



HEAD MASTER

As another busy start to the first term of the 2017 calendar year draws to a close, may I draw your attention to several important matters:

External Examinations – Once again the external examination season is looming for GCSE and A level students. Examinations start in about ten weeks. Please encourage your son to maintain his revision programme over the half term break.

Mock Examinations - Sixth Form mock examinations will take place from 20-28 February, 2017.

National Fair Funding Consultation — Funding pressures are being felt across all phases in all schools. Though government ministers state that sufficient funding is being put into the education system, in reality all schools are managing rising costs, consequently there has been a real term funding cut.

At King's the Governors and Senior Leaders are working hard to endure that financial pressures have as little impact on teaching as possible. That said, parents can help by responding to the Fair Funding Consultation by following this link: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>. The consultation closes on 22 March 2017. The key points to make in your response are:

- There needs to be an increase in the overall schools budget.
- The proposal to reduce the per pupil factor in the national budget from 76.5% to 72.5% should be overturned. This aspect of the proposals hits King's hard. It would be much better if the percentage could either remain at 76.5% or preferably be increased to 80%.
- Finally it would be helpful if parents who respond could make the point in the final question that it is essential that schools receive a reasonable minimum amount of funding per pupil - for secondary schools a sum of £4800 per student is considered viable.

Any support that you can give to this important consultation is greatly appreciated.

STAFF NEWS

Mr Peter Kirkbride, the School's Bursar and Director of Resources will retire from King's on 31 August 2017. Mr Kirkbride has made a substantial, positive impact to school life, both for staff and students. He will be missed.

We are currently recruiting for Mr Kirkbride's successor and full details of this post have been published on the school website.

LITERACY FOCUS TERMS 3 & 4

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A reminder that the literacy focus for Term 4 is as follows:

Year 7	Its/it's and use of apostrophe as an abbreviation (CGP 32 and 34) Spelling of subject vocabulary
Year 8	Plurals (CGP 2-3) Spelling of subject vocabulary
Year 9	Possessive apostrophes (CGP 33) Spelling of subject vocabulary
Years 10 and 11	Consistent use of tense (CGP section 5) Spelling of subject vocabulary

PTFA NEWS

Many thanks to all of the parents and friends who have supported the PTFA with early purchases of tickets for the raffle for this year's Annual Ball. We look forward to our further fundraising opportunities at Parents Evenings, concerts and other school events over the coming months. Please be sure to bring some loose change along so you don't miss out.

Also, **save the date!** This year's Annual King's School PTFA Ball will be at Belton Woods Hotel on 7 October 2017. It's a truly fantastic fundraising evening of fun, food, music and dancing, for parents, friends and staff to enjoy. Singles, couples and groups are all welcome.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ben Wilson—Year 10

During the Christmas holidays Ben auditioned for Spirit Young Performers in London and was chosen to perform his medley. He rehearsed in London for 3 days and performed at the Actors Church in Covent Garden.

Ben spends virtually every evening attending singing and dance lessons but his greatest love is singing. He really enjoyed being part of the Spirit Young Performers.

OXBRIDGE OFFERS 2017

Four boys have received offers to study at Oxbridge:

William Taylor—Mathematics, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Henry Dakin—Mathematics, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Will Pallier—Natural Sciences, Homerton College, Cambridge

Cameron Simmons—Engineering, Pembroke College, Oxford.

NEWS FROM PAST STUDENTS

We were pleased to receive news of a group of King's Old Boys who graduated from Newcastle University in 2016:

Edward Cocker BSc (Hons) in Marine Biology

Jevon Law BSc (Hons) in Computer Science

Blake Taylor BSc (Hons) in Physiological Sciences

Samuel Widdison BA (Hons) in Geography

James Wyatt BS Medicine & Surgery

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Well done to Matthew Law (Yr 13) who has completed his Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

He has successfully completed all parts of the course which consists of:

Volunteering—12 months

Physical and Skills: one section for 12 months, a second section for 6 months

Expedition—4 days/3 nights

Residential—Undertaking a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days/4 nights.

CCF NEWS

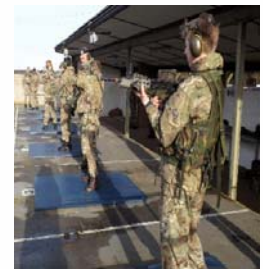


The CCF Contingent moves on excitedly to 2017.

Our Year 7 recruiting day last year has been an incredible success. Nearly 70 new cadets attended their first parade in the second week of January 2017. Lt Roberts is now supervising a 6 week recruit training programme.



Cadet shooting



The Contingent attended its first range day on the 4th February 2017 at RAF Cranwell, introducing cadets to target shooting, to prepare for the cadet "skill at arms" competition later on in the year. There was intense competition for the 10 places. 8 cadets were successful in achieving their shooting badges.



The Army Section had their new Cap badges presented at a formal parade attended by Major William Grieg, Royal Lancers.

New recruits at the CCF Contingent being taught ranks and badges



The First Field exercise for all cadets will take place on the 25th February 2017.

Summer Camp this year for the Army Section has now been confirmed at Wathgill in Yorkshire.

PE DEPARTMENT

RUGBY

In early February teams across the year group were successful:

2nd XV King's 60 Stamford College 7

Year 11 King's 90 Bourne Academy 7

County Cup Finals

Both Year 8 & 9 Teams retained their County Cup titles.



Year 8 King's 50 De Aston 5



Year 9 King's 27 De Aston 12

Representative Rugby

Congratulations to Matthew Law who received a Midlands trial after some very impressive performances for the NLD U18 squad. He was the only boy in the NLD squad to be given a trial. He has now made the preliminary 40 man Midlands squad that will go forward to compete for places in the England Counties U18 squad.

Jonny Law and Will Seage have made the U16 squad for 2017 and both have put in impressive displays against Leicestershire and Staffordshire, so far making the starting XV.



Well done to William Rush for representing the Irish Exiles against the England Lambs. This is a great achievement given that the Irish Exiles are an elite squad picked from independent schools in the country and William was the only player from the state sector to play for this representative side.

CROSS COUNTRY

Following their cross country success reported in the last newsletter, the following students performed superbly well in the County Qualifying round and have are now officially Lincolnshire Cross Country runners. Particular plaudits go to Gareth Lee (finished 2nd) and Edward Buck (who finished 1st) who have been invited to run in the English Schools National event later this year.

Adam Jacklin (Yr7)

Jamie Porter (Yr7)

Ethan Richards-Cole (Yr13)

Gareth Lee (Yr9)

Edward Buck (Yr11)



TABLE TENNIS

The U13, U16 and U19 Table Tennis teams performed in the second round of ESTTA Team Championships with the U13 and U19 teams progressing to the 3rd round and hopeful of a place in the National Finals. A particular mention goes to Flynn Connolly (second from the left) who won the first round of the Individual championships and continues his solo mission for the National Finals.



FUTSAL—The King's School hosted the KSSA Futsal Championships this month for both Year 7 and Year 9. The Year 7 team came second and the Year 9 were victorious and progress to the next stage hoping to replicate the success of their year above who reached the National Finals last year.

FOOTBALL—Four of the five year groups entered into the Football County Cups are making strong progress in their competitions. Sadly the Year 11 were defeated in the Quarter Finals but with the Year 7 beating Bourne Academy 12-0. The Year 8 team beating Boston Grammar 3-2, the Year 9 team beating Bourne Academy 6-3 and the Year 10 team beating Lincoln C-H 12-0 (all to reach the Quarter Finals) we are hopeful for County success later this year.

PE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

BADMINTON — Badminton continues to improve in the school and the U14 and U16 performed admirably in the KSSA Badminton competition. Both age groups finished second in their respective competitions and sadly only the first place school progresses to the next stage. The school continues to make positive strides in their league matches.



GYMNASTICS — The Under 14 Boys Gymnastics team have won the regional championships and are now through to the National Finals at Stoke on Trent in May. The team of consisted of Myles Sadler, Jake Dawson (who won the floor and vault) Harry Clements and Kaan Celik.

INDOOR ATHLETICS — The School hosted the KSSA Indoor Athletics events for Year 7 and 8 this term. The Year 7 team performed superbly well, finishing in first place whilst the Year 8 team finished an admirable second. Historically we have had a fine record of progression through to the Midlands Finals in this competition but sadly progression stages have been removed this year.

WATER POLO — Josh Peters was selected for the National Talent Camp at Loughborough University because of his commitment to coaching waterpolo. He was awarded the overall Young Coach award. What an achievement! Very few students are awarded places on this course nationally let alone win the award for overall young coach of the year.



The award was presented by Baroness Sue Campbell and Jonathon Riall.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

CHEMISTRY— On Saturday 21 January, Mr Downing (Subject Leader for Chemistry) took 4 boys to Derby University to represent the School and County in the Regional Finals of the annual 'Top of the Bench' competition organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Ed Johnstone (Y11), George Cottle (Y10), Harvey Foster and Mihails Kosmans (Y9) were quizzed on their depth of general knowledge, such as 'which element has been recently used to kill an ex KGB agent?'

The second part of the day focused on the team producing a new lubricant which would be made for the next generation of car engines. Their task was to produce a lubricant from 4 existing lubricants and formulate one that would allow a ball-bearing to move through the sample in exactly 59 seconds. The twist was that they also has to calculate how much this lubricant would cost to formulate as well!

King's came a respectable 8th out of 400 schools from the East Midlands area. It was a pleasure taking the boys even on a dreary Saturday morning, they represented the school to an amazing standard and did themselves proud.

Mr K Downing



CAREERS TALKS

The school recognises the importance of providing independent careers advice to the boys. The aim of our careers talks is to 'open minds' to a wide range of careers using the expertise of our parents. We were delighted with the attendance at this terms event held on 2 February 2017.



Parent, **Rob Dorsett** is currently one of Sky Sports' senior reporters, covering stories mainly for Sky Sports News. He began his journalism career as a volunteer reporter for 'Redbrick', the University of Birmingham student newspaper, before winning the Young Sports Journalist of the Year title with the Independent newspaper in 1995. His first contract was with BBC Radio WM in Birmingham in 1996, where he worked as a news reporter, before moving to TV the following year, covering news and sport stories for BBC Midlands Today. He moved to London in 2000, to become Chief News reporter at BBC London before returning to Nottingham in 2002 to become Sports Presenter of BBC East Midlands Today. After almost 3 years fronting the show, he moved to Sky Sports to become Midlands Correspondent, where he's remained for the last 12 years. His 20 year career has seen him cover major sporting events and stories all over the world, including the 2004 Olympics in Athens for the BBC, and the European Football Championships in Poland and Ukraine in 2012. Last year, he interviewed David Beckham in London, and Usain Bolt in Jamaica.

Rachel Dorsett has 25 year's experience in PR, starting as a press office assistant at Central Television where she worked to promote ITV TV programmes in light entertainment and drama, working with Bob Monkhouse, Noel Edmonds and Jeremy Clarkson to name but few. She was headhunted to the BBC in London three year's later where she continued her career for ten years - working out of TV Centre in London and later the Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham. Taking charge of the Leisure and Lifestyle programming department which included all of Delia Smith's BBC TV series and other well known chefs. Crisis management became a large part of her role and the art of keeping celebrity presenters out of the News of the World was as big a part of the job as getting publicity within these titles.

In 2004, Rachel left the BBC to go freelance, specialising in PR for the food and drink sector. From pies, to cheese, from California prunes to restaurants - the past 12 years have been an international foodie PR journey, working in Poland, Russia, America and Italy. Rachel is now director at Cartwright Communications - a PR agency in Nottingham, where she heads up the consumer PR division and works on bringing in a range of new business for the agency as well as heading various high profile accounts from the national Bistrot Pierre restaurant chain to global health and well being brand Jeunesse.



DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 4 (2016-17)

Week 23 (B)

Monday 20 February	All week—Sixth Form Mock Examinations Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room
Wednesday 22 February	House Assembly - During Form Period - Foxe - Old School, Burleigh - Hall
Thursday 23 February	U14 & U15 Rugby 7's @ Nottingham High School leave at 10.00am, back at 4.00pm
Friday 24 February	Y11 Careers Advice - all day - Tombs Room U12 Rugby 7's @ Nottingham High School leave at 10.00am, back at 4.00pm

Week 24 (A)

Monday 27 February	Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room U14 Rugby 7's @ Leicester Grammar leave at 12.00pm, back at 6.00pm Y11 Parents Evening - 4.30 to 7.00pm—Hall
Tuesday 28 February	U13 Rugby 7's @ Nottingham High School leave at 10am, back at 4.00pm
Wednesday 1 March	House Assembly - During Form Period - Curteis - Old School, Newton - Hall Y9 The Facts About Alcohol - Dr Aric Sigman - Old School - Staff to accompany classes School Council Meeting - 12.00pm - Old School
Thursday 2 March	U12 Rugby 7's @ Leicester Grammar leave at 12pm, back at 6pm
Friday 3 March	Careers Advice - am - Tombs Room
Sunday 5 March	Rugby 7's Newark 10.00am Start

Week 25 (B)

Monday 6 March	Y12 Geography Fieldwork Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room U15 Rugby 7's @ Leicester Grammar leave at 12pm, back at 6pm
Tuesday 7 March	Y12 Geography Fieldwork
Wednesday 8 March	House Assembly - During Form Period. School - Old School, More - Hall Y10 Careers Fair - Old School - Staff to accompany classes PTFA Meeting—7.30pm—rm 34
Thursday 9 March	Y10 Maths Feast - Periods 2 & 3, selected boys only
Friday 10 March	Careers Advice - am - Tombs Room

Week 26 (A)

Monday 13 March	Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room Y10 Geography Fieldwork
Tuesday 14 March	Y10 Geography Fieldwork
Wednesday 15 March	Y7 Music Concert Rehearsals - all day - Hall Y10 Geography Fieldwork
Thursday 16 March	Y10 Big Bang - NEC Spring Concert Rehearsals - all day – Hall Followed by evening Concert U13 Rugby 7's @ Leicester Grammar leave at 12pm, back at 6.00pm
Friday 17 March	Careers Advice - am - Tombs Room Y10 Geography Fieldwork

Week 27 (B)

Monday 20 March	Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room
Tuesday 21 March	Y9 Immunisations Mop Up Session Governors Meeting 6.00pm (Meeting 6)
Wednesday 22 March	Whole School – Inter-house Competition - 8.50 to 9.30am
Friday 24 March	Rouen trip - to 27 March Jazz Nite Rehearsals - All day – Hall—Evening concert

Week 28 (A)

Monday 27 March	Y11 Careers Interviews - all day - Tombs Room AS/A2 Music - Controlled Assessment House Awards Ceremony—7.00pm—Hall—House Leaders/SLT Rouen trip - returns
Tuesday 28 March	AS/A2 Music - Controlled Assessment
Wednesday 29 March	AS/A2 Music - Controlled Assessment Y12 HE Evening—7.00pm—Old School—FH/NCB/NOW
Thursday 30 March	PTFA Easter Fayre - Hall – Lunchtime
Friday 31 March	Gold D of E Practice to 3 April—departs 10.00am End of Term - 3.45pm