



HEAD MASTER

This newsletter highlights another impressive range of achievements across another busy term.

Years 11, 12 and 13 are immersed in final preparations for their forthcoming external examinations. I wish the boys every possible success as they move into a period that will determine their next career steps. I know the boys are aware that the Easter holiday needs to be one of extensive revision. The time for thinking that examinations are a long way in the future is gone. The time to act to secure their futures is now.

Staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure that final preparations are detailed and thorough. Once again we have a high number of revision sessions taking place. I am enormously grateful to staff for the support they are giving to the boys.

Parents too have an important role in creating a home environment conducive to work, and for providing essential support and encouragement.

I wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE—END OF THE DAY

May I remind parents that no car should be on the school site without permission from me. The visitors car park is dangerous for students between 3:45-4:00pm. Even when permission is granted, a vehicle must be on-site before 3:45pm and not attempt to leave until after 4:00pm. Although this may appear draconian it is essential that boys can leave school safely at the end of the school day.

RIDGEWAY SCHOLARSHIP

I am delighted to announce that Joel Beardmore has been selected as The Ridgeway Scholar for 2017-18.

The Scholarship offers an opportunity for a student who is normally resident in Lincolnshire or Huntingdonshire (before the boundary changes of 1974) to study for an academic year at the University of Evansville in the USA.

The scholarship is usually most attractive to those students completing their last year of secondary education and looking for a 'gap year' opportunity to study and travel in the USA. The Scholarship pays international air fare, all tuition costs, and room and board accommodation for a year of study at the University of Evansville in Indiana. The grant offsets education costs of more than \$45,000.

STAFF NEWS

After 25 years of loyal service to King's, latterly in the Reprographics Department, Mrs Jane Cartwright has retired. We send her our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Following a rigorous interview process, Mrs Catherine Barnes has been appointed as Bursar & Director of Resources with effect from 1 July 2017.

OFQUAL—NEW GCSE GRADING

A new set of films aimed at parents, students and employers has been launched to help raise awareness and understanding of the new 9 to 1 GCSE grading scale. The films are available on the Ofqual You Tube channel, and will also be shown on some of the main TV catch-up services.

Kooth.com (Mental Health & Well-Being Support)

Kooth.com is a free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support service for 11-25 year olds in Lincolnshire where they can chat to friendly counsellors, read articles written by young people and join live moderated forums. www.kooth.com

HOUSE AWARDS EVENING

The annual House Awards Evening acknowledged and rewarded the qualities expected of our students both in school and as members of the community. The qualities acknowledged and rewarded are some of the most important that we can instil in the young people of today. However, they can also be the most overlooked with the pressure for examination success.

During the evening, seven prizes were awarded to individual students who have shown outstanding qualities in the following areas:

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| ◊ Leadership | (Tobias Whinney, Year 13) |
| ◊ Teamwork | (Harry Bateman, Year 12) |
| ◊ Resilience | (Isaac Foster, Year 7) |
| ◊ Innovation/creativity | (Cameron Whatmore, Year 11) |
| ◊ Courage | (Louis Marriott, Year 7) |
| ◊ Community | (Jack Mills, Year 12) |
| ◊ Kindness | (Joe Brett, Year 9) |



The ceremony took place in the School Hall and was a resounding success. Sixth Form students led the evening and introduced each award. There was also live music from a Sixth Form Jazz Ensemble, and guests enjoyed food and drink.

We commend all of the nominees for each award and congratulate the winners.

YEAR 9 PLACES

The school has a number of places available in current Year 9. If you know any of any boy who you think might benefit from an education at King's please ask their parents to contact Louise Wood, Admissions Officer, using the following email address:

louise.wood@kings.lincs.sch.uk

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

DRAMA

Dexter Bickmore of Year 10 is appearing on stage in a Newark Amateur Operatic Society production of Oliver! at the Newark Palace Theatre from 28 March to 1 April, playing the part of Noah, the undertaker's bullying apprentice.



Also appearing in the production are Dexter's father, playing the part of Mr Sowerberry, the undertaker who buys Oliver from workhouse owner Mr Bumble and also his sister, Tegan who is part of the girls' chorus.

We wish them all the best for a successful production. Break a leg!

Following auditions in January, Ben Wilson of Year 10 has been selected to be part of the 2017 cast of the National Youth Musical Theatre (NYMT) and will perform the role of Drake in HONK! by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The production will tour at festivals including the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds and at the International Youth Arts Festival at the Rose Theatre, Kingston. As a member of the NYMT 2017 company, he will also be invited to participate in other events and performances, including the Christmas Concert.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

GEOGRAPHY

Year 12 Geography students went on a trip to Hull earlier this month and wrote the following account:

The purpose of the visit was to investigate whether Hull deserved the title of Britain's worst city, or had the recent regeneration been successful in transforming this former docking area. Hull was chosen for the trip due to the range of regeneration strategies taking place there. The fact that it is the Capital of Culture for 2017 means that its re-branding is taking place alongside the physical regeneration projects.

Armed with the hypothesis "Urban regeneration in Hull has been successful", we set out from the St Stephen's Shopping Centre and visited 5 areas within the city centre itself, collecting data in each place. As we moved through the different areas it became apparent that the physical urban-scape was changing. Despite the obvious physical changes seen we spoke with locals who remembered a time when industry dominated and Hull was a successful city and many took pleasure in recounting exactly what they thought was wrong with the modern day Hull.

The data collected on the trip will be written up and will help to answer the hypothesis. The trip also gave us a different perception of Hull to that originally held and a large number of us look forward to going back in the summer to complete our independent investigation.

GEOGRAPHY (Continued) .../

The following account of the Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip was written by Michael Cowell.

"Ah, Geography ... is it not the best of all subjects? The only correct answer to this, of course, is yes. Did you answer no to this? That answer is wrong. What other subject allows for two field trips in one Year? In the opinions of many, this trip really goes to show that data is not only useful, but it can also be enjoyable to collect.

The River Witham Geography trip was a success, with lots of data collected. Whilst it would be easier to use pre-gathered data, it is much more reliable (and less tedious) to go out in the field and collect it yourself, and that is just what we did. A clinometer, tape measure, couple of metre rules, some ambitious minds, a mini-van and some wellies were all we needed as we set off. After a quick journey to South Witham, we donned our boots, hopped out of the van, rolled up our sleeves and threw some dog biscuits into the river. Don't worry, this was not some peculiar case of organised littering, this was the magic of geography in action!

To provide more detail, two people were stationed at two poles ten metres apart (one upstream, one downstream). The person upstream would place a dog biscuit on the surface of the water, making sure not to stand in the way of the current, telling the person by the bank to start the stopwatch. When the dog biscuit reached the downstream pole, the timing would be stopped. This process was repeated three times for the left, right and centre of the river. This was done to measure the velocity of the water. The use of the dog biscuits may seem odd, but their usefulness is great—they float just beneath the surface of the water so they are not slowed down by friction from the air, they are very light and they are cost effective.

We measured the area of the river cross-section. We did this by measuring the width of the river and then the depth at each tenth of the distance. This method is used as the information it provides in drawing of the river cross-section can be created to a reasonable degree of accuracy enabling the area to be measured with ease.



Next we needed the velocity and surface area of different points of the river in order to calculate the discharge (the amount of water that passes a certain point in a certain amount of time). Although most anti-flood agencies use water level as an indicator for impending danger, discharge can also be utilized effectively for this purpose. In addition, an idea of the amount of water passing through points in a river is invaluable for the further study of said river, which presents itself to us as the main motivation for the outing.

Unrelated to the discharge, the valley profile also required measurement. A river naturally forms a valley through means of weathering, and the different valley profiles can be indicative of how far from the source a point in the river is. We collected this information to see if

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there was any correlation between distance downstream and valley type. Our hypothesis was that there would be a link—the further downstream, the more “u” shaped the valley would be, as opposed to a “v” shape. We measured the angle of incline of the valley using a clinometer and several ranging poles to mark a distance of 10 metres.

This data will prove to be very useful in our upcoming GCSEs where fieldwork skills count for a large section of the total GCSE level. Trips like these are hugely important to the course as a whole, and as they are usually very successful, many hope that King's will continue these for a long time to come.”

MUSIC

Grantham Music Festival

The Percussion Ensemble performed with great success at the Grantham Music Festival and came away with the Miss Roberta Lynn Trophy for instrumental groups of less than 12 players. This trophy is awarded to the group with the highest mark over two classes that were performed during the percussion category.

Music for Youth Festival

The Big Band, Percussion Ensemble and Winners of the Year 9 Battle of the Bands performed in the regional round of the National Festival of Music for Youth in Boston. All three groups produced outstanding performances, after which the judges provided very positive feedback. They were very impressed with the quality of music being generated by just one school. We now have to wait and see if any of the groups were successful in gaining the opportunity to perform at the National Finals to take place in Birmingham in July.



Year 7 Mash Up Project

All Year 7 students performed in an evening of music in the School Hall. In order to develop their performance experience, students have been learning to play either the trumpet, trombone or saxophone in lessons.

The concert offered an opportunity to see some of the performance skills they have been developing. It gave the students real experience of being a musician and playing in a concert. There were also performances from the Senior Soul Band, allowing the younger students to see what they could aspire to. During the day each class had a 40 minute workshop on either djembe's or Samba drums run by Tim Brain, with performances from these also being included in the concert.

Spring Concert

During the evening of the Spring Concert, the Concert Band, Wind Band, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and Choir performed. There were also solo performances by Year 13 students Matt Walton and Chris Standen as well as a performance of Chasing Cars by Luke Lewis of Year 9. There were some fantastic performances that were enjoyed by the audience and enabled the boys to showcase their musical talents.

Jazz Nite

Jazz Nite was a complete sell-out, and in record time this year. It featured the Big Band, Knotso's, Senior and Junior Soul Bands, Year 9 Battle of the Bands Winners, Soloists and many excellent student-led ensembles. The music ranged from 1920s music to Rag n Bone Man and Snarky Puppy, hopefully introducing new music to the audience. There were also performances from the KGGS Soul Band and Grantham



Music Centre Big Band. During the 3 hours, half of the music was performed by student-led groups, organised and rehearsed by themselves, with many of them arranging their own music. These groups are a true testament to the talent and ambitious nature of the students within the Music Department.

Mr Lond—Director of Music

MATHEMATICS

Earlier this month, several Year 10 students took part in ‘Maths Feast’ competition. The King’s ‘A’ Team, made up of Will Buchanan, James Scott, Henry Price and Lewis Wilby, achieved first place. The other King’s team, made up of Tim Stokes, Ben Robinson, George Kinnear and Max Wilson, achieved third place.

This was a great performance from all the students, who conducted themselves impeccably throughout the event.

Mrs Drulia—Mathematics Teacher

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PHYSICS

British Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad

We were extremely pleased to hear that Cameron Simmons in Year 13 had received a Silver Award, and William Taylor, also of Year 13, had received a Gold Award in the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad. They each sat a 3 hour paper which was about solving more extended problems in the field and developing skills to pursue several strands involving different aspects of physics studied in school.

Well done Cameron and William.

British Physics Olympiad GCSE Challenge

Twelve students from Year 11 competed in the British Physics Olympiad GCSE Challenge and all received a commendation for completing the one hour paper. Archie Fraser-Dale, Alex Pay, Felix Cross and Dominic Mould also received a Bronze 1 certificate for their achievement.

Big Bang Visit

Year 10 students had an exciting and exhilarating day of learning at the Big Bang Fair held at the NEC on 16 March. Students took part in the St Johns Ambulance Medical Challenge, saw Andrew from last year's Great British Bake Off (who was on the Rolls Royce stand), learnt how Seaworld design their rollercoasters and help the environment, as well as having the opportunity to talk to representatives from JCB, GSK, Siemens and Airbus.

Miss Jones—Subject Leader, Physics

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

WATERPOLO

Matthew Smith of Year 9 was selected to train with the national academy for Waterpolo alongside Will Herring. Four students from Grantham Waterpolo Club tried out for the trials and Matthew and Will were successful. Well done to both boys.

GYMNASTICS

At the Grantham Schools' Gymnastics Championships earlier this month, King's and KGGS took the Secondary Schools' Team awards. Well done to the U13 team of Jack Barnes, Myles Sadler, Sam Hammond, Jake Dawson and Harry Clements (pictured). Jake also achieved second place in the individual competition.



Another Gymnastics event, the East Midlands Floor and Vault Championships, were held at Stamford Junior School recently. In the floor and vault competition the King's U14 Team won—a very impressive event, especially given that two of the team members had been pulled into the team during the previous two weeks. They performed well, particularly on the vault. Very well done to Kaan Celik, Myles Sadler, Jake Dawson and Harry Clements.

TABLE TENNIS

There is much to celebrate in the local table tennis arena. Ben Johnson, Viren Panchal and Samuel Bailey, representing the Cliffedale Chandlers Table Tennis Club, Junior Team, came third in Division 3 in the National Cadet League held in Nottingham. They missed second place by only one point.

In the Cadet League Tom Konarski and Flynn Connolly won first place with the Chandlers B team in Division 2.

Meanwhile Samuel Bailey and Viren Panchal were part of the Chandlers Teams that ended their National Junior League season in impressive form, claiming third place.

Ashley Willows, competing for the Chandlers A team in Division Two, came fifth.

Two King's teams, the U13 and U19, competed in the regional finals competition. Both went out in the third round, achieving third place. The U16 team went out in the zone final, achieving third place.

Three King's students travelled to County Durham to compete in the Bishop Auckland Two-Star competition in February. Aalhad Kulkarni, Flynn Connolly and Jai Mistry-Moulton competed in both the Cadet and Junior events in the competition. All had tough groups with only Flynn progressing to the last 16 stage after finishing second in his Cadet group. Aalhad and Jai finished third and fourth respectively and went through to the plate competition where they faced each other, with Aalhad winning. After good performances in the quarter and semi-finals, Aalhad claimed the runner-up spot in the final.

They were all back in action in the Juniors event, with Jai making the quarter-finals and Flynn the semi-finals. Well done Aalhad, Jai and Flynn.

ATHLETICS

Gareth Lee of Year 9 took part in the New Balance English Schools' Cross Country Championships in Norfolk earlier this month, representing Grantham Athletics Club.

Gareth was competing at this level for the first time and had a fantastic race against the other 345 competitors. He stormed home to finish 72nd overall and first for Lincolnshire in a time of 13.34 on the 4km course—an amazing achievement for an athlete who has only recently started running longer distances. Well done Gareth.

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RUGBY

Following on from the report in the February Newsletter, we are pleased to report that Matthew Law was selected to play for the England Counties U18 squad. He will play matches against France and Ireland during April. Good luck Matthew.



Earlier this month the Year 8 Rugby Team won the Lincolnshire county title for the fifth consecutive year—an incredible achievement. The boys were wonderful ambassadors for the school and showed amazing resilience in the face of a lot of adversity.

The Year 9 team made it to the county cup final but, despite a valiant performance, were beaten by Carre's.

FOOTBALL

Pierce Hallam of Year 12 was awarded Man of the Match (jointly) whilst playing for Aslockton Cranmers against Wollaton. Pierce scored two headers, one from a set piece link-up from Matt James, also of Year 12. Aslockton won the match 4-2.

YEAR 10 CAREERS FAIR

The annual Year 10 Careers Fair was a huge success and we were delighted to welcome representatives from Barclays (Finance), Chatertons Solicitors (Law), Lindum (Construction), NHS (opportunities across the NHS), RAF, Army, Duncan & Toplis (Accountancy), Leeds University (studying at a Russell Group University), Datcom Computing (Business IT) and KPMG (one of the largest professional services companies in the world dealing with audit, tax and advisory services).



Mrs Hutchins—Work Related Learning Co-ordinator

YEAR 11 OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

30 top-performing Year 11 students attended an Oxbridge conference. This is an annual conference where Oxford and Cambridge admissions tutors and undergraduates hold sessions during the day to raise awareness of the opportunities available at these institutions.



Current undergraduates, Fellows from several disciplines and schools' liaison officers all presented at the event.

Mr Dixon—Deputy Head Master

WHIST CLUB NEWS

This has been an exciting term for the Whist Club. School House has once again swept the board in the Knock-Out Whist House Competition, with their 16 entrants scoring a huge 435 points. Second and third places were hotly contended by Foxe and More, with the former winning by only one point. The results are shown below:

1ST	School	435 points
2ND	Foxe	124 points
3RD	More	123 points
4TH	Burleigh	101 points
5TH	Newton	61 points
6TH	Curteis	26 points



Individually, special mention goes to Jake Poon (9F), whose brilliant single-handed effort secured all of Foxe's points. In joint second place were Joseph Brett (9M) and Aaron Fleckley (8B) who scored all of Burleigh's points. Rory Mapletoft, Pete Rajesh and Will Hodder (all 9S), gained fourth place, contributing to their House score. Congratulations to all who took part.

On the senior side of the Club the Sixth Form members, when exams and revision permitted, again gave valuable support both to the House Competition and to the running of the Club. They will be sorely missed next year as they move onto pastures new. My thanks go to Ben and Will Cowling, Nick Farrington, Rory Grindley, Will Knight, Cameron Mackin, Harry Mattison, Cameron Simmons, Will Taylor and Ashley Willows.

Next term heralds the start of the Partner Whist House Competition and is open to all year groups. Tuition can be given to those who have not played Whist before.

Mrs Newton—Teaching Assistant & Whist Club Organiser

LITERACY FOCUS TERM 5

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A reminder that the literacy focus for Term 5 is as follows:

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| Year 7 | Spelling
(CGP Sections 1 and 2) |
| Year 8 | Commas (CGP 27) |
| Year 9 | Sentence structure (CGP 48-52) |
| Years 10 & 11 | Employing subject specific vocabulary |

PTFA NEWS



EASTER FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Easter Fayre. The total amount raised was £593.00.

KING'S NEWSLETTER

Items for the King's Newsletter should be submitted to Mrs Orrey, PA to the Head Master, at least 10 days prior to the end of each term.

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CCF NEWS

FLYING SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Richard Gibbs of Year 12 who has been awarded a flying scholarship with the RAF.

Congratulation also go to Will Proctor of Year 13, who has been selected for an Air League Flying Scholarship in 2017. He now has a great opportunity to attend the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre (OASC) at RAF Cranwell for a pilot aptitude assessment in April. When Will goes through the OASC he will undertake the same battery of tests as prospective RAF aircrew. This is one of the benefits of Air League membership and is a unique experience which may lead to sponsorship through university and then a Pilot career in the RAF. What an opportunity, and all thanks to being a CCF RAF Cadet.

GENERAL NEWS

The new recruits from both the RAF and Army sections attended their first local exercise "COLD START" at Stoke Rochford. They learnt basic camp craft, fieldcraft and basic leadership. Capt. Dunlop also trained the team ready for the Combat Cadet competition run by 7 Brigade (pictured).



Cadets have now changed their Motto to that of the Royal Lancers.

COMBAT CADET EXERCISE

The Combat Cadet exercise, led by Capt Dunlop took place earlier this month with many cadets attending from the 7 Brigade area. All of our team received a silver medal. Cadets were tested on many aspects, including for example, first aid.



As part of Exercise Coldstart, cadets raised £150 for the Army Benevolent Fund and presented a cheque to Capt. Neil McCorquodale on the day (pictured). Capt. and Mrs McCorquodale will be guests at the annual Regimental Dinner Night to be held in June.

The Horse Trial season has begun, the first one already held at Oasby produced excellent comments from participants and their families, especially regarding new shirts and hats with the CCF logos, and our newly purchased tentage equipment.

Lt Col Ogg, Capt Dunlop and SSI Pulfrey attended the pre-camp conference at Strensall and are now planning the exercises required for our cadets to undertake at Wathgill. Whilst at the camp, June 27 2017 has been designated as our "meet the Royal Lancers" day and we will visit them at Catterick Garrison.

UPCOMING DATES IN THE CCF DIARY

8 July 2017

RAF cadets attending the Duxford Flying Legends Air Display

23 September 2017

RAF cadets attending the Battle of Britain Airshow, led by Flt Lt Barton

19 October 2017

Bi-annual Inspection of the King's CCF to be conducted by Air Commodore David Bentley.

Members of the Army Careers Office and Outreach Team to deliver Resilience , Team Building and Leadership sessions to cadets as part of the Bi-annual Inspection.



Lt Col R Ogg—Contingent Commander

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 5 (2016-17)

WEEK COMMENCING 17 APRIL—WEEK 29 (B)

Monday 17 April	BANK HOLIDAY—EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 18 April	TERM BEGINS Old Boys' AGM—7:30pm, Room 34
Wednesday 19 April	House Assemblies—Curteis - Old School and Newton - Hall
Thursday 20 April	Year 8 Parents' Evening—4:15-7:15pm—Hall
Friday 21 April	Careers Advice—in the Tombs Room

WEEK COMMENCING 24 APRIL—WEEK 30 (A)

Monday 24 April	A2 Recitals (Music) - all day Head of Year Intervention Meetings—4:00-6:00pm
Tuesday 25 April	A2 Recitals (Music) - all day Year 7 Maths Explained—6:30pm—Room 33
Wednesday 26 April	House Assemblies—More—Hall and School House—Old School School Council Meeting—12 noon - Old School
Thursday 27 April	Junior Maths Challenge—times tbc—Hall
Friday 28 April	Assessment 4 (CAT 4) for Years 11-13

WEEK COMMENCING 1 MAY—WEEK 31 (B)

Monday 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 May	House Assemblies—Foxe - Old School and Burleigh—Hall Year 10 Study Skills Workshop—during the day—Old School
Friday 5 May	Year 10 Study Skills Workshop for Parents & Students—5:45-6:30pm—Old School GCSE Coursework deadline

WEEK COMMENCING 8 MAY—WEEK 32 (A)

WEEK COMMENCING 15 MAY—WEEK 33 (B) EXAMINATION WEEK FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 GCSE EXAMINATIONS BEGIN (TO 23 JUNE 2017)

Monday 15 May	A Level Coursework deadline
Weekend (20 & 21)	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice

WEEK COMMENCING 22 MAY—WEEK 34 (A) EXAMINATION WEEK FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 Friday 26 May END OF TERM—3:45PM