



KING'S

THE CHRISTMAS ISSUE



THE HEAD MASTER'S PAGE

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As we reflect on the first full term in school it has been a real joy to reflect on all of the amazing activities that have happened since the start of the academic year in September. From academic excellence in the classroom, CAT and Mock assessments, music concerts, sporting excellence, chess, debating and inter house competitions. We were delighted to see that the school was yet again listed in the top 200 state schools in England. The list of opportunities is vast. A year ago it was so different. The last week of the Christmas term saw the school closed to all except for Year 7 as the Delta variant of Covid-19 spread.

This year we are still open to all year groups, however, face masks, one-way systems and alcohol-based gels remain with us. Blended learning returned again but only for students who were asked to isolate as a consequence of Covid-19.

The wonderful carol service, in the magnificent St Wulfram's, reminded us all of how close we are to a normal day and yet a service where all of the congregation wore masks reinforces the need for a combined effort to keep the school open and to enjoy the very special time here at The King's School. Our amazing community has met the year's considerable challenges with great fortitude and determination.

While we have adapted our ways of working, teaching and learning, our students have risen to every challenge inspiring us every day.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, all of our students up to the age of 18 years and 6 months who are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should follow the national advice and take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.

If they test negative, they can continue to attend school. Please remain informed of any changes to this national guidance for our return in January.

If students test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the Lateral Flow daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive. It is important to continue regular twice weekly.

The return in January

Please ensure that your son completes a Lateral Flow Test before his return to school in January. It remains incredibly important that students do not return to school if they have any of the main symptoms of Covid-19.

On their return all students, whose parents have given consent, will complete an additional Lateral Flow Test while in school.

Simon Pickett - Head Master

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

A black Yamaha grand piano is positioned in the foreground of a church hall. The hall features a high, vaulted ceiling with exposed dark wooden beams and several circular pendant lights. Stained glass windows are visible along the walls, and a wooden plaque hangs on the left wall. The piano has the 'YAMAHA' logo on its side.

Thank you so much to the PTFA who have supported the school with a significant number of extra curricular activities this term. One of the most notable is their support in the school achieving a new electric piano for the Old School.

The Parents, Teachers, Friends Association actively supports the school, teachers and students by organising events to raise funds for the school community.

Due to restrictions in place, our ability to hold face to face events and raise funds is currently limited; therefore the PTFA is working on how to continue the fundraising efforts with remote events.

We rely entirely on the goodwill, energy and participation of parents and teachers and would like to welcome anyone wanting to get involved.

If you haven't already registered with easyfundraising to help support us, please sign up now at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/kingsschoolgrantham where the money raised will make a real and positive contribution to the education of your boys.

We hope that many of you will feel able to contribute something to the school and with the ability to claim back the tax you have paid, the school will receive £12.50 for every £10 you give.

We recognise that not all parents will be able to help us in this way and would like to thank anyone who is able to either give some time through volunteering on an ad-hoc or regular basis to PTFA activities, or is able to make a regular gift, both of which will help to make a huge difference to the whole-school experience for our boys.

The Carol Service





RUGBY

King's rugby has enjoyed another successful year of competitive fixtures and each team have put in some excellent performances across the season.

I am delighted to be able to say that the U15 have made it through to the last 16 of the NatWest Vase competition where they will face Sandbach School (away) on Wednesday 12th January. We look forward to seeing how far this very talented team can go in this competition.

The First XV enjoyed a mixed season but have improved remarkably since the October half-term, recording impressive victories against Worksop College, Trent College, Bourne Grammar and Nottingham High School. Rugby will take a short break next term, but return in Term 4 with 7's rugby.



Year 7 Results:

- King's 55 – 5 Worksop College
- King's A 50 – 30 Stamford A
- King's B 0 – 50 Stamford B
- King's 65 – 25 Spalding Grammar School
- King's 35 – 30 Wisbech Grammar School
- King's 5 – 15 Wellingborough School
- King's 50 – 0 Mount St. Mary's College
- King's 45 – 20 Spalding Grammar School

Year 8 Results:

- King's 25 – 0 Worksop College
- King's 15 – 30 Stamford A

- King's B 0 – 50 Stamford B
- King's 55 – 5 Spalding Grammar
- King's 40 – 0 Wisbech Grammar School
- King's 30 – 5 Wellingborough School
- King's 65 – 15 Mount St. Mary's College
- King's 50 – Spalding Grammar School



Year 9 Results:

- King's 25 – 20 Worksop College
- King's 50 – 0 Spalding Grammar
- King's 25 – 10 Wisbech Grammar School
- King's 20 – 10 Wellingborough School
- King's 40 – 45 Mount St. Mary's College
- King's 20 – 45 Leicester Grammar School
- King's 40 – 5 Spalding Grammar School

Year 10 Results

- King's 15 – 7 Worksop College
- King's 33 – 21 Welland Park Academy (NatWest Vase R1)
- King's 51 – 5 Spalding Grammar (NatWest Vase R2)
- King's 43 – 8 Mount St. Mary's College
- King's 46 – 0 Nottingham High School (NatWest Vase R3)
- King's 40 – 0 Leicester Grammar School
- King's 47 – 3 Arden Academy (Solihull) (NatWest Vase R4)



1st XV Results:

- King's 42 – 34 Leicester Grammar School
- King's 31 – 14 Worksop College
- King's 12 – 36 Mount St. Mary's College
- King's 0 – 24 Trent College (NatWest Vase Round 2)
- King's 59 – 5 Worksop College
- King's A 47 – 10 Trent College 2nd XV
- King's 52 – 7 Bourne Grammar School
- King's 14 – 10 Nottingham High School

2nd XV Results:

- King's 35 - 10 Leicester Grammar School
- King's 5 – 25 Trent College

Mr Lindsay, Head of Rugby



Football

The lower school football has yielded a mixed set of results thus far.

The Year 7s are looking forward to playing their first round fixture against St Georges after the Christmas break a game which was postponed due to the recent adverse weather.

The Year 8 team (pictured) have progressed to the second round of the County Cup having beaten Haven High 4-1, Henry Thomas scored all four goals for King's; an excellent showing.

The Year 9 team crashed out of the County Cup to Spalding Grammar and we now hope to see them mount a challenge for the South Kesteven League title in the new year.

Year 10 are also due to begin their County Cup and league campaigns in the new year.

The Year 11 team have progressed to the 3rd round of their County Cup competition, beating St George's 4-1.

The 1st and 2nd XI remain very well placed in the senior football leagues. The 1st XI are currently in second position in the North Lincs 'A' League with 2 games left to play and the 2nd XI are currently top on goal difference in the North Lincs 'B' League, also with 2 games left to play. Both teams have very good chances of progressing to the next stage of their competitions where the top teams from the North and South divisions will play off for the overall title.



Cross Country

The first round of the Lincolnshire Cross Country Championships took place on 18th November at Belton House. Our thanks go to Mr Snowden who managed the team on the day and has been integral to the success of our cross country runners.

Out of the 29 boys that took part 16 have qualified for the next round. The star performances go to the year 10 and 11 boys where they all qualified for the next round. The top six of the year 10 and 11 boys came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th. A special mention should go to Jasper Adamson who demonstrated some amazing athleticism by leading from the gun and finishing with a huge lead. We congratulate all of the boys who have qualified for the next round of this competition and all who took part on the day (a full list of runners and their placings can be found below).

Year 7

Name	Position
Hector Parker (7N)	8
Laurie Mills (7C)	24
Adam Shand (7C)	21
Max Willis (7C)	13
Nate Wray (7C)	34
Oscar Lond (7F)	10
Senul Fernando (7B)	54
Okitha Jayakody (7B)	44
Elliot Rodgers (7B)	40
Isaac Hipwell (7B)	38

Year 8 and 9

Name	Position
Joseph Hazzledine (9N)	53
Oli Bailey (9S)	16
Alfie Kane (9F)	10
Edward Vickers - 9B	35
Daniel Thompson – 9S	9
Will Rose – (8N)	12
Dougie Blatherwick (8S)	25
Sam Kirkham - 8F	51
Edward Scott – 8B	28
Charlie Wade – 8F	56

Year 10 & 11

Name	Position
Jasper Adamson 11M	1
Archie Bradbury 11M	2
Felix Paine 11M	14
Will Inman 11M	7
Will Hindmarsh 11M	9
Jack Pemberton 11F	4
Joseph Monk 10F	3
Sam Rowson (10C)	5
Tristian Wakely (10S)	13

Basketball

The U18's team recorded a 60-45 loss against a very well drilled Carre's team in the first of their group stage matches for the national championships. The U16's also lost heavily to Branston in their County Cup match. Whilst these are disappointing results there is undoubtedly a wealth of experience gained from this by the players.

Mr Hulme - Head of Physical Education Department

The Head Boy and Prefect Team

It has been an exciting term on several counts, whether that be considering the successes of the Toy Bank, the first meeting of the School Council or the ongoing work of the Sixth Form Prefects.

The School Council met for the first time this academic year on 16 November.

On the agenda was the kickstarting of the new 'eco-committee' which is working to make the school more eco-friendly on the back of COP-26, with a view to working towards the Eco Schools 'Green Flag' award. The first step of the process is completing the 'Environmental Review' of the school, and work on this is already underway. Anyone who is keen to learn more and passionate about the environment is welcome to attend! I am especially grateful to Mrs Evans for supporting this new initiative as well as Year 12s Will Coxe and Myles Sadler for taking leading roles.

In addition to the work on the Eco-Committee, the School Council explored new suggestions and ideas from Form groups. Following the meeting, Thomas and I discussed these ideas with the Head Master to see how the school could best work on these proposals. I am very passionate about the work of the School Council as the voice of the student body and I am proud to lead it. I would like to thank all of the Form Representatives for their work this term and hope to keep you updated about the continual progress being made in the future.

After a difficult year for sport, there has been a return to the playing field, and specifically the football field. I have enjoyed hearing about how the Sixth Form have got on. 2nd XI captain Dan Frost would like to mention Jono Hines for his outstanding performances this term, scoring 4 goals, and 1st XI captain Reg Wade says that Sam Gilbert has been the stand-out performer for them.

The Prefect Team has been working hard on their return to school so far this academic year. There are 50 Prefects working in 16 groups with interests ranging from Student Enrichment to Music and Social Awareness. I would like to mention the outstanding contribution of a few groups so far this year. Purav Rajata and the Equality and Inclusion group have started a committee that meets every week. The fact that this group is now thirty strong having started so recently is something to celebrate!

Progress is also being made on the Yearbook, thanks to outstanding contributions from the Media and Film team and Anders Fitzpatrick-Robinson. I would also like to thank the Student Welfare Prefect Team for their role in making the transition to secondary school easier by mentoring a number of Year 7s.

The outstanding success of this term has been the Toy Bank. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Prefect groups that

chipped in, as well as the Sixth Form and school community as a whole for your generosity.

We have donated a large number of toys to the Afghanistan refugee families in the area and will be supporting over 70 children this Christmas. The remainder of the toys are being collected by the Grantham Disability Charity who will be using them to help raise funds to assist their children in swimming sessions, ten pin bowling and other great activities.

I would like to give a special thank you to Thomas Linford, Deputy Head Boy, and to Mr Whales for their commitment and dedication in making sure that the Toy Bank was a resounding success.

Head Boy

Viraj Deorukhkar



ROYAL INSTITUTE LECTURE

Earlier this week a group of 15 Sixth Form students were invited to The Royal Institution to be part of the audience for the recording of the first Christmas Lecture for 2021.

The theme this year was 'Going Viral: How Covid Changed Science Forever' and was expertly presented by Professor Jonathan Van-Tam. The first lecture of three focused on what viruses are, how they infect our cells and the amazing diagnostic testing that is transforming medicine. During the lecture Professor Van-Tam was joined by several experts in immunology and virology who used exciting demonstrations to describe and explain the science in a fun and engaging way.

There was an inflatable giant hair used to help gain an understanding of the size of viruses, an audience member who played the part of a virus entering a cell, a super-sized lateral flow testing kit and some amazing dogs with an incredible sense of smell!

But rather than tell you everything now, make sure you watch all three episodes starting on 28 December and look out for our Kings students!

FOOD BANK

Our amazing and generous school community have donated over 1,500 items to Grantham Foodbank.

Thank you to each and every one of the students and parents who have contributed to this. We have been touched by the individual acts of kindness from some of the boys – many of whom have used their pocket money to go and purchase items to donate.

We contribute to the Foodbank every year during the autumn through our House Competition system.

This year the winning House was Curteis.

CAREERS TALKS

Earlier this week we were delighted to welcome two speakers into school to talk to students and parents about their career paths:

Claire Simpson spoke about her Dentistry career. After graduating the University of Leeds in 2010 with a distinction in BcHD, Claire now works as an associate dentist at the Maltings dental practice in Grantham

Rachael Middleton graduated in Medicine from the University of Manchester in July 2021, and since then has enjoyed working as a doctor in Grantham. She is currently based on a Psychiatry ward, and this is a specialty she is particularly interested in.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to have a great insight into careers. We really look forward to the talks into other career paths taking place next term.

MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY WORK

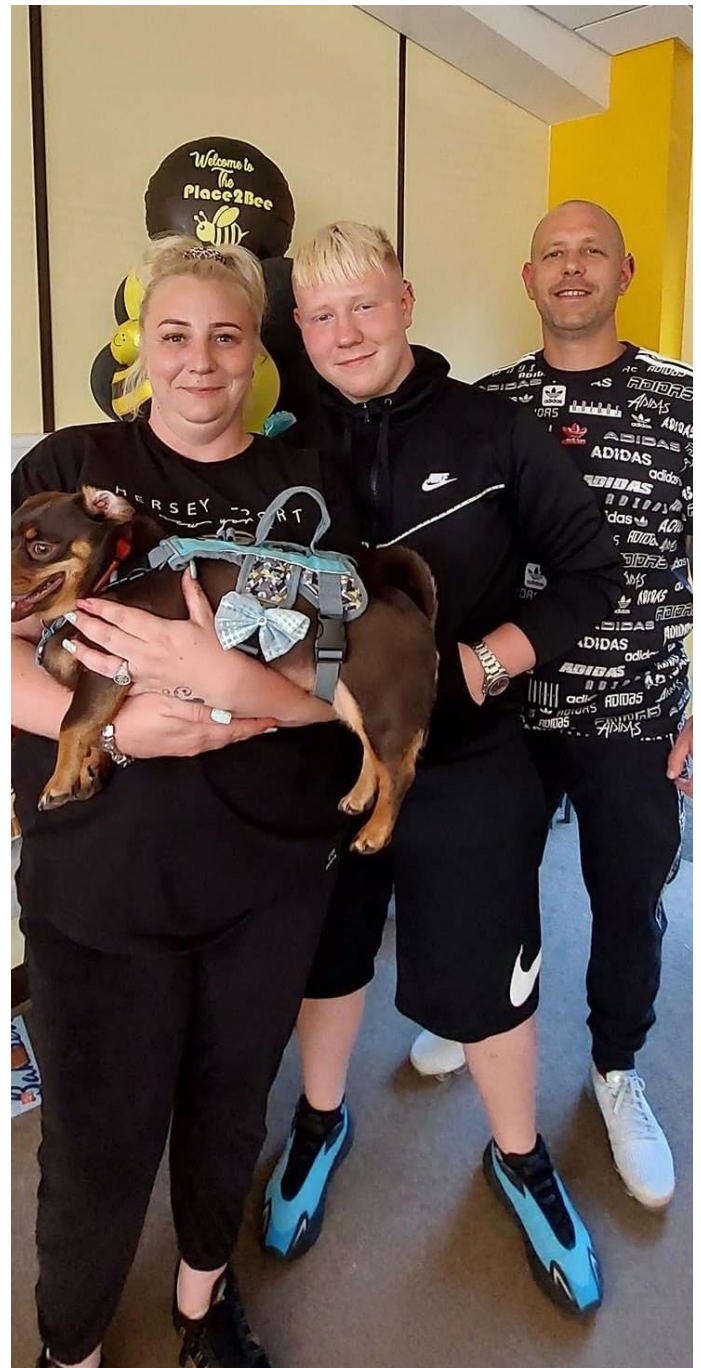
Jayden Whitehead of Year 11 is an active volunteer for the place2bee men's mental health charity,

He helps raise money attending all fundraisers and goes every Monday and Thursday evening to help with integrating men with mental health issues and additional needs into social situations, plays pool and cards with them and encourages them to engage with him and others.

This charity is a pinnacle in Grantham and is based on Finkin Street. It helps over 30 men with housing issues, debt, mental health, additional needs, social isolation and poverty.

Jayden is about to become mental health first aider and really making a difference in our community.

Fantastic work Jayden.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

History Trip

Year 12 students really gained a sense of period from their visit to the National Civil War Centre, Newark on 8 December. They were given the opportunity to handle some 17th century artefacts and toured the galleries in preparation for their History coursework module.



Jack Swallow and Theo Cozens from Year 8 wrote about some work they have done in history. Some of the museum pieces of work were put on Twitter by Mrs Murray and the historian Miranda Kaufmann even replied to the tweet and tweeted about it herself!

"It is important to learn that black people have always been a part of English history and I believe that it needs to be more widely studied. In not teaching students about Black Tudors you are missing out a huge part of history as well as making it seem like diversity is a new thing in this country when it is actually the polar opposite. To help us understand the topic of Black Tudors, we made our own museum exhibition including facts about specific people, places and events which we had learnt about in previous lessons. Students made museums on paper, in shoeboxes and even out of Lego. We also looked at key historians such as Miranda Kaufmann and David Olusoga who helped us to understand more about the diversity of Tudor England."

Young Quills

The Historical Association have announced which books have won the Young Quills 2021 competition. The winning books are decided from the reviews that children provide. The link below shows the winning books (maybe some stocking filler ideas!), and there is a

link from there to the reviews written by children. Boys from Years 7 and 9 at The King's School took part in this and read a selection of books during the spring term. Their reviews have been published here too:

Young Quills 2021 – [the winners](#)

Trip to Bishop Grosseteste University

On 19 November Year 12 Historians enjoyed a day at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln. The day aimed to help students develop the skills and knowledge needed to write the coursework component of the History A-Level, as well as providing an introduction to university life.

Mrs McKenna – Head of History Department

PHYSICS

British Astrophysics and Astronomy Competition

Sixty students from Years 10 and 11 sat the Junior Astro Challenge in November. This consisted of two 25-minute online competitions that were 30 questions in length each and had been set by Oxford University.

We would like to congratulate all students who took part as they gained 19 Bronze awards, 35 Silver awards and particular mention should go to the 6 Gold award winners: Daniel Warren, Ollie King, Gil Wynn, Oliver Beard, Michael Grace and Luke Carroll.

Well done to all students who took part.

Miss Jones – Head of Physics Department

BIOLOGY

15 of our Sixth Form Biologists attended the Royal Institute's Christmas Lecture on 14 December in London. This was a televised event which will be shown as part of a series of three lectures shown over the Christmas period. The title this year is 'Going Viral: How Covid Changed Science Forever'.

Mr Wicks – Head of Biology Department

Eco-Committee

This year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. This programme began in 1994 and is currently operating in 70 countries, making it the largest education programme globally. To work towards achieving this award, a subdivision of the school council has been created, known as the Eco-Committee.

In November the world gathered at COP26 in Glasgow for the climate summit. While these international agreements and goals are extremely important, so are the small decisions we make within our daily lives. The King's School wants to do their part and encourage students to spearhead our climate program and use their voices to discuss and tackle current issues. It is our hope that the students, as the generation that will be affected most by climate change, will embrace this challenge and help decrease the school's ecological impact.

This is accomplished by the seven-step framework which gives students a voice, by allowing them to plan and implement environmental projects in their school, local community and beyond. We aim to create a visible difference and step forward in making our planet green. Additionally, the Eco-Schools programme is a fantastic way to increase confidence and develop leadership skills. Our main focus is to assess and make positive changes in these areas:

Biodiversity	Waste
Energy	Transport
Marine	School Grounds
Water	Litter
Global Citizenship	Healthy Living

We are currently progressing on the second stage of the program – the Environmental Review. This encompasses reviewing these topic areas and identifying weaknesses in our current system, to reform present methods into more environmentally friendly practices. Once this stage is accomplished the committee will advance onto the third stage, where we will put action into place.

If you are as passionate as we are about the environment and making a positive long-lasting impact in our community, we are always open to new members. While the committee is predominantly run as part of the School Council, all students are welcome to attend. The meetings are held in the geography department fortnightly during Monday lunchtimes (Week A, 1pm). We hope to see you there.

William Coxe and Myles Sadler

Whist Club

It was fantastic to be able to open the doors again to Whist Club in September. With the help of stalwart players from Y11, new members were taught how to play Knock-Out Whist in readiness for the House Competition this term.

The competition was keenly fought, but swamping the field with players, Foxe won. The results are set out below:

Fiercely fought, the winner of the individual competition was only one point ahead of his rivals. Congratulations go to top scorer, Alfie Zachowicz of 7 Foxe, and joint runners-up, Pranav Babukumar of 8 Burleigh and James Ling of 7 School!

A huge thank you goes especially to Bobby Corker, Felix Paine, Harry Profit and George Smith of Year 11, as well as to James Shepherd of Year 9 and Dan Wilson of Year 8 for their great amazing help in the running of the club over the course of this term. It should also be said that those in Y11 forewent their chance of entering the competition in order to oversee its smooth running. Mention should also be made of Dan Wilson, as the sole entrant of Newton.

Whist Club is a thriving hub, where fun is had, and cross-year group friendships are formed. There is no electronic gadgetry involved either!

Next term, members will learn to play, or refresh their skills in Partner Whist. New members are welcome to come and play and get ready for the Partner Whist House Competition to commence after the February half-term.

Mrs Newton

House	Points
Foxe	397
Burleigh	174
More	168
School	168
Curteis	114
Newton	58



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RUNNING

Swayam Bajpai of Year 9 recently participated in the November MO-RUN held in Nottingham, he ran a 5k and completed the run in the number 1 spot for the 'below 20 male age group'. To add to this victory his finishing time was a personal best with a time of 24 minutes and 26 seconds.

Well done Swayam.



LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET U14 TEAM

Congratulations to Flynn Campbell has been selected for the Lincolnshire County Under 14 cricket team, having previous been in the Nottinghamshire County team prior to moving. Well done Flynn.

MARATHON

Congratulations to Noah Rashley of Year 12 who recently raised



£2000 for the charity MIND by running a marathon. He was well supported by current and ex King's students. Very well done Noah.

YEAR 7

Accelerated Reader – the total number of words that Year 7 have read to date is ...31,055,369!

Bronze Merits – the Bronze awards go to Oscar Dobbs and Rohan Kiran Selvarajan both of 7S, Alfie Sharpe 7M.

Writing Competition Winners:

George Rajesh of Form 7S on 'Why Schools Should Get Minecraft' Poem – King's Poetry Winner and entered into Writing East Midland's Solstice 2021 Poetry Competition (awaiting results).

Oscar Dobb also of 7s on 'A Christmas Miracle' Short Story – King's Free Choice Winner (any piece of writing titled 'A Christmas Miracle'). Excellent work Oscar.

Davis Baker of 7N plays football for the U13 team in Newark (a year above his age group) and has the Man of the Match trophy more than any other player – so much so that they have now given him the trophy to keep! Davis also scored 5 out of the 9 goals scored in his first game for King's. Well done Davis.

Layton Hall of 7C recently completed and passed his Brown Belt in Kick Boxing. Well done Layton.

Daniel Pitts of 7S has qualified for the finals of the Nottingham Grand Prix Chess Tournament – the final game was a week ago and he achieved the 1st place trophy and Best Chess Game medal at the East Midlands Grand Prix 2021 (U11). Well done Daniel.

George Hatton of 7C has achieved a Bronze Arts award and a special recognition award from the U11 Collingham Lions Football Team. Great work George.

Isaac Skelton of 7B has successfully completed a 13 hour hike to get to the top of Ben Nevis (1,345 metres), with the hike covering 28km of tricky terrain. Well done Issac.

Stirling Harris of 7F has run 16 park runs since taking it up in September. He achieved a personal best of 26:12 at Belton Park, coming 86th out of over 300 competitors. Well done Stirling.

Max Willis of 7C was awarded the Player of the Season U13s Long Bennington Football Team. This award recognised his attitude and teamwork, alongside some goals and plenty of assists. The team is a year above his age group so well done Max.

Olly Kingham of 7B was awarded Player of the Month for November from his football coach. He plays for the U12 Grantham Town Football Club Academy Team. Well done Olly.

Benjamin Gough of 7F was honoured to perform a reading as part of the Remembrance Parade last month on behalf of the 1st Colsterworth Scout Group. Well done Benjamin

Richard Shine of 7C was recognised in the Year 7 assembly for his

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all-round work and support ethic. With both parents working for the NHS Richard has been helping around the house, cooking and cleaning and also helping his sister with school work and with the 11+. He does all of this whilst keeping up with his own studies. Fantastic Richard.

Connor McAllister of 7S has passed his Grade 1 Violin exam. Congratulations Connor.

Oliver Parr of 7F was selected for the U13 Boys' Nottinghamshire County Hockey Junior Academy Centre. He also won the U11 South Lincolnshire League's Batting Award. Well done Oliver.

Leo Price of 7B was awarded the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Club's U11 Order of Merit in the summer. He was also selected to become a member of the U12 County Golf Squad. Well done Leo.

Zac Giltinan of 7M took part in his first ever Cyclocross U12s races this season, riding for Bolsover and District Cycling Club. Zac competed in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Cyclocross League events at Holme Pierrepont and Markeaton Park. Well done Zac.

Thomas Hudson of 7N became a national Formula Colt champion at hovercraft racing in September. The series takes place over both land and water and they travel at speeds up to 40mph. Thomas helps to maintain his craft both at the race meetings and in between and is hoping to compete at the World Championships in Sweden next September. Well done Thomas.

Josh Webb of 7M is learning digital art on his own. It takes time and patience to do this so well done Josh.

Harry Rodger of 7C won an adventure story writing competition earlier this year. It was published in an Inspire+ book. Well done Harry.

Oscar Lond of 7F succeeded in being given a place in the National Children's Orchestra in the U13 orchestra. Well done Oscar.

YEAR 8

Bronze Merit Awards

Well done to the following students on achieving bronze merit awards:

Ash Commey, Ben Ross, Dhiraj Vijayaraj, Adam Spendlove, Alex McConnell, Dylan Allen, Sidney Harris, Vlad Hnatyev, Samy Al Merie, Linden Riecker, Dylan Gray, Ben Doubell, Nilesh Prabhakaran, Joseph Bradley, Max Goode, Charlie Jackson, Thomas Cremer, Alex Telners, Archie Carle, Harry Parker, Jack Pell, Otis Jackson, Noah Baxter, Finlay Reeves, Kai Lawson, Harley Miller, Charlie Thompson, Pranav Palla, Theo Van-Tam, Nathan Williams, Max Costello, Cohen Lawson, Max Nowak, Shahid Bashir, Alexander Boulton, Dan Sadler, Nathan John, Will Newbold, Joe Boyle, William Saddington, Harry Dudhill, Riley Hullott-Brookes, Cody-Robert De-Ath Bolland, George Summerfield, Alex Simmons, Joshua Storey, Finnlay Round, Edwin

Shoby, Jack Tyson and Jack Quinton.

Silver Merit Awards

Well done to the following students on achieving silver merit awards: Cyprian Gacki, Wajid Baid, Athul Abilash, Edward Scott, Daniel Grace, Max Horsfield, Aryan Nair, Thomas Mitchell, Hugo O'Connor-Butler, Maciej Baran, Robert Halsall, Harry Orme, Tom Mahony, Henry Ou, Raj Mistry, Jacob Perry, Nathan Honeywood, Jay Greaves, Joel Stiff, Sam Connor, Owen Liu, Toby Oswin and Charlie Wade.

GOLD MERIT AWARD

Congratulations to Rhys Thain who has already achieved a Gold Merit Award. Well done Rhys.

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Finnlay Round – Grade 5 Drums with Distinction

Sam Kirkham – Working towards Grade 4 Acoustic Guitar and Grade 3 Electric.

Harry Orme – Grade 6 Piano with Merit

Mrinal Bhargave – Grade 7 Drums

Job Schofield – Grade 2 Organ. Job has also been awarded Head Chorister at St Wulfram's Church – what a great achievement.



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SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Thomas Parr of 8F won the Batting Award for the South Lincolnshire U13 Cricket League.

Mrinal Bhargava of 8S achieved his Black Belt in Karate after years of dedication and hard work.



Arthur Quinn of 8S plays Hockey for Newark Hockey Club and has been selected to play for Nottinghamshire.

Daniel Degnan of 8F won 12 medals in 12 events at the Grantham Swimming Club Winter Championships. He has qualified for most of the swimming events in the upcoming



2022 Lincolnshire County Championships. Well done Daniel.

YEAR 9

STUDENT FORM AWARDS

These are given to those individuals who have shown themselves to be exemplary members of the school. They have not received any negative behaviour points, they display excellent attitudes, are involved in the wider life of the school and have shown strong organisational skills.

9B	Edward Vickers
9C	Jamie Neece
9F	Arun Ratcliffe
9M	Ravish Lamabadu
9N	Olly Fawke
9S	Alfie Hoskins

Reading Passport Winners:

9B	Thomas Vickers
9C	Josh Tinkley
9F	James Beard
9M	Gabriel Nobre-Rance
9N	Olly Fawke

9S Daniel Thompson

Sports Report

Congratulations to Morgan Arrowsmith who was named the Belvoir Cricket Club's U13 Player of the Year.

Music

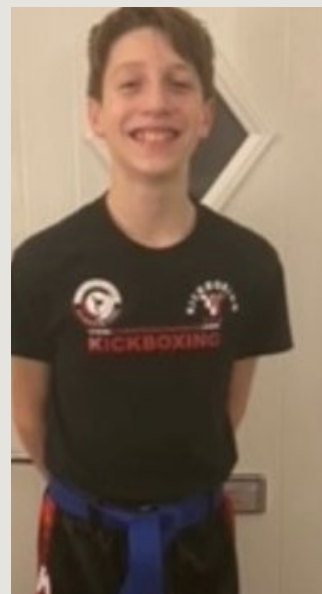
Josh Tinkley achieved his Grade 4 Clarinet this term.

Chris Elmslie received results from his Grade 5 Guitar exam and he passed with a Distinction.

Gabriel Bateson was awarded a Distinction in his Grade 5 Piano exam and also achieved his Grade 4 Saxophone exam. Gabriel released an album of his own music on Spotify which has achieved over 1000 downloads.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Michael Laverick worked hard during lockdown last year to April this year to continue his Kickboxing classes at home using video calls with his tutor which wasn't easy for such a physical sport. The year was spent without any assessments taking place but he kept going. Since returning to classroom sessions he has achieved 3 further gradings and recently achieved his Blue Belt. Michael has two more gradings to do before he can achieve his Black Belt.



Good luck Michael

YEAR 9 KINGSMAN OF THE TERM

Alfie Smith

Alfie joined a Tennis-a-thon arranged by Dementia UK to raise money for the charity. It was up to the individual to make their arrangements for the day. Alfie decided that he would play tennis for 12 hours on the day to fundraise. Melton Mowbray Tennis Club kindly supported him and provided a court for the 12 hours. It was a very hot and sunny day and he was exhausted but kept going for the 12 hours, raising £730 for Dementia UK. Well done Alfie.



House Christmas Diners



Careers in Computing

Jobs related to the computing and technology industry have seen a great expansion over the last twenty years and the trend does not look as though it is slowing down. Skills assessments suggests that the UK economy will need 3 million highly skilled workers in this sector by 2025.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/computing-technology-and-digital>

What does it take to work in Computing?

Interest and enthusiasm in different platforms

Attention to detail and focus

Ability to problem solve and find creative solutions

The ability to work independently on specific tasks.

Skills Gained from Gaming

Perhaps you spend a lot of time gaming in the evenings and weekends. It's important to get a balance with social time and time outdoors, but you can gain skills from your gaming, depending on the kinds of activities you are doing, such as:

- Reactions/Responsiveness (especially with combat style games)
- Rapid Decision Making
- Situational Awareness
- Co-operation and communications skills (when playing with others)
- Creativity (especially from constructive games)
- Competitiveness/Target setting

What subjects should I be taking?

If you are interested in careers in Computing, it's likely that you are taking Computer Studies, many computer scientists also show aptitude in Mathematics and Physics, however if you are interested in game design you might have strengths in some of the creative subjects. In order to gain a place on a University degree you may need to have Mathematics A level (eg. Bath University) or one or two science subjects (eg. University of Aberdeen). Before you make you're a level or BTEC choices (if you are considering

Sixth Form or College) have a look on www.ucas.com at a random selection of courses.

PATHWAYS TO WORK IN COMPUTING

Apprenticeships

There are a number of apprenticeships for individuals at 16+ or 18+ in this sector. These can be found in local companies in IT support, larger companies and sector specific employers such as IBM.

Post-16: You may not be ready to leave home yet and so be looking for opportunities in your local area. By signing up for alerts on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and select your interest in Careers Related to IT and Computing. The search engine could struggle with "it" and so if you are serious about an apprenticeship, sign up for alerts and you can select this career area more easily and will get notifications when new jobs are advertised.

Post-18: Sometimes the entry requirements for these opportunities may be quite low, and at other times the same as a competitive Computing course at University. If there is a specific company that you are interested in, check out the careers section of their website or use websites such as www.notgoingtouni.co.uk or www.allaboutschoollleavers.com to see what opportunities there are. These opportunities can be competitive and so persistence is important to give yourself the best chance of success. The website above is still useful, especially if you are considering remaining in the East Midlands.

Remember apprenticeships are offered at different levels, it might be that you find a Level 3 (Advanced) apprenticeship that you are happy with or you may aim for a Level 4 or 5 (Higher) or Level 6 or 7 (degree). The best advice is to explore what is out there and balance the apprenticeship levels with other elements of the job offer.

University

Have a look on www.ucas.com to learn more about the courses on offer and use a website such as www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings to look at University rankings, select "Computer Science" to see which University courses have the highest rankings. The Guardian League tables are also worth a look – they use slightly different criteria, look into this and think: What's important to me? www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2021/sep/11/the-best-uk-universities-2022-rankings

Sample Apprenticeships in Computing

There a range of apprenticeships in computing at different levels, some large firms will run their apprenticeship schemes each year and tend to recruit around January onwards, smaller firms will advertise for apprenticeships as and when they need to hire someone new. Below is a small selection of live vacancies from November 2021.

- Microsoft (Level 6/7) www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/jobs/1131/microsoft/technical-degree-level-6-apprenticeship
- Qinteq Ltd (Level 6) www.qinetiq.com/en
- Virgin Media (Level 2) <https://careers.virginmedia.com/future-careers>
- RAF Cyberspace Apprenticeship (Level 3) www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment

Sample Degree Courses in Computing

UCAS lists 3372 courses related to Computer Science in the UK. It's sometimes easy to feel over-whelmed by the level of choice, search for Universities that you are specifically interested in, or use the search engine to look for specific courses, such as:

- Creative Computing (Gaming) at Bath Spa University (BBC-CCC)
- Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science at the University of Edinburgh (A*A*A*-AAA)
- Financial Computing at the University of Liverpool (AAB)
- Computing and management at the University of Loughborough (AAB)

What jobs are we talking about?

Below is a list of potential roles you could consider if you are interested in careers in Computing. Use The National Careers Service website to learn more: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories>

- 3D Printing Technician
- App Developer
- Computer Games Developer/Tester
- Cyber intelligence Officer
- Database Administrator
- Database Administrator
- Digital Delivery Manager
- Digital Marketer
- E-Learning Developer
- Forensic Computer Analyst
- Head of IT
- IT project manager
- IT trainer
- IT Support Technician
- Network Manager
- Social Media Manager
- Website Designer/Developer
- Systems Analyst



Combined Cadet Force

The CCF Contingent has now returned to normal activities with some COVID-19 restrictions. A tremendous Thursday morning occurred recently when cadets were able to see two PUMA helicopters land on the helicopter landing site at the School Field. Thank you to 33 Sqn RAF.

Our Remembrance activities were busy as normal. Cadets lined the entrance to St Wulfram's Church for the school's Remembrance Service on 11 November and the Town Parade was led by me, followed by a Church Parade and wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday.

The Town Remembrance Garden had 4 cadets with original Lances paying their respects and we thank the Royal Lancers for the loan of the Lances. We were also invited to the Royal British Legion Poppy Lincolnshire opening event at East Kirkby when 10 cadets were on parade together with our new Banner.

On the 11 November, Armistice Day, Captain Dunlop and SSI Pulfrey were again invited by the Western Front Association to parade with 15 cadets at the Cenotaph in London. Cadets laid wreaths, and Captain Dunlop laid a wreath on behalf of the British Army.

We even had an ex-CCF-cadet on the BBC Festival of Remembrance in front of Prince Charles, Kevin Mason, the youngest RAF Officer on parade.

New cadets are still joining the Contingent. Any student wishing to join should see SSI Pulfrey. All are welcome on a Thursday evening.





Exercise Wyville was the cadets first opportunity to experience the outdoor activities that are such a central part of what the Cadets offer. It was a glorious autumn day and my Instructors were able to observe cadets on the various stands.

It was great to get the Cadets out in the field at last - navigating their way around the woods, cooking ration packs on a campfire, all these things they have learned on paper could be put into action. They gain so much from it. Lifelong friendships are formed from having to work as a team, overcoming obstacles and showing resilience.

Flt Lt Paula Barton of the RAF Air Cadets section felt it was amazing to see the difference it makes to the self-confidence of these Cadets.

“The Cadets join not quite knowing what to expect, nervous as to whether they will be able to do many of the activities. But when you see them in just a short time determined to achieve what they can, and after just a year or so, their confidence has grown so much”.

All of these skills were put into action, which included navigation skills, command tasks, rations and kit packing. For many, cadets having only just joined recently, and under the cloud of Covid-19, this was the first opportunity to get out in the field. The various activities were led by the senior Cadets, as part of their personal development in leadership and training (14 senior cadets are now taking their BTEC level 2 in a leadership qualification with CVQO). Such opportunities help to boost self-confidence, responsibility, resilience and resourcefulness, and personal attributes that will remain of value throughout the Cadets' lives.

A great example of leadership development is that of Flt Sgt Kaviru De Zoysa, who was recently appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Lincolnshire. Kaviru commented:

“Being Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, what an honour, to be honest. A great privilege to meet any members of the Royal Family and be going to different events, it's amazing!”.

Flt Sgt De Zoysa already has some very important dates lined up in his diary to accompany the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire at upcoming events.

Further activities are planned for later in the new year, which will build on the Cadets' skills with an outdoor pursuit week which will be held at the RAF Adventure Training Centre at Inskip (Cumbria) in the February half-term and will culminate in a Summer Camp at Wathgill for 40 cadets, where they will put into practice the skills learnt within our Contingent.

During the Summer Camp I am hopefully going to plan a day with our affiliated cap badge The Royal Lancers' at Catterick.

News hot off the Press: The King's School RAF CCF Section have come 2nd in the Eastern Region RAF CCF Competition held at the Shuttleworth Collection. This means, being in one of the top 3 positions, they will now enter the National RAF CCF UK competition to be held in March 2022.

They were also winners of the independent CCF competition run by The Shuttleworth Collection on the same day. Well done. What a fantastic result. Thanks must go to Flt Lt Barton and her superb team for their enthusiasm, drive and determination.

I hope you can see that a development path of activities has been created for all our cadets, the CCF is returning to normal after the long break due to COVID -9.

Cadet Uniform – a plea to those who have left the CCF, please would they return items of uniform. Thank you.

Lt Col R M Ogg BEM



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

Name of Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
YR10 English Literature Intervention	44	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Canham	Invitation Only
Senior Choir (Trebles & Altos)	57	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
GCSE R.E Revision	53	8.45am-9.10am	Mrs Cunningham	Year 11
Chess Club	31	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mr Davies	Year 7, 8 & 9
Business Study Support Session	63	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Otter	Year 12
Business Study Support Session	62	12.40pm-1.40pm	Miss Leek	Year 13
Art Class	302	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Radbourne	Year 10, 11 & 12
Rowing	Fitness Suite	12.45pm-1.20pm	Mr Hulme	Year 7, 8 & 9 -Maximum of 20 students per session
Photography Club	12	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr White	All Year Groups
Law Society	45	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Clack	6th Form
Clarinet Ensemble	55	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Lond	Invitation Only
Senior Soul Band	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
Junior Choir	57	1.00-1.30pm	Mr Cook	Year 7 & 8
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Lindsay	6th Form
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Whales	Year 8
Football	Sports Hall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Richardson	Year 7

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
YR11 English Literature Intervention	44	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Canham	Invitation Only
Senior Choir (Tenors & Basses)	57	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Historical Fiction Book Club	21	12.40pm-1.10pm	Mrs McKenna	
Mr Foard	Year 7, 8 & 9			
Art Class	302	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Radbourne	Year 10, 11 & 12
Dodgeball	Gym	12.45pm-1.20pm	Mr Hulme	Year 7
Whist Club	112	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Newton	All Year Groups
French Support Session	303	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Hansen	6th Form
Concert Band	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
French Informal Drop-In	304	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Roberts	YR11 - Specific Questions
Parliamentary Debating Club	24	1.00pm-1.40pm	Miss Welsh	Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
GCSE Geography Revision	Online - Teams	6.00pm-6.30/6.45pm	Mr Bufton	Year 10 & 11
Cross Country	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Snowden	All Year Groups
Football	Sports Hall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Burnett	Year 9 & 10
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Lindsay	Year 7

WEDNESDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Knotso's	Rehearsal Room	8.40am-9.10am	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
YR9 English Intervention	44	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Canham	Invitation Only
Senior Choir (Full Rehearsal)	57	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Equality and Inclusivity	6th Form Centre	8.50am-9.10am	6th Form Students	All
Service Families Group	Tombs	08.50am-9.10am	Mrs Gordon	All
The Great Debate	21	12.40pm-1.10pm	Mrs McKenna	Year 11, 12 & 13
Business Study Support Session	63	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Otter	Year 10
Business Study Support Session	62	12.40pm-1.40pm	Miss Leek	Year 11
Art Class	302	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Radbourne	Year 10, 11 & 12
Rowing	Fitness Suite	12.45pm-1.20pm	Mr Hulme	Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 - Maximum of 20 students per session
Design Technology NEA Catch Up Sessions	13	12.45pm-1.30pm	Miss Beedham	Year 11 Resistant Materials Group
Design Technology NEA Catch Up Sessions	14	12.45pm-1.30pm	Miss Phillips	Year 11 Graphics Group
Windband	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
French and Cakes	304	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Roberts	Year 11 -Advanced Work
LGBTQ+	9	1.00pm-1.30pm	Miss Leek Mr Hollingworth Miss Houlihan	All
KS3 Drama Club	43/Gym	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Kearney	Year 7, 8 & 9
Mock Trial	45	1.00pm-2.40pm	Mr Clack	6th Form
Economics Study Support Session	61	1.05pm-1.35pm	Mr Anderson	Year 13
Revision Room	53	1.10pm-1.40pm	Mrs Cunningham	Year 11
Football	Sports Hall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme	Year 8
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Gilbert	Year 9

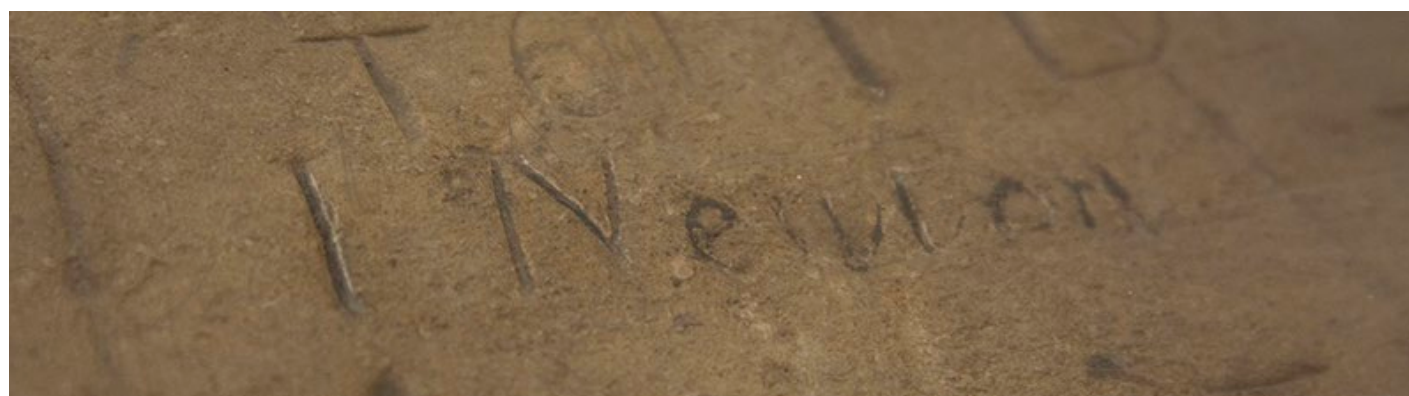
THURSDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Saxophone Ensemble	55	8.40am-9.10am	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
Junior Percussion Ensemble	Rehearsal Room		Mr Richmond	Invitation Only
YR11 English Language Intervention	44	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Canham	Invitation Only
YR11 French Support Session	303 & MFL Office	8.45am-9.10am	Mrs Hansen Mrs Woolerton	Invitation Only
Art Class	302	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Radbourne	Year 10, 11 & 12
Indoor Cricket	Gym	12.45pm-1.25pm	Mr Richardson	Year 7
Food Technology Catch Up Sessions	14	12.45pm-1.30pm	Mrs Shaw	Year 11 Food and Nutrition Group
KS3 Geography Club	209	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Evans	Year 7, 8 & 9
YR8 Stretch and Challenge Writing Club	45	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Clack	Invitation Only
Junior Brass Ensemble	57		Mr Greenfield	Invitation Only
Junior Soul Band	55	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
A Level English Literature Club	46	3.45pm-4.45pm	Mr McLauchlan	Y12 & Y13 English Literature students
CCF	Quad & Classrooms	3.45pm-5.00pm	Lt Col R Ogg SSI S Pulfrey Mrs Barton Mr Davis Mr Bufton Mr Gait	Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
CCF BTEC	Classrooms	3.45pm-5.00pm	SSI S Pulfrey	Year 13 CCF Only
A-Level Geography Revision	201	3.50pm-4.45pm	Mr Cawthorn	Year 12 & 13
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Calland	Year 10
Badminton	Sports Hall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme	All Year Groups
Rugby	Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Calland	Year 10

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Senior Brass Ensemble	55	8.40am-9.10am	Mr Greenfield	Invitation Only
YR10 English Language Intervention	44	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Canham	Invitation Only
Young Carers	SSC	8.50am-9.10am	Mrs Bond	All
Chess Club	31	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mr Davies	KS4/5
Economics	61	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Anderson	Year 12
Study Support Session	61	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Anderson	Year 12
Art Class	302	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mr Radbourne	Year 10, 11 & 12
Chemistry Revision	20	12.45pm-1.20pm	Mr Downing	Year 11
CAROM Maths	32	1.00pm-1.30pm	Ms Corbett	6th Form Mathematicians
String Ensemble	57	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Brown	Invitation Only
Senior Percussion Ensemble	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Richmond	Invitation Only
Homework Club	9	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Gilbert	Year 7
Big Band	Rehearsal Room	3.45pm-5.00pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
CCF Shooting Club	Gym	3.45pm-6.00pm	SSI S Pulfrey Mr Dunlop	CCF Only - Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13



TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday 3 January 2022	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 January	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 5 January	Term 3 Starts – all students
Thursday 6 January	Year 11 Mock Exam Results – Assessment 2 Completed
Thursday 7 January	Assessment 2 (CAT2) completed – Years 7 and 9
Monday 10 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day Year 9 Options Information Evening 18:30-20:30
Tuesday 11 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day Non-uniform Day for PTFA School Council Meeting – 12:00 Year 8 Intervention Meetings 16:00-19:00
Wednesday 12 January	Year 11 GCSE Mock English examination – am
Thursday 13 January	Year 13 Recital 16:30-17:30
Monday 17 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day Music Parents' Support Group 19:00
Tuesday 18 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Wednesday 19 January	Year 9 Parents' Evening 16:15-19:15
Thursday 20 January	PSHE Workshops all day – Chris Hemmings Old Boys' Meeting 19:00
Monday 24 January	All week – Year 9 Options Interviews Careers Interviews for all year groups Intervention Meetings for Years 7, 9 and 11 16:00-18:30
Tuesday 25 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Thursday 27 January	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Friday 28 January	Careers Interviews all day – Years 9, 10, 12 and 13
Monday 31 January	GCSE and A Level Music Recitals all week Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Tuesday 1 February	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Wednesday 2 February	Year 12 Drug Addiction Talk by Simon Leigh - 13:45-15:15
Thursday 3 February	Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:15-19:15
Saturday 5 February	TBC – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training Day
Monday 7 February	'Linking Careers to the Curriculum' Week – Gatsby Benchmark 4 Year 13 Study Leave/Mock Exam Week 1 (CAT2) Year 11 Options Interviews Year 11 Careers Interviews all day Careers Adviser and Careers Talk 16:30-17:30 – Old School
Tuesday 8 February	Year 11 Careers Interviews all day
Friday 11 February	End of Term – 15:45



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