 V. STAMFORD (H) - Saturday, 11:00am

#### WEEK COMMENCING 28 SEPTEMBER:

- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 28 September, all day
- YEAR 7 INFORMAL PARENTS' EVENING IN THE OLD SCHOOL—Monday 28 September, 6:30-8:00pm
- RUGBY—U15—NATWEST CUP ROUND 2—Wednesday 30 September, 2:00pm
- RUGBY—U16 DEVELOPMENT XV & 1ST XV MATCHES V. DENSTONE COLLEGE(H)—Wednesday 30 September, 3:00pm
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Friday 2 October, all day
- RUGBY—U12 MATCH V. BIRKDALE (A) - Friday 2 October, 2:30pm
- RUGBY—U13/U14 & U15 MATCHES V. BIRKDALE (H) - Saturday 3 October, 10:30am

#### WEEK COMMENCING 5 OCTOBER:

- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 5 October, all day
- YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—Monday 5 October, all day
- BURGHLEY LECTURE IN THE OLD SCHOOL—Tuesday 6 October, 2:00pm
- RUGBY—U16 DEVELOPMENT XV MATCH V. CARRES (H) - Wednesday 7 October, 2:00pm
- RUGBY—1ST XV NATWEST CUP ROUND 2—Wednesday 7 October, 2:00pm
- NEWTON LECTURE AT RAF CRANWELL—Thursday 8 October, 10am to 1pm
- RUGBY—U12/U13 & U14 MATCHES V. CARRES—Thursday 8 October, 4:45pm
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Friday 9 October, all day
- PTFA HARVEST BALL AT BELTON PARK GOLF CLUB—Friday 9 October
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD TRAINING DAY—Saturday 10 October

#### WEEK COMMENCING 12 OCTOBER:

- YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—Monday 12 October, all day
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 12 October, all day
- NON-UNIFORM DAY (PTFA) - Tuesday 13 October
- YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—Tuesday 13 October, all day
- BAMBERG EXCHANGE—Wednesday 14 October to 22 October

## DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 1

### WEEK COMMENCING 12 OCTOBER (Continued):

- RUGBY—U15 & 1ST XV NATWEST ROUND 3—Wednesday 14 October, 2:00pm
- SPEECH NIGHT—Wednesday 14 October, 6:30-8:00pm at St Wulfram's Church
- YEAR 11 ROUTES & PATHWAYS DAY—Thursday 15 October
- PTFA AGM—Thursday 15 October, 7:30pm in the Hall
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Friday 16 October, all day
- SPEECH NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE OLD SCHOOL—Friday 16 October, from 9:00am
- RUGBY—U12 & U13 MATCHES V. SPALDING GRAMMAR (H) - Saturday 17 October, 10:00am
- RUGBY—U14 & U15 MATCHES V. SPALDING GRAMMAR (A) - Saturday 17 October, 10:00am

### WEEK COMMENCING 19 OCTOBER:

- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Monday 19 October, all day
- YEAR 6 INFORMAL OPEN MORNING IN THE OLD SCHOOL—Monday 19 October, 9:30-11am
- YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—Tuesday 20 October, all day
- INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITIES—WHOLE SCHOOL—Wednesday 21 October during Form Period
- RUGBY—U15 & 1ST XV RUGBY VASE MATCHES ROUND 2—Wednesday 21 October
- RUGBY—U16 DEVELOPMENT XV V. ST GEORGES (H) - Wednesday 21 October, 2:30pm
- YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING—Wednesday 21 October, 4:30-7:00pm in the Hall
- **END OF TERM FOR BOYS—Thursday 22 October, 3:45pm**
- **BOYS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR TERM 2 ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER**