

# KINGS



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# 2023 Speech Night







*Dear Students, Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome to the academic year 2023 to 2024. This term we celebrated our amazingly successful Year 12 GCSE results and our outstanding students from all years at our annual Speech Night.*

I am very pleased to report that our students performed exceptionally well in the A level examinations and in the GCSEs this summer. The King's School achieved a set of results even better than pre-Covid levels despite warnings nationally about declining grades.

## Advanced Level

Nearly 40% of all exams entered by pupils resulted in A\* and A grades with more than a quarter of the 144 students getting three A grades or better. Grades of A\* to B were achieved in 73% of all exams and the overall pass rate was 99.5%. An incredible achievement.

## General Certificate of Secondary Education

In the GCSE 97.8% of students achieved five grades of 4 and above, including English and Mathematics. More than 55% of examinations were the top three grades of 7,8 and 9. At least one top grade 9 GCSE was accomplished by 82 of the 180 students. As with the A levels the results outperformed those from 2019.

We were all delighted for the students who took examinations and knew that we had a cohort of dedicated students committed to realising their potential, and both these GCSE results and A level results have demonstrated that.

We are all very proud of the Year 13 leavers last year and wish them every success in the next exciting phase of their careers.



## A new Academic Year

Our current Year 13 are starting to receive their university offers as they prepare and send off their UCAS applications. It is also very pleasing to report that we have a record number applying to Oxford, Cambridge, and Veterinary and Medical courses.

It brings great pleasure to see all of the new Year 7 students settling in well. It has been wonderful to see them enjoy the many opportunities available to them and start to integrate into life at school.

The most recent building project, a Conditions Improvement Bid from the Department for Education, to replace the roof on the Castlegate building that houses Music, Business, Economics, Food and Religious Education has now come to an end. Finally, the vast majority of the site is now water tight.

Thank you for your continued support and we are all very excited about the next term as we run up to Christmas.

Simon Pickett - Head Master



# The Sixth Form

## HONOURS AWARD

We were delighted to present some of our outstanding students with the prestigious Sixth Form Honours Award this term. In line with the school vision, challenging and empowering everyone in our community to fulfil their potential for the benefit of all, Jason Zhuo, Farzan Siraj, Oliver Beard, Tashan Mpundu, Matthew Perry, Finn Mulholland, Louis Stoakley, Ethan Blackmore and Michael Grace have maintained excellent academic standards whilst devoting their time to a range of voluntary contributions to the school. Students have five compulsory components of the award to complete and can select four from seven voluntary services to achieve the award.



## UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

26 aspiring Oxbridge applicants, 1 Dentistry and 4 Medicine students have excitedly sent their UCAS applications before the early deadline of 16 October (up from 27 last year). We will support our applicants with online interview preparation using our Alumni network and we wish them the very best with their endeavours to secure a place at their prized destinations. We are continuing to support all students in their pursuit of competitive places. Year 13 and are busily working towards the aspirational deadline of 15 November to send to UCAS and the final deadline of 15 December. Students not applying to university this year will have one-to-one support in school and a range of career talks from Apprenticeship providers and from local employers

## CAREERS

We continue to tailor our career talks from the year 12 and 13 Unifrog Career Short-lists and were delighted to welcome the University of East Anglia to give a talk on taking Economics as a degree and the various employment opportunities available. The talk involved an interactive game around the subject. Students understood that we attach feelings and values to the objects we own, placing a higher value on goods that we own than on identical goods that we do not. This was experienced through submitting their willingness to pay (WTP) and their willingness to accept (WTA).

We have also had an interesting Careers talk delivered by the RICS around all aspects of building surveying, building engineering and architecture. Students thoroughly enjoyed the discussions around career opportunities both in the UK and abroad, degree apprenticeships and degree courses along with an insight into the social aspects of that type of career.

We have already identified our future Medics from Year 12 and they have received an introductory talk from Helen O'Neil. Helen was a parent of 3 boys through the school (and a daughter who studied Physics A level in the Sixth Form) and a retired member of the Governing Body. We are extremely fortunate to lean on Helen's extensive medical knowledge through her roles as Consultant Paediatrician and Clinical teacher for the Nottingham Medical School. For many years she was involved in selecting students for the medical school as well as working for the College of Paediatrics where she was involved in the selection and appraisal of Specialist Trainees and Consultants. Her educational work also addressed setting standards of competency for trainees across Europe. Since





retiring she has continued to support students applying for medicine sometimes assisted by two of her sons who themselves now are involved in medical school work as a Consultant and General Practitioner.

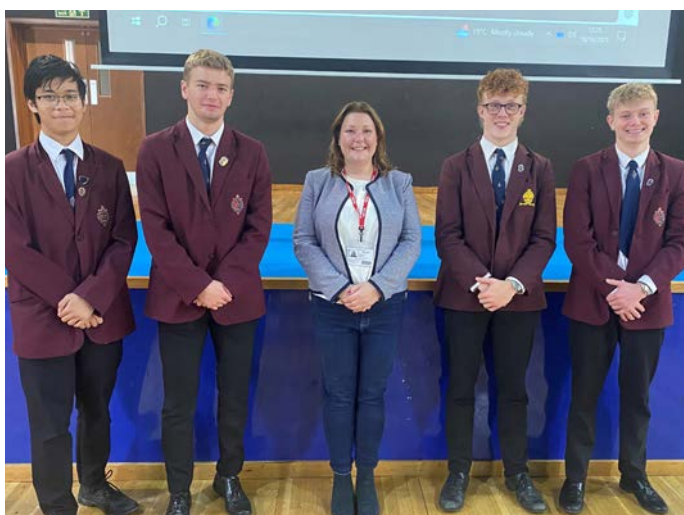
## TOY BANK

The Toy Bank returns for another year! I have been inundated with requests to support from the sixth form students, with a very large group of students wanting to take leadership roles. For

the first time. the Toy Bank will be led by a full leadership team of very committed students. We look forward to updating you with more details soon but please spend half-term having a look through your cupboards and seeing what might be able to make a young child smile this Christmas who might otherwise sadly go without. We thank you in advance for your incredible support.

Leadership Team Jackson Bateman, Armaan Ahmed, Tom Farrington, Rishab Chatterjee, Evan Garg, and Michael Grace (not in picture)

Mr Whales - Assistant Headteacher



# PTFA

*A warm welcome from the PTFA Committee to families of boys who started at King's in September, whether in Year 7, Year 12 or as a midyear admission, and a 'hello' to families of returning boys!*

The 'Parents, Teachers, Friends Association' actively supports the school and the staff by organising events to raise funds for the school community, specifically the 'fun stuff' which wouldn't otherwise be easily funded. Items that the PTFA funds have helped fund include:

- Outdoor table-tennis tables
- Languages Competition Entry Feeds
- The Library
- Warhammer club for additional kit
- Chess Club for clocks and chess sets
- Benches for Year 7s in Head Master's Garden

After a few years break (mainly due to Covid-19) the PTFA Ball was back in full swing in July. The event held at the Masonic Hall in Grantham was a great success and we are now starting to plan our next ball. We hope to see as many of you as possible in what we promise will be another fun night!

We also fund the PTFA Volunteer award for Speech Night. We were delighted to award it for 2022-2023 to Lukas Bellamy who left in August 2023. Lukas provided regular and sustained support to extra-curricular clubs. He played a pivotal role in supporting Whist club which seen it grow to a level of interest which now requires two classrooms.

Every parent/carer is automatically a member of the PTFA and is welcome to attend any or all of the meetings and contribute to the decision-making process. All members of the PTFA are volunteers with Committee members volunteering for the roles and elected at the AGM. Without being a Committee member, there are still plenty of opportunities throughout the academic year to work alongside the Committee or to attend PTFA events, and we would be delighted to welcome you as an active 'Friend' at any of our events.

Please have a look at what we do in more detail on the school's website at The King's School Grantham - PTFA ([kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:kings.lincs.sch.uk)).

The AGM held earlier this year and the current team now:

- Chair: Elli Dean
- Secretary: Kerry Bingham (new appointment)
- Treasurer: Ollie Crowder (new appointment)
- Gold Card Administrator: Vicki Stephenson
- H&S Officer: Elena Titova-Chaudhry
- Secondhand Uniform Shop: Tamsin Ellis

Over the last year, fundraising events such as the Christmas and Easter ChocFest Tombolas as well as the non-uniform days have been very successful. The PTFA are very grateful for the support and time that parents and volunteers give.

## CHOCFEST TOMBOLA

18 December 2023

The ChocFest Tombola in December is very much one for the boys! This chocolate and confectionary-themed tombola takes place during lunchtime and the boys flock to it. Further details will follow nearer the event, and you might like to start purchasing nut-free chocolates and sweets in readiness, as we aim for 500 tombola prizes to raise £500 in 40 minutes! We would be delighted if you could volunteer to help on the day. Please message the PTFA via their Facebook page or send an email to [PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk).

## GOLD CARD CLUB

The King's Gold Card Club scheme is a monthly cash prize draw that helps support the work of the King's PTFA, which in turn supports the school in various projects. The Gold Draw is open to anyone over the age of 18, not just parents/carers – so grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and former students are welcome to participate too - this is an easy way to make a difference to the school.

An annual payment of £10.00 entitles participants to be included in the ten monthly prize draws, which currently stand at £60.00, with two prize draws of £450.00 each year. Check out Gold Club Card details in the PTFA section of the school website and please remember to keep the PTFA updated on any change of address/bank details for use in case you are lucky enough to win!

## SECONDHAND SHOP FOR UNIFORM AND PE KIT

The PTFA manages the school's secondhand uniform and PE kit sales, and especially welcomes donations of King's School badged uniform and games kits. Items for CCF and football / rugby boots are also welcomed. Currently we do not need trousers or shirts. We have placed a yellow donation bin outside of W101 and W102 where the students can drop off clean bagged uniform donations.

To buy or donate, contact the PTFA via the email address, [PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk).

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

You can look up information on what is happening or get in touch with the PTFA via:

Facebook - [@KingsPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/KingsPTFA)

E-mail – [PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@kings.lincs.sch.uk)

We look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings or events and would like to thank you again for your support.



# Departmental News

## PHYSICS



### The New STEM club.

STEM Club touches on a range of engineering and physics topics – this term's focus has been on vorticity. We covered the theory behind the formation and application of vortices, and we then went on to construct air canons with which we applied the theory and ran a friendly competition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look into RADAR (Radio Detection And Ranging) technology, solar orbiters, bridge construction and more.

The club runs from 12:40 – 13:10 at Wednesday lunchtimes for years 9, 10 and 11 in Room B302.

It is run with support from two of the Physics Year 13 students: Oliver Beard and George Taylor

Miss S Jones - Head of the Physics Department



## HISTORY

### What is Classics Club?

We will meet once a week to learn about Greek and Roman Gods, Greek and Roman literature, ancient technology, society and everyday life, the Roman army and ancient food.

Following this, pupils will decide on a topic to focus on for their independent project qualification. They will come up with a question they would like to answer, and we will meet once a week to discuss and complete the project.

The project can be completed individually, in pairs or in a group. It should contain a written report to explain the different stages of the project; however, the project itself can be completed in various ways:

- A written project: e.g. an essay, book, poem, news report etc.
- A sketchbook
- A video or performance
- An exhibition or event
- A piece of art or design
- A podcast
- A website

After completion, students will be awarded an ISEB-accredited iPQ3 qualification.

If you are interested come to Classics Club on Tuesday lunchtimes in room C201. Starting on Tuesday 7th November.

Mrs E McKenna - Head of the History Department

## BIOLOGY

The Year 13 Biology A level had a fantastic opportunity at the Gibraltar Point Study Centre doing a Sand Dune and Saltmarsh Survey, in September.

Mrs M Haywood - Teacher of Biology





# Departmental News



## GEOGRAPHY

**A** level geography fieldwork at Holderness  
On the 25 and 28 of September, the geography A level students travelled to the Holderness coastline to carry out multiple studies along the coastline as a part of their A level studies.

Firstly, we went to Withernsea- about halfway down the coastline before we headed to Easington and finished off the day at Spurn Point in the Humber Estuary. At each of these locations we performed a variety of different tests, assessing the rates of erosion along the coastline. Some of these tests involved taking beach profiles, calculating the wave period and assessing the size of different sediment samples along the site.

We were also shown how to use certain pieces of specialist equipment that we might use for our NEA (Non-Examined Assessment), which will help us secure higher marks in this assessment.

This trip was further beneficial as it built upon knowledge acquired at GCSE, recapping this and then going beyond this already attained knowledge. This fieldwork trip was extremely useful for all A level students that went, helping us to further our understanding of different processes and strategies along this vulnerable coastline.

Mr C Bufton - Head of the Geography Department





# SPORT

*The first half term has been a very busy one in the Physical Education Department with rugby, football and cross country events all taking place across all Key Stages.*

## FOOTBALL

The Year 7 team start their national cup journey on Friday, 13 October and we wish them well in their first competitive fixture for the school.

Year 8 lost 6-0 to a strong John Fernley side in their national cup. The Year 9, league and county champions last year also lost, despite playing by far the better football, 2-1 against Christ The King School. Year 10 were narrowly defeated by St George's School 2-3 (After Extra Time), Will Rose and Louis Cardy got the goals for King's. The Year 11 team sadly also went out in dramatic circumstances, also losing 2-3 (After Extra Time) against Rushcliffe School.

In the senior teams, the 1st XI have made a strong start to both the league and the national cup. They are through to the 3rd round of the cup following a penalty shootout win against West Bridgeford and will play Nottingham High School next time out.

Their league campaign started extremely well with a 6-0 win against QEHS Gainsborough; they were unable to replicate this form away to Boston Grammar, losing 4-0. The 2nd XI, have a 100% start to their season, have beaten local rivals Priory Ruskin 10-0, also winning convincingly against St Georges 1st XI 6-0.

### A-LEAGUE TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	lost	GD	Points
Boston	2	2	0	0	6	6
King's	2	1	0	1	2	3
Carres	1	1	0	0	2	3
Bourne	0	0	0	0	0	0
Priory	1	0	0	1	-2	0
Gainsborough	2	0	0	2	-8	0

### B LEAGUE SOUTH

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	lost	GD	Points
King's B	2	2	0	0	16	6
Spalding	2	2	0	0	11	6
Bourne B	2	1	0	1	1	3
Carres B	2	1	0	1	-1	3
St Georges	2	0	0	2	-9	0
Priory B	2	0	0	2	-18	0





# CROSS COUNTRY

The National Cross-Country Team Championships took place on Friday 6th October. King's fielded teams in the Junior and Intermediate age groups (seniors go straight through to the regional round). The Junior team finished in an excellent 3rd place whilst the intermediate team finished in a creditable 5th position. Individually students are placed as follows:

## Junior Boys (field of 54)

Theo Bacon 5th  
Fraser Heart 11th  
Luca Miotk 12th  
Harry Watson 17th  
Evan Hughes 22nd  
Joseph Turner 31st

## Intermediate Boys (field of 52)

Toby Gaul 11th  
Will Rose 21st  
Edward Scott 24th  
Alex Perkes 26th  
Evan Margetts 35th  
Oscar Lond 37th

Congratulations to all involved. The next cross-country event will be the first round of the individual competition to be held at Belton House after the October half-term vacation.

House Rugby was held on Saturday 14th October, with Newton house winning for Year 7, and Foxe house winning for Year 8. Thank you to Mr Lindsay for organising and running the event. The boys that volunteered their Saturday morning to play really enjoyed themselves, especially the boys in the winning houses.

Matthew Hulme, Head of Department for Physical Education

# SPORT





# RUGBY

It has been an exciting start to the Rugby season with a host of matches being played against other schools.

We are pleased to welcome The Perse School, Princethorpe College and Birkdale School as new additions to our block fixture list. The results have been promising with our U14 team remaining undefeated and both the U15 and U18s teams progressing through the National Vase competitions.

We are also well represented within the Leicester Tigers development set up with 4 players Joshua Brahoua, Elliott Paley, Luke Hudson and Ethan Blackmore playing for the U18 team this season.

School results are as follows:

## Year 7

Worksop College - Won 35-20

Birkdale - Lost 25-20

Stamford - Lost 15-0

B Team

Stamford - Lost 75-15

## Year 8

Worksop College - Lost 50-0

Birkdale - Drew 15-15

Stamford - Lost 50-5

Princethorpe College - Lost 55-5

B Team

Stamford - Lost 50-5

## Year 9

Worksop College - Won 50-0

Princethorpe College - Won 50-0

## Year 10

Worksop College - Won 34-7

Birkdale - Won 62-10

Oakham (National Vase Round 1) - Drew 17-17  
(King's go through as the away team)

Princethorpe College - Lost 36-24

Nottingham High School (National Vase Round 2) - Won 52-14

## 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

Worksop College - Won 39-0

Ratcliffe College - Won 62-7

## 1<sup>st</sup> XV

Worksop College - Won 50-6

Ratcliffe College (National Vase Round 2) - Won 52-5

Oundle School (National Vase Round 3) - TBC

Mr C Lindsay

Head of Rugby and Head of Year 8





# RUGBY





# MUSIC



The Michaelmas term is again full with activity as the students prepare for the numerous concerts and performances.

## The Year 7 Concerts

All six of the Year 7 forms have been involved in a project run by Lincolnshire Music Service called Mash Up. During this project all students have been learning an instrument as part of their class music lessons. The students have either learnt the clarinet, trumpet, trombone or Saxophone during this term. The project has been celebrated with the first of two concerts. Thank you to the parents and carers for the very successful and well attended first concert with each form performing 3 pieces of music.

## General Reminders from the Music Department

- Please remember that students are expected to provide their own headphones (with a 3.5mm jack) for class music lessons.
- When bringing in your own instrument for instrumental lesson please make sure the case is labelled.





# Combined Cadet Force



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

The CCF Contingent have had a very busy couple of months.

Firstly, our CADSAM team came seventh overall in the Brigade Shooting Competition, winning Match no 5, therefore qualifying for a trophy and 8 medals.

Secondly, Cadet Staff Sergeant Charles Stephenson won an Army Scholarship and Bursary and passed the Army's Commissioning board at Westbury. Charles will qualify for a place at Sandhurst after his Degree Course has finished in 4 years' time.

Charles has also qualified to attend the Master Cadet course at Frimley Park in October.

New cadets have been joining the Contingent following the Year 9 changes; the uniform is being issued, drill and turnout are being taught ready for Remembrance Day activities.

SSI Pulfrey qualified as a DCCT (Dismounted Close Combat Trainer) operator, which means we can enlarge our shooting training at PWG Barracks in the forthcoming months.

Lieutenant Tom Dunlop also qualified as a British Archery Coach, so archery will be built into our training programme in the coming months.



Finally, I am delighted to announce that Flight Lieutenant Paula Barton has been awarded a Lord Lieutenant's Meritorious Service Certificate for her outstanding CCF RAF Cadet Service. The presentation is due on the 26 October at Sobraon Barracks by the Lord Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Colonel CCF R M Ogg BEM  
Contingent Commander





# House Activities

The new academic year has been a busy one for students and staff and so I am delighted to be able to share some of our successes from this term as the new house coordinator.

Firstly, here are the leaders of each house:

- Burleigh – Mr Hollingworth
- Curteis – Mr Hirst
- Foxe – Mr Davies
- More – Mr Cook
- Newton – Mrs Meanwell
- School – Mr Deller

The first term of the academic year has been a busy start to the house year, even for King's!

We have been running multiple competitions for all year groups from the beginning of September, in a vast array of topic areas, to hopefully engage with all boys, in all year groups.



For Year 7 we gave the boys a creative writing challenge, in which the boys had to write a piece of poetry on the theme of 'New Beginnings', expressing their experiences of starting at King's.

There have been entries consisting of short haikus, limericks and standard poems.

We also had a photographic competition for all year groups on the theme of 'natural light', in which the boys have submitted over 100 entries of various subjects, including landscapes, historical buildings, reflections, and other stimuli.

The month of October is 'Black History Month', so to help mark this event we set the challenge of creating a poster design competition, in which the boys were to create a poster to help showcase and inform the viewer.

The King's School Eco-Committee is pushing for the school to use less single-use plastic and so we have also set a challenge for as many boys to use re-usable bottles across all year groups. This will be randomly checked throughout the year, and the forms with the most boys using these bottles will win the highest amount of points for their house.

House Rugby was held on Saturday 14th October, with Newton house winning for Year 7, and Foxe house winning for Year 8. Thank you to Mr Lindsay for organising and running the event. The boys that volunteered their Saturday morning to play really enjoyed themselves, especially the boys in the winning houses.

Lastly, we also had our first, whole school interhouse activity morning this term, in which all year groups were involved with our usual array of challenges to gain house points. These challenges involved two bouts of Basketball shootouts (Year 10 & 11), tug of war (Year 12 & 13), a Pool tournament (Year 9), and a big Film and TV quiz (Years 7 & 8). The students showed huge enthusiasm, especially the tug of war, and was a hugely successful morning.



# House Activities



At the end of last year, the Alton Towers trip was held for Foxe house. Apart from some rain in the day, the boys who went, had great fun and were impeccably behaved.

For the year ahead, we continue our aim to have a wide variety of challenges and competitions, with a mixture of academic and non-academic events. We have plans for the usual sporting competitions, such as basketball and dodgeball, but we are also going to try a table tennis tournament and a Subbuteo tournament. We are also going to try a short film competition as well building on our more academic subjects, with challenges in English, geography, history, mathematics and languages. The house points are already in the tens of thousands, which hopefully is a good indicator of the enthusiasm the boys have in participating in these events.

I wish you all a very restful half term.

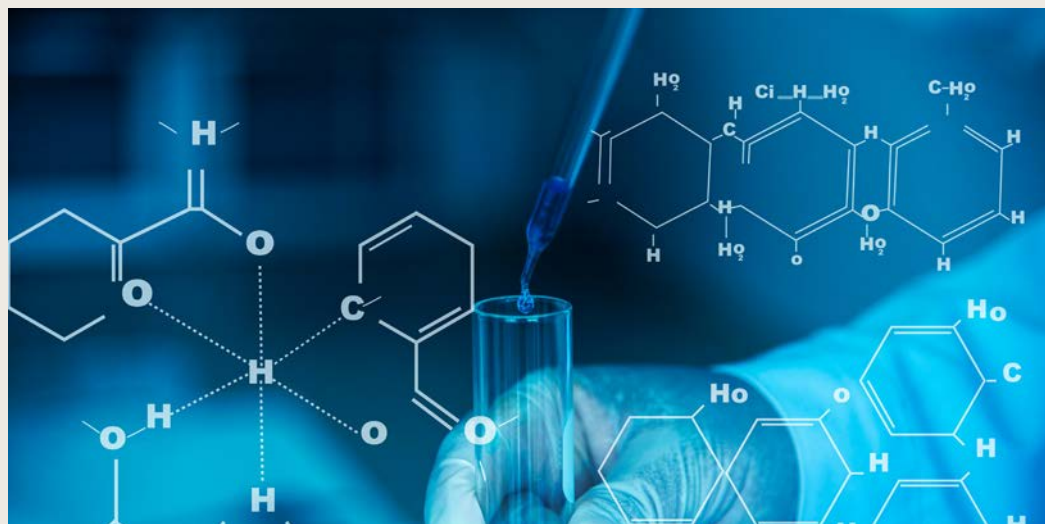
Mr C.D. Cook - House Coordinator





## CHEMISTRY

A degree in chemistry opens the door to a wide range of career options – far more than you may have realised. Chemists are not just confined to the lab!



Chemists play a vital role in developing many of the everyday products we take for granted and help to sustain and improve our quality of life.

Lots of trained chemists end up in non-traditional chemistry careers because of all the transferable skills they gain from studying chemistry. However, choosing a specific chemistry degree can be confusing especially when faced with over 1200 different chemistry based courses offered at 123 different universities.

### BSc or MChem/MSci

Most universities now offer both BSc (Bachelor of Science) and MChem/MSci (Master of Chemistry/Science) degree programmes. MChem and MSci degrees have exactly the same status as each other, these courses simply have different names at different universities

#### BSc degrees

- Usually involve studying for three years (four in Scotland).
- Provide excellent training in the chemical sciences and can open doors to a huge range of careers.
- May involve a year in industry or abroad.

#### MChem/MSci degrees

- Usually involve studying for four years (five in Scotland).
- Provide a more in-depth study of chemistry than BSc degrees and usually involve a significant research project.
- Offer more opportunities to develop skills such as presentation skills, problem solving and communication skills.
- May involve a year in industry or abroad.
- Provide a good basis for a PhD or a career in chemical science research.

If you are undecided whether to choose a BSc or MChem/MSci the longer course is the suggested route. It can be more straightforward to transfer from the longer to shorter route and may help you keep more options open if you are undecided about career options.

### Transferable skills

The skills you develop while studying for a chemistry qualification are highly desirable to employers in all sorts of sectors. Skills like:

- Logical thinking
- Communication
- Creativity



- Analysis
- Data handling
- Observation

Whether you know what you want to do after university or you're still unsure, a chemistry qualification stands you in good stead for the future.

[Chemistry job profiles | RSC Education](#) – 103 different job profiles are detailed here.

## What jobs can a chemistry degree lead to?

Jobs directly related to your degree include:

- Academic researcher
- Analytical chemist
- Biotechnologist
- Colour technologist
- Crime scene investigator
- Forensic scientist
- Medicinal chemist
- Nanotechnologist
- Palaeontologist
- Pharmacologist
- Toxicologist

Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

- Civil service fast streamer
- Environmental consultant
- Higher educational lecturer
- Nuclear engineer
- Product development scientist
- Radiation protection practitioner
- Science writer

[What can I do with a chemistry degree? | Prospects.ac.uk](#) has details of these and many more

## University Degrees

The minimum UCAS tariff points to study chemistry ranges from 104 (BCC) to 144 (AAA) with the average requirement being AAB

## Alternative route – Higher National Certificate/Diploma (HNC/HND), Foundation degree, Apprenticeship

### HNC/HND

HNCs and HNDs are vocational (work-related) qualifications that train you in a particular job sector. Many are designed with industry to ensure you gain the skills and knowledge employers are looking for.

### Foundation degree

Foundation degrees are employment-based higher education qualifications which provide professional development in a broad range of vocational areas. Foundation degrees take two years to complete full-time but some are available to study part-time or by flexible learning, often while at work, which usually takes three to four years. They are broadly equivalent to the first two years of a Bachelor's degree and can often be topped up to a degree with further study.

### Apprenticeship

There are different levels of apprenticeships but all involve workbased learning and completing at least one nationally recognised qualification. As an apprentice, you will earn a wage and gain valuable professional experience in industry. On average, an apprenticeship takes between one and four years to complete - depending on the level and the amount of time you have to study. You can find out more from the Apprenticeships website: [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

[Apprenticeship Chemistry Jobs | Jobrapido.com](#) – examples of degree apprenticeships and job vacancies

## Other things to consider

Mathematics is important in many aspects of chemistry and is a key part of most chemistry degree courses. Not studying maths A-level will limit your university choices. Although a maths A-level is not required for entry onto all chemistry degree courses, you should seriously consider studying the subject. If you are unable to do this, it may be worth considering some form of tutoring to help refresh and extend your maths knowledge.

Are you interested in a chemistry degree but worried you don't have the necessary qualifications? Some universities offer a foundation year (or access course) as part of their chemistry course. These one-year programmes are designed for students who have shown the ability, but do not possess the necessary qualifications (with respect to either grades or subjects) for direct entry onto BSc or MChem/MSci courses. After completing the foundation year you should be eligible to progress, as appropriate, onto the university's BSc or MChem/MSci course.

## Useful links

[Chemistry career decisions \(rsc.org\)](#)- Royal Society of Chemistry for chemistry specific career advice

[UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#) – for information on courses



## NEW LIBRARY STAFF

*Mrs Hobbs joined The King's School in September 2023 as our new full-time Librarian.*

Mrs Hobbs has previous experience in Libraries and looks forward to working alongside Mr Kearney to continue improving our School Library. Mrs Hobbs and Mr Kearney are supported by a team of Pupil Librarians, who help to staff the library during our busy breaktimes and lunchtimes.

### Term 1 highlights:

Year 7 Library induction lessons  
European Day of Languages Quiz  
Halloween Writing Competition

### New Fiction Books

We have maintained our rolling programme of new fiction acquisitions this academic year. Here is a taster of some of the new fiction books now in stock:

Title	Author	Classification
Children of Virtue and Vengeance	Tomy Adeyeme	Fantasy
Five Survive	Holly Jackson	Horror
True Confessions of Adrian Albert Mole	Sue Townsend	Humour
Alex Rider: Secret Weapon	Anthony Horowitz	Thriller
The Scorch Trials	James Dashner	Sci-fi
A Monster Calls	Patrick Ness	Fantasy
Rugby Spirit	Gerard Siggins	Sports
52-Storey Treehouse	Andy Griffiths	Humour

### New Non-Fiction Books

In response to a growth in popularity of our non-fiction stock, we have continued to purchase a range of non-fiction stock. Here's a taster:

Title	Author	Classification
The Power of Welcome	Marie Maryami	305.9
Minecraft Survival Handboook	Thomas McBrien	004
King Charles III	Sally Morgan	941.08
World War II Fighter Planes Spotter's Guide	Tony Holmes	629.1
Five Nights at Freddy's Official Character Encyclopedia	Scott Cawthon	791.43
Beth Mead - Roar	Beth Mead	796.334
Classic Superbikes	Frank Melling	629.2



## September – in numbers!

879 books issued (compared with 692 last year)

2451 library visits (compared with 1014 last year)

## Accelerated Reader

All Year 7 and 8 students should now have their individual log-ins to access Accelerated Reader. Each passed quiz is worth a merit; students can earn their merit by filling out their reading passport with the details and visiting the Library to have their passport stamped by the Library Staff.

## Books & Biscuits Club

The Library's 'Books & Biscuits' club, run on Tuesdays after school, has continued to be very popular. We have attendees from across Key Stage 3, and we have recently sent off to obtain our Blue Peter Reading Badges after spending a session reflecting on our most recent reading.

## Donations of board games

Due to the increasing popularity of board games in the Library, we would like to ask for donations of good condition chess sets and card sets (such as Uno), for use at break and lunch times.

Thank you.

Mrs Hobbs & Mr Kearney

Library Team

# Careers

This term's career talk was delivered by Rebecca Urquhart who is part of the Grantham Hospital Clinical Engineering Team and is a Site Lead Clinical Technologist.

Rebecca's role is the management of medical devices. They provide full technical and scientific support to users of patient connected medical equipment within hospital and community settings. Rebecca also gave an insight into the research, design, and development side of Clinical Engineering. Clinical Engineers apply engineering principles to the research, design and development of healthcare products and equipment.





# PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC (PSHE) EDUCATION

The King's Schools PSHE programme is designed to give students the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy and safe and to prepare them for life and work in modern Britain. PSHE ensures that every boy has the knowledge on how to be safe, how to make a positive contribution, how to achieve economic well-being and how to live long healthy lives. PSHE is split into six different themes which include: Sex and Relationships, Health, Economic Education, Careers, Society and Values.

The key themes are covered in different terms throughout the academic year:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Sex and Relationships	Health Education	Financial Education	Careers	Society	Values

As you can see from the table, this term students have focused their learning on Sex and Relationships:

- Year 7's includes discussion on: How to build friendships, Types of relationships, Conflict Resolution and Recognising dangerous relationships
- Year 8 looks at what is Good Self- Esteem and Building Relationships, Challenging Misconceptions in Media, Physical and Emotional Changes and Marriage and Families.
- Year 9 includes investigation into, Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships, Sexuality and Gender, Underage sex and Consent and Pregnancy and Parenting.
- Learning in Year 10 focused on what is Sexting, Challenging Misconceptions in the Media and Contraception and Consent.
- Year 11 includes discussion on: Sex, Drugs & Alcohol, Reality versus Fantasy and How to protect yourself.

All the resources used in PSHE lessons are available to view on SharePoint and can be found here: All the resources used in PSHE lessons are available to view on SharePoint and can be found here:

[https://kingsgr.sharepoint.com/sites/KSG\\_Subjects\\_PD](https://kingsgr.sharepoint.com/sites/KSG_Subjects_PD)

## Additional Resources for further Health Education at home:

### Sexual Health & Wellbeing - Brook

Healthy lives for young people - We have over 55 years' experience in young people's sexual health and wellbeing. We are happy to provide expert comment on a range of issues affecting young people – from sexual health and wellbeing services, to relationships and sex education, sexual health policy and more!

### Fumble - Your Handy Guide To Sex

We create exciting, reliable, relatable digital content on intimacy, relationships, identity, health and wellbeing. A happy, healthy digital world of free sex ed: by young people, for young people.

### Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

This is a link to the government advice given to schools around the statutory guidance on relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education.

### Lincolnshire Sexual Health (LiSH)

This website is run by the Lincolnshire Sexual Health service which gives young people sexual health advice including where to access free testing.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Deller at [tom.deller@kings.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:tom.deller@kings.lincs.sch.uk)



# Co-curricular Activities Term 3

## MONDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Senior Choir Basses	C204	8.45am-9.10pm	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Graphics and Product Design Coursework Catch Up	C102	12.40pm-1.10pm	Miss Phillips	Year 10, 11 & 13
Basketball	Gym	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Pickett	Year 10 & 11
Senior Soul Band	Rehearsal Room	12.45pm-1.15pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
Basketball	Gym	12.50pm-1.20pm	Mr Burnett	KS3
Clarinet Ensemble	C203	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Lond	Invitation Only
National Cipher Challenge	T204	1.00pm-1.4pm	Miss Price	Year 10, 11, 12 & 13
Eco-Committee	N204	1.05pm-1.35pm	Mrs Evans	All Year Groups
French Speaking Support	N205	1.05pm-1.35pm	Mrs Copeman	Year 11
Homework Club	Library	3.45pm-4.30pm	Mrs Hobbs	All Year Groups
Warhammer	N205	3.45pm-4.45pm	Mrs Copeman	All Year Groups
History Revision	C202	3.45pm-5.00pm	Mrs Law	Year 11 GCSE
Competitive Debating	S101	3.45pm-5.15pm	Mrs Cunningham	Year 12 & 13
Cross Country	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hollingworth	All Year Groups
Badminton	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme	All Year Groups
Rugby	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Gilbert	Year 9
Football	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Richardson	Year 7
Football	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Burnett	Year 11
Inter-school Debate/ Discussion Club (Monthly)	The King's School & KGGS	4.00pm-5.30pm	Mrs Cunningham	Year 11, 12 & 13



# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## TERM 3

### TUESDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Senior Choir Altos	C204	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Classics Club	C201	12.40pm-1.10pm	Mrs McKenna	Year 7 & 8
Warhammer	N205	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mrs Copeman	All Year Groups
Dodgeball	Gym	12.50-1.20pm	Mr Hulme	Year 7
Whist Club	N103	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Newton	All Year Groups
Concert Band	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
String Ensemble	C203	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Brown	Invitation Only
Junior Choir	C204	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Cook	Year 7 Only
Board Game Club	N304	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Hansen	Year 7, 8 & 9
VI Form Discussion Group (Politics, Philosophy, Economics and Current Affairs)	S101	1.00pm-1.35pm	Mrs Cunningham	Year 12 & 13 (Advisable for Oxbridge candidates)
Books and Biscuits	Library	3.45pm-4.30pm	Mr Kearney Mrs Hobbs	All Year Groups
Homework Club	Library	3.45pm-4.40pm	Mrs Hobbs	All Year Groups
Art - Open Studio	N302	3.45pm-5.00pm	Mrs Warley	KS3, 4 & 5
Rugby	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Gilbert Mr Lindsay	Year 11 & VI Form



# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## TERM 3

### WEDNESDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Marching Ensemble	Rehearsal Room	12.40pm-1.00pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
The Great Debate	C201	12.40pm-1.10pm	Mrs McKenna	Year 11, 12 & 13
D&D & Fantasy Card game club	N205	12.40pm-1.40pm	Mrs Copeman	All Year Groups
Historical Fiction Book Club (Every other Wednesday)	B205	12.45pm-1.10pm	Miss Ginnelly	Year 7, 8 & 9
STEM Club	B301	12.45pm-1.35pm	VI Form Miss Jones	Year 9, 10 & 11
Basketball	Gym	12.50pm-1.20pm	Mr Pickett	KS4
French and Biscuits (Week B Only)	N305	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mrs Roberts	Year 11 Invitation Only
Debate Club	S203	1.00pm-1.35pm	Mr Anderson Alex Cant	Year 10
Knotso's	Rehearsal Room	1.05pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
Pride Club	T302	1.05pm-1.35pm	Mr Hollingworth Mr Davies Miss Davies	All Year Groups
Homework Club	Library	3.45pm-4.30pm	Mrs Hobbs	All Year Groups
French revision and grammar support group	N304	4.00pm-4.45pm	Mrs Woolerton	Year 11
Football	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme Mr Hinchcliffe	Year 10
Rugby	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Collins	Year 10
Rugby	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Plowman	Year 8





# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## TERM 3

### THURSDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Chess Club	T103	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mr J Davies	KS3
F1 Club	T403	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mr Clack	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
Indoor Cricket	Gym	12.50pm-1.20pm	Mr Richardson	Year 7
Rowing	Fitness Suite	12.50pm-1.20pm	Mr Richardson Mr Plowman VI Form Elite Rowers	All Year Groups
Junior Percussion Ensemble	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Richmond	Invitation Only
Senior Choir Tenors	C204	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Homework Club	Library	3.45pm-4.30pm	Mrs Hobbs	All Year Groups
Football	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme	Year 9
Rugby	Sports Field	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Lindsay	Year 7
CCF	Quad & Classrooms	3.45pm-5.30pm	Lt Col R Ogg SSI S Pulfrey Mrs P Barton Mr M Davis Mr R Gait	Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 CCF
CCF BTEC	Classrooms	3.45pm-5.30pm	SS1 S Pulfrey	Year 13 CCF Only
Brass Ensemble	C203	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Greenfield	Invitation Only
Card RPG Club & D&D	N205	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mrs Copeman	All Year Groups
CCF	Quad and Classrooms	3.45pm-5.00pm	Lt Col R Ogg, SSI S Pulfrey, Mrs P Barton Mr M Davis, Mr C Bufton, Mr R Gait & Mr P Dunlop	Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13
CCF BTEC	Classrooms	3.45pm-5.00pm	SSI S Pulfrey	Year 13 CCF
Badminton	Sports Hall	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Hulme	All Year Groups



# CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## TERM 3

### FRIDAY

Activity	Room/venue	Time	Member of staff responsible	Year groups who can attend
Senior Choir Trebles	C204	8.45am-9.10am	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Chess Club	T103	12.40pm-1.30pm	Mr J Davies	KS4 & KS5
Graphics and Product Design Coursework Catch Up	C102	12.40pm-1.40pm	Miss Phillips	Year 10, 11 & 13
Brass Ensemble	Rehearsal Room	12.45pm-1.15pm	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Saxophone Ensemble	C203	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Lond	Invitation Only
Senior Percussion Ensemble	Rehearsal Room	1.00pm-1.30pm	Mr Richmond	Invitation Only
Debate Club	S102	1.00pm-1.35pm	Mrs Cunningham Michael Grace	Year 11
Whovians (Doctor Who Club)	S201	1.00pm-1.40pm	Mr Rushall	Open to all year groups (first come, first served due to number of seats)
National Cipher Challenge	T204	1.00pm-1.40pm	Miss Price	Year 10, 11, 12 & 13
Big Band	Rehearsal Room	3.45pm-5.00pm	Mr Cook	Invitation Only
Rugby	Sports Filed	4.00pm-5.00pm	Mr Lindsay	Year 11 & 6th Form
CCF Shooting Club	Gym	3.45pm-6.00pm	SSI S Pulfrey Mr P Dunlop Mrs Barton	CCF - Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13





# Calendar

Monday 30 October	Staff Training Day 2
Tuesday 31 October	TeRoom2 Starts Y11 Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room
Wednesday 1 November	Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs Room House Assembly during Form Period - Burleigh - Hall
Thursday 2 November	PTFA Meeting - 18:30 - Bishop Foxe
Monday 6 November	Y11 Homework Embargo Prior to the mocks – 2 weeks Y11 Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Y9 SRE Workshop on Contraception by Positive Health - All day – Hall Y11 Mock German Speaking Examinations - am
Tuesday 7 November	Y11 Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room School Council - 12:00 - Dining rm Resit GCSE English Examination - am - Bishop Foxe rm Y11 Mock German Speaking Examinations - am Nasal Flu Spray - Years 7-11 - Hall
Wednesday 8 November	House Assembly during Form Period - Curteis – Hall Y11 Mock German Speaking Examinations am Resit GCSE Mathematics Examination - am - Bishop Foxe rm Ogden Trust Y10 STEM Day - All day – Hall Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs rm Old Boys' Meeting - 19:00 - Bishop Foxe
Thursday 9 November	Remembrance Service - St Wulframs - P3 - Y7, Y8 & Y9 Resit GCSE English Examination- am Bishop Foxe Room Y11 Mock French Speaking Examinations – am Y11 & Prospective Sixth Form- Options Evening - 17:30 - 18:15 (External students only) - 18:30 - 20:30 (All students) - Hall & Tower classrooms
Friday 10 November	Resit GCSE Mathematics Examination- Library – am Y11 Mock French Speaking Examinations - am
Monday 13 November	Y11 Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Resit GCSE Mathematics Examination- Library – am Y11 Mock French Speaking Examinations – am CAT 1 Report issued to parents this week - Y10, Y12 & Y13
Tuesday 14 November	Y11 Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Y12 Mathematics Inspiration Trip - 12:00 - 17:00
Wednesday 15 November	House Assembly during Form Period - Foxe – Hall Y11 Mock French Speaking Examinations – am Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs rm Y11 Drama Trip – A Christmas Carol – 12:00 – 16:30 Y12 Parents Evening - 16:15 - 19:15 - online
Friday 17 November	Y11 Mock French Speaking Examinations - all day
Monday 20 November	Y11 Mock Examination Week 1 Assessment 2 (CAT 2) - Hall & Gym Y11 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room
Tuesday 21 November	Y11 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Bronze D of E Parents Meeting - 17:30 - 18:30 - Hall
Wednesday 22 November	House Assembly during Form Period - More – Hall Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs rm

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Thursday 23 November	Y10 Elevate Revision Workshop - All day – Hall Y10 Parents Elevate Revision Workshop - 17:00 - 18:00 - Hall
Monday 27 November	Y11 Mock Examination Week 2 Assessment 2 (CAT 2) - Hall & Gym Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Y12/13 Geography Hazards Conference - Nottingham
Tuesday 28 November	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room
Wednesday 29 November	House Assembly during Form Period - Newton - Hall
Friday 1 December	Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs Room
Monday 4 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Burleigh House Christmas Dinner - 12:40 - 13:40 - Hall
Tuesday 5 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Curteis House Christmas Dinner - 12:40 - 14:40 - Hall
Wednesday 6 December	House Assembly during Form Period - School on Teams Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs Room Foxe House Christmas Dinner - 12:40 - 13:40 - Hall
Thursday 7 December	More House Christmas Dinner -12:40 - 13:30 – Hall Y10 Parents' Evening - 16:15 - 19:15 - online
Friday 8 December	Newton House Christmas Dinner - 12:40 - 14:40 – Hall
Saturday 9 December	Old Boys' Dinner
Monday 11 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room School House Christmas Dinner - 12:40 - 14:40 - Hall
Tuesday 12 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Y12 Poems of the Decade Conference – London – 06:30 – 18:30
Wednesday 13 December	Y11 History Thackray Medical Museum Trip Leeds - All day Tim Ward - Counsellor - 10:00 - 16:00 - Tombs Room Y7 Music Concert 2 (3 Forms) - 19:00 - Hall
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Concert - 19:00 - Hall
Friday 15 December	Y8 Reports issued to parents
Monday 18 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room PTFA Choc Fest - 12:40 - 13:40 – Hall Careers Talk - 16:30 - 17:30 - Hall
Tuesday 19 December	Y9 Group Careers Meetings (All Day) Tombs Room Carol Service rehearsal – P4 Carol Service - 17:30 - 19:00 - St Wulfram's
Wednesday 20 December	Whole School Inter - House Activity - 08:50 - 09:30 End of Term 2 @ 12:45





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