



HEAD MASTER

HEAD MASTER'S LETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Less sympathetic observers sometimes refer to young people as the 'snowflake' generation implying that they are delicate; prone to melt when the going gets tough, and unprepared for the challenges of adult life. Recent tragic events, as well as the extensive successes of this term suggest that this is not the case here at King's. The way the boys have pulled together has demonstrated their values and shown what fine, resilient young men they are. I am immensely proud of them.

May I thank all parents who have given significant support to the school, particularly over this last month—this is very much appreciated.

As we come to the end of a long and eventful term I wish all families and friends of the school peace and happiness this Christmas.

Frank Hedley

Head Master



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parents are reminded that school policy is to remain open unless we are forced to close because of a risk to the health and safety of boys and staff.

The school recognises it is for parents to assess their local travel conditions and to decide whether they wish their son to travel to school during severe weather.

If the school is closed it will be announced on the school website. Parents are asked not to contact the school to check whether or not it is open.

Should the weather deteriorate during the school day, students will only be sent home where the bus companies inform us that they have decided to leave early. The school will put a notice on the website to inform parents.

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
(su.orrey@kings.lincs.sch.uk)



TOY BANK



This year the shop was officially opened by the Mayor of Grantham and Father Stuart Craddock.



The Toy Bank is the brainchild of Mr Whales (Head of PE & Games) and he was pleased to report that after the first 2 days of opening this year, over 74 children will have toys under their Christmas tree this year thanks to The King's School efforts.

The Toy Bank is operated by volunteers from the Sixth Form who have put in a tremendous effort collecting and organising toys, getting the shop ready and manning the Bank.



FUND RAISING

Thanks to the non-school uniform day and the sale of cakes and moustaches, we have raised a total of:

£1001.87!

A fantastic result. The money will be donated equally to the 'Stand Up to Cancer' and 'Movember' charities.

Thank you to everyone for your support

Miss Leek (Head of PHSE)

APPRENTICESHIP/CAREERS

LAW

On Thursday 7 December we organised a talk on Law delivered by Tejpal Bains, an Old Boy. Tejpal studied at King's from 2000–2007 and studied Politics at the University of Leicester. He then went to the University of Birmingham to complete a Graduate Diploma in Law followed by Nottingham Law School to gain his LLB.

After leaving University, Tejpal became a fully qualified solicitor joining a local law firm in Melton Mowbray. On the 1st August 2016 Tejpal became the youngest partner at the firm working in Residential Conveyancing.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

German Exchange Trip to Bamberg, October 2017

"Amazing", "wonderful", "you can't beat a pretzel!" This was the response from our students about our wonderful week in Bamberg. We did everything from going to the most famous football stadium in the world to eating some classic Nurnberg Bratwurst and of course, somewhere during the trip, we were able to fit in a good old lesson of German Grammar just in case we were feeling a little homesick!

On the first day the biggest challenge we had to overcome was waking up at 6 o'clock German time for school at 8 o'clock. Did

we overcome this? Well, if you count 234 separate alarms over the course of five minutes, then yes we did ace that part of the day. During the day we experienced what it would be like at a German school, comparing it to English



school, King's school in particular.

The main differences were the fact the teacher came to the classroom rather than the students moving around, while the lessons seem to be shorter (45 minutes) but there were more of them, ranging from 6-10 a day.

The best difference in our opinion was obviously the fact you could be out of school by 1 o'clock. This only just made up for the fact we had to wake up at the dead of night, well 6 o'clock, but still way too early for a group of teenage boys.

LANGUAGE DEPT continued

After our first morning at ETA-Hoffman, we experienced a town walk around Bamberg visiting the sights of the beautiful town of Northern Bavaria.



One of the more striking sights was the "Altes Rathaus", which occupies an Island in the Regnitz reached by arched bridges. Another wonderful sight was Bamberg Cathedral erected in the 11th century and still standing today. The tour was wonderful and it was a good experience to learn about all the facts of Bamberg as well as it being in the style of a treasure hunt to keep us entertained.

On the walk we also learned the bitter divide the German students had over the favourite ice cream shop in Bamberg - very strong opinions indeed!

We spent the weekend with the host families, activities ranging from visits to water parks in Nurnberg to mountain biking down hills in the hilly German Countryside. Everyone came back on Monday raving about the very enjoyable weekends spent having fun but also practising the language whilst experiencing German Culture.

We set off from Bamberg early on Thursday morning. It was a very emotional good bye as many of us had formed very good friendships over the exchange and had even arranged to meet in the summer of next year. However, all good things must come to an end but we would like to thank the ETA- Hoffmann gymnasium and the German exchange families for making our week in Bamberg one we will never forget!

Louis Boyle Y11

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Year 8 Poetry

On Thursday 30th November, Mr Johnson took his class to Grantham High Street to undertake a fact-finding task in preparation for the writing of poetry about Grantham.

In collaboration with the Grantham Council, the resulting poetry will be displayed in the Newton Room at the Guild Hall between Monday 15th and Friday 19th January. Students, family and friends, will be able to visit the Guild Hall during this time along with other members of the public. There will be an opportunity for visitors to comment on the displayed poetry, and to read comments left by members of the public.

This task was designed to stretch students' appreciation of the technical, literary, linguistic and creative aspects about poetry in preparation for their GCSE study. It also provides a greater purpose to student's creative writing by allowing them an opportunity to write for an audience other than their teacher.

Mr Johnson

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



French Debates

On Friday 8th December four pupils from Year 12 (Edward Johnston, Cameron Manderfield,

Krzysztof Fedorczyk and Robbie Kelly) took part in the War of the Words debate in Stamford. The day involved competing in prepared and unprepared debates in French against other sixth formers from local schools on a range of challenging topics. The boys won the first debate and Robbie Kelly was commended by the judges for his ability to summarize arguments in French. We also had the opportunity to learn about debating skills in general and heard from a key-note speaker who talked about his application of languages in the RAF. We have also run a poetry competition with Year 8 this term and are currently judging the entries, many of which are impressive in terms of their ideas and use of the French language. We shall announce the winners next term.

Mrs Roberts (Subject Leader for French)

SPORT

RUGBY

Year 7

Attendance at Year 7 Rugby has been exceptional, with over 60 students attending thus far throughout the year and over 40 students regularly at training..



Almost 50 students travelled to Ratcliffe College and fulfilled a 1st 2nd and 3rd team competition, testimony to the continued efforts and attendance at training.

The 1st team won 40-0, 2nd team won 45-15 and the 3rd team won 35-10, an excellent day for King's Rugby. The Year 7's need to maintain this commitment to training opportunities both in and outside of school to ensure this success continues throughout their time at King's.

FOOTBALL

Sixth Form

Progressed to the 5th round of the National Cup for the first time in 4 years. After a hard fought match they lost 5-1 to the Becketts School but the score doesn't accurately reflect their efforts on the day.

More positive news in the league, they sit second in the table having beaten The Deepings 5-1. Praise Olalere scoring a hat-trick for King's.

Second Team

Beat Carre's 3-2, to continue their good form in the League.

All other year groups remain in the County Cup, with a stand out performance from the U13s beating Giles Academy 8-0 in the last round.

Year 7

The Year 7 football team has reached the 6th Round of the National Cup, one of 32 teams remaining out of an initial 622. This follows a 4th round 6-3 win at Tolbar Academy and a 5th round 4-1 win at St Mary's College in Hull. The 6th round will see King's travel to Sir Thomas Wharton Academy of Doncaster on January 10th. The Year 7 football team have also won in fixtures against Carre's Grammar (7-1) and St George's Academy (3-0) this term. So far in their time at King's, Year 7 hold a 100%-win rate across Rugby, Football and Basketball – in total, 16 fixtures.

SPORT continued

Whole School – Basketball

Year 7

3/10/17 Vs Carre's – In their second game of the year, the King's Year 7 squad beat Carre's Year 7 for the second time 51-24, improving upon the 32-24 victory earlier in the year. The Year 7 effort to attend training has been exceptional and the results show an improvement.

Year 8

3/10/17 Vs Carre's – In the first Year 8 game of the year the King's squad lost by a painfully narrow margin of 1 point, losing 29-28 in an effort which would have topped off an exceptional comeback.

20/11/17 Vs Arnold Hill Academy – The Year 8's took on a strong Arnold Hill Academy squad and came off losing by a respectable 9-point margin, losing 22-31. After being caught out by the intensity and pace of the game in the 1st and 2nd quarter, the King's team managed to limit Arnold Hill to scoring no points in the 3rd.

Year 9

17/11/17 Vs Priory Ruskin – In their first game of the year, the King's Year 9 squad beat Priory Ruskin convincingly 46-12, albeit after a shaky start. Big contributions in points came from Lewis Bester and Alfie Pilkington (Y8).

Year 11

10/11/17 Vs Priory – Won 47-19. Following a few weeks training, the King's Year 11 squad convincingly beat Priory Year 11, with Marco Pierbattisti contributing with 22 points following a dominating performance beneath the basket.

Mr Kelsall



INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

HOUSE RUGBY

House Rugby was held on 16 December at the School Field. Despite the frosty weather conditions, the turn out was superb. After a number of hard fought matches, the winning Houses were as follows:

Year 7— School

Year 8— More

Year 9— School

Year 10— Foxe

Inter House Activities

Term 2 Inter House Competitions took place on the last day of term with different activities for each year group (and winners):

Year 7— Pictionary (Foxe House)

Year 8—Basketball (Burleigh House)

Year 9— Basketball Shooting Competition (Burleigh/Foxe)

Year 10—Tug of War (School House)

Year 11—Articulate (More House)

Sixth Form—Pool (Curteis House)

Current House positions:

Burleigh	Curteis	Foxe	More	Newton	School
2230	2170	2130	2130	2020	2090
1	2	3	3	6	5

OLD BOYS—Football

Football vs King's 1st X1

This annual event was a close match, although the score does not reflect this!

The Old Boys took the lead initially with King's replying to make it 1-1. Ben Lumb (Y11) then scored to go 2-1 to King's however 3 late goals from the Old Boys meant that they got the win!

Man of the Match—Ben Rawson (Y13). A special mention goes to the Year 11 boys who took part: Ben Lumb, Kieran Hollis and Seb Edwards—Well done!

PFTA NEWS

Christmas ChocFest



A big thank you to everyone for their donations, in all about 750 pieces of Chocolate! Thanks also to those from the PTFA who gave up their time to help. The boys were as always well behaved and polite. We raised £459.70 to help support the school and boys.

The few pieces of Christmas Chocolate we had left over was taken to the children's ward at Grantham Hospital, any other Chocolate was taken to the Food Bank.

Gold Card Draw

The Draw took place during the recent PTFA Committee meeting, and the following numbers are winners:

£60 October draw – 0694

£60 November draw – 0890

£450 December draw - 0752

Annual Ball

With over 150 guests at the annual Ball in October, the evening was a great success! The Soul Band, were, as always, fantastic, and the magician and photographer were as popular as last year. With the addition of casino tables this year, the evening offered lots of fun. Save the date for the 2018 Ball – Saturday 13th October. If you work for a company who would like to sponsor a raffle prize, please contact Julie Reid jreid342001@yahoo.co.uk or Michelle Tasker michelletasker@rocketmail.com.

Second-hand school uniform

Donations of second-hand uniform and school sports kit are welcome and are available all year round for purchase (see the PTFA pages on the school's website for details). It's hoped to have items for sale at evening events in school.

Thanks to you...

...the PTFA are supporting the following funding requests from the school:

Music department: £1020 (excl VAT) for music stands and headphones

School Council: £4347 (excl VAT) for more table tennis tables, football tables, pool tables and cues.

Have a look at what we do in more detail on the school's website: find us in the PTFA section of the website under 'Parents and Students'.

We also have a new Facebook page where you can find details of forthcoming PTFA events:

<https://www.facebook.com/kingsptfa/>



CCF NEWS



Lt Col Ogg



SSI Pulfrey

Bi-Annual Inspection

King's School CCF Contingent has had another very busy and stimulating term, we had to plan for our Bi-Annual inspection which was conducted by Air Commodore David Bentley, RAF Director of RAF Flying Training.

Our Inspection was judged excellent and in the report a comment was made by 7 Brigade that, "The CCF benefits from strong leadership and cadets have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities which have contributed to their development and continued success "

Air Commodore Bentley commented too by saying "It was a great pleasure and privilege to visit a CCF Contingent in such strong health"

At the final parade of the Bi-Annual Flt Sgt Richard Gibbs was presented with his Air Cadet Pilot Scheme Wings. A demanding achievement to which I hope all our RAF CCF Cadets will aspire.



Success for Cadets

The Army Section had tremendous success at the 7 Brigade Cadet Leadership Course recently held at Beckingham, Cpl Ed Johnston, and SSM Adam Armstrong winning the best cadet in Platoon 1 and 2 respectively, and then winning the best 2 cadets on the whole course. What a cracking advert for our cadet training.

Remembrance

Our Remembrance activities included selling poppies in a local supermarket, manning the local Garden of Remembrance and then on 12 November marching to St Wulfram's Church and the laying of wreaths.



SSI Pulfrey put the Contingent through an intensive 3 weeks of drill and turnout.

The Western Front Association had written to us in April requesting 12 senior cadets to lay wreaths, and march past the Cenotaph in London on the 11th of November at 11am.



We accepted the invitation and a party of cadets and adults attended. Cadet Flt Sgt Kevin Mason said "It was an honour and a privilege to represent the CCF on such a fantastic occasion, this certainly goes down as the best thing I have done with cadets".

Days later SSM Adam Armstrong, who represented the CCF at the Cenotaph, was advised that he had been offered a scholarship with the Royal Navy as an Observer. Our congratulations to Adam for this superb achievement.

Tree planting

We planted 500 trees at East Keal as a Remembrance Wood. This was the first citizenship activity for our CCF CEP School Magnus cadets. A total of 30 cadets planted trees.



We were joined by Simon from Walking With the Wounded, a charity we are hoping to help next year as part of our Duke Of Edinburgh activities, also joining us planting trees was Deputy Lieutenant of Lincolnshire Mr Drake.

An excellent day was enjoyed by all.

Please do remember you can follow the activities of the Contingent on Twitter at Kings_Grantham_CCF

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 3 (2017-18)

WEEK COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2018:

- Monday 1 January : BANK HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 2 January : HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 3 January: **TERM BEGINS AT 8.45AM**
HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—NEWTON & CURTEIS
- Thursday 4 January: YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
PTFA MEETING—7:30PM - ROOM 34
- Friday 5 January: YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY

WEEK COMMENCING 8 JANUARY:

- Monday 8 January: YEAR 9 CAREERS INTERVIEWS — ALL DAY
A LEVEL MUSIC EXAMINATION—ALL DAY - ROOM 55
YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING—6:30—8:30PM — HALL & TOWER BLOCK CLASSROOMS
- Tuesday 9 January: NON-UNIFORM DAY
- Wednesday 10 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES — MORE & SCHOOL
A LEVEL MUSIC EXAMINATION—ALL DAY—ROOM 55
- Thursday 11 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
- Saturday 13 January: Y10 BRONZE D OF E—TRAINING/ROUTE PLANNING—9.30AM—4.00PM

WEEK COMMENCING 15 JANUARY:

- Monday 15 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
- Tuesday 16 January: A LEVEL PHYSICS LIVE— BIRMINGHAM
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—12.00PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Wednesday 17 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOX & BURLEIGH
YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING—4:15 - 7:15PM
- Thursday 18 January: CAREERS ADVICE—AM
- Saturday 20 January: Y9 BRONZE D OF E—TRAINING/ROUTE PLANNING—9.30AM— 4.00PM

WEEK COMMENCING 22 JANUARY: YEAR 9 OPTIONS INTERVIEWS

- Monday 22 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS
MUSIC PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP—7:00PM—ROOM 55
- Tuesday 23 January: INTERVENTION MEETINGS FOR SELECTED Y 11 —4:00—6:30PM
- Wednesday 24 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—CURTEIS & NEWTON
YEAR 12 DRUG ADDICTION TALK BY SIMON LEIGH—1:45—3:15PM—OLD SCHOOL
DRUG ADDICTION TALK TO PARENTS—5:00—7:00PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Thursday 25 January: CAREERS ADVICE—AM
Y9 IMMUNISATIONS—ALL DAY—OLD SCHOOL
- Friday 26 January: JAZZ NITE REHEARSALS—ALL DAY—HALL
JAZZ NITE—7.00PM—HALL

WEEK COMMENCING 29 JANUARY: GCSE & A LEVEL MUSIC RECITALS

- Monday 29 January: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
- Wednesday 31 January: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
CAREERS TALK—4.30 - 5.30PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Thursday 1 February: INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE—IN THE HALL—TIMES TBC
CAREERS ADVICE—AM
Y7 PARENTS' EVENING—4.15 - 7.15PM—HALL

WEEK COMMENCING 5 FEBRUARY: Y13 MOCK EXAMS

- Monday 5 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
- Tuesday 6 February: OLD BOYS MEETING— 7.30PM—ROOM 34
- Wednesday 7 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOX & BURLEIGH
- Thursday 8 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY—TOMBS ROOM
RECITAL EVENING REHEARSALS—ALL DAY—OLD SCHOOL
RECITAL EVENING—4.30—5.30PM—OLD SCHOOL
- Friday 9 February: **TERM ENDS AT 3:45PM**



Viral Cough (Bronchiolitis)

There has been an increase in the number of young children with coughs and respiratory illness attending GP practices and A&E departments in Lincolnshire.

Bronchiolitis is a common viral chest infection that affects babies and young children during the winter months. Most cases are mild and clear up in two to three weeks without the need for treatment.

It usually starts just like the common cold with **a runny nose and a cough**. Other symptoms are a **fever, rapid and noisy (wheezy) breathing and poor feeding** may develop a few days later. Most children can be cared for at home in the same way that you would treat a cold.

To reduce your child's risk of catching it and help prevent the virus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands and your child's hands frequently
- wash or wipe toys and surfaces regularly
- keep infected children at home until their symptoms have improved
- keep newborn babies away from people with colds or flu
- prevent your child being exposed to tobacco smoke

To ease symptoms:

- Make sure your child gets enough fluids to avoid dehydration.
- You can give infants paracetamol and ibuprofen to bring down their temperature if the fever is upsetting them.

Contact your GP or NHS111 if your child

- is under 12 weeks old
- has a congenital (present from birth) heart or lung condition
- is struggling to breathe
- is feeding/eating poorly
- has not had a wet nappy for 12 hours or more
- has a high temperature (38°C/100.4°F or above)
- they seem very tired or irritable

For more information visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bronchiolitis/>

**Call your GP or NHS111 if you are
concerned or need advice**



Norovirus/Winter Vomiting

There has been an increase in diarrhoea and vomiting in our communities, childcare facilities, schools, care homes and hospitals in Lincolnshire.

Norovirus is a common stomach bug, causing **nausea** (feeling sick), **projectile vomiting** and **watery diarrhoea**.

If you have these symptoms, stay at home until you feel better. Norovirus is short lived and most people make a full recovery in one to two days.

Norovirus spreads very easily:

- Wash your hands thoroughly using soap and water and dry thoroughly after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Do not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus
- Stay off work or school and away from public places (including GP practices, hospitals and care homes) until at least 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared

To ease symptoms:

- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- Use rehydration drinks
- Take paracetamol for fever, aches and pains
- Get plenty of rest
- If you feel like eating, try plain foods (e.g. plain biscuits or toast)
- Adults can take anti-diarrhoeal or anti-vomiting medication – call NHS111 or contact your pharmacy for advice

For more information (including on caring for babies and young children) visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>

**Call NHS111 if you're
concerned or need advice**