



MESSAGE FROM HEAD MASTER

As you will read in this newsletter, the boys and staff have worked and played hard, achieving great things. Thank you for your continued support and belief in King's ability to bring out the best in your son(s).

I wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

With warmest good wishes,

F Hedley

Literacy Focus

The focus for Term 3 will be punctuation (section 3).

Sports Hall Nears Completion

I am delighted to inform you that our Sports Hall is nearing completion with an anticipated handover date of 22 December 2014. The four badminton-sized facility has been procured at a cost of c£725,000 which represents excellent value for money. The boys will begin to use the Sports Hall from late January following the second-fix of nets and ancillary equipment.

The school has waited a long time for this much-needed facility and the school community thanks the Education Funding Agency, the King's School Old Trust and the many parents who have contributed to this important project. [The photograph was taken before the flooring was completed].



'OH, WHAT A LOVELY WAR!'

The Drama Department produced a highly successful musical of 'Oh, What a Lovely War!' in November involving students from King's and KGGS.



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RAF COMPETITION

The King's contingent entered the RAF competition in November and came 4th on this occasion behind Kimboulton and Oundle (there was no third place).

Upcoming diary events for the RAF section are Flying on 11 January and on either 1 or 7 February. On 24 January there are exercises (Range and Obstacle Crossing at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks) for both the Army and RAF Sections.

On 21 and 22 March the joint Army and RAF 'March Hare' event will be held.

In November the boys raised £807.52 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This term the Music Department has produced two successful music concerts. Year 7 boys (from Forms 7B, 7D and 7E) prepared their first concert following the instrumental project with Lincolnshire Music Service on the trumpet, trombone, clarinet and saxophone. The audience were also treated to outstanding performances from the Soul Band and soloists including Alasdair Henderson (Year 8) who has continued with the project since he took part on the saxophone last year. The three Year 7 classes also had a fantastic



time in drumming workshops given by Tim Brain from 'Louder than Life' and the audience were treated to Samba, Djembe and Junk drumming performances. Boys in Year 7 can continue learning an instrument and should contact Mr Hird as soon as possible if they would like to take up this opportunity (pictured left a scene from the Year 7 Music Concert).

The Christmas Feast was, as ever, a celebration of musical talent from boys in Years 7 to 13 and featured a variety of performances from choirs, bands, orchestras and soloists. Special mention must go to the 'Urban Vocal Group' who arranged and sang cappella versions of 'Viva la Vida' and 'White Christmas'. We look forward to seeing this group flourish and develop in the future. Praise also to the Brass Ensemble with additional

drums, bass, guitar and piano who 'Shone like a Star'!

Mr Hird thanks all boys and parents who have supported musical events and rehearsals during this term.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS' POETRY COMPETITION 2014

We were delighted to be informed that Laurie Rowland of Year 12 had won 1st prize in the Lincolnshire Schools Poetry Competition for Key Stage 4 entries. This competition is run by The Willoughby Memorial Trust.

MATHEMATICS

The Senior Maths Team had a successful day at the regional final of the (individual) Senior Maths Team Challenge in Lincoln. They achieved second place. Following this individual round, 7 boys qualified for follow-up rounds and will take an additional test.

CHESS

Year 8 House Chess results were:

Newton (60) Curteis (57) Burleigh (32) School (21) More (13) Foxe (1)

At an event hosted by King's, and when many of our boys were playing their first matches for the school, we won with a score of 9-3. Wins were scored by: Joe Proctor, Abdullah Pirwani, Andrew Tonge, Luke Holland, Tom Stokes, Oliver Fernandez, Luke Lewis, Jake McDonald-Pie and Farhan Ali.

The first and second teams had wins against Heanor Gate School this month. Both games were very competitive.

Jacob Storey defended a difficult position and held the draw to clinch a narrow 3.5-2.5 win for the first team. Karl Southern finished off his opponent in style with a 4-2 win for the second team. Mr Beckett reports that, as ever, the boys were a credit to the school.

WATERPOLO (wrongly reported as Swimming in the last Newsletter)

Both the U16 and U18 teams progressed to the next round of the ESSA Waterpolo competition. The U16 team managed a good 2nd place in their first round competition whilst the U18 team dominated their matches, coming 1st.

GYMNASTICS

At the Lincolnshire Secondary Schools Floor & Vault competition, Daniel Watson of Year 11 won convincingly in the U16 level 2 category. Tom Wharmby of Year 13 performed a secure and precise floor performance, taking 2nd place by 0.05 of a point.

CAREERS TALKS

As part of our ongoing Careers Education programme for students and parents, the following talks have taken place:

Iain Standen—CEO of Bletchley Park Trust

Iain gave a talk on the running of Bletchley House, which housed the government Code and Cypher School (the forerunner to GCHQ) during the second world war.

Iain assumed this role in January 2012, following 28 years as a commissioned officer in the British Army.

Iain spoke briefly about his career in the Army and how the skills he learned and developed there helped him to move from a military to a civilian career and how he continues to use them in the heritage environment. He also spoke about careers in history and heritage and the exciting and varied opportunities this sector offers to intelligent and enthusiastic young people.

Nick Birch—HR Manager at Experian

Nick spoke about career options in a multinational technology company.

Fina Martinez—Magistrate

Fina is a magistrate on the adult and youth bench and administers appeals in the Crown Court. She spoke of roles in a magistrate court and how people can be involved/employed in the court system.

Mike McLoughlin—Barrister

Mike works for Microsoft as the Group Investigations Manager for Europe, the Middle East, Africa and India region. He leads a team that investigates such matters as fraud, corruption and false accounting. The theme of Mike's presentation was 'apparently boring jobs are not necessarily boring' and 'you don't have to practice law just because you studied law'.

James Hollands—Careers in Geology and the Oil Industry

James works as a consultant Geologist in the oil and gas exploration industry and has spent the last 35 years travelling the world drilling wells and finding oil. James spoke about career opportunities in the oil industry, not just for Geologists, but also for Engineers of many disciplines.

Justin Cowling—Talk on International Business

Justin began his career by studying an Electronic Engineering degree. He then worked in sales, marketing and Software Engineering Business Development. Justin also shared his experience of living and working in California where he spent 16 years in high-tech industries in Silicon Valley.

DRUG & ADDICTION TALK

This term students from Years 9 and 10 received a talk on drugs and addiction from Simon Leigh. Simon qualified with a Masters Degree in Addiction Counselling and runs private practices in London. His expertise has led to regular work with the BBC and he is also a regular contributor to broadsheet newspapers and medical journals. There was also an evening talk to enable parents to keep abreast of what their son is learning and to offer guidance and advice on how to talk to teenagers about drugs.

E-SAFETY ASSEMBLIES

School Council E-Safety Assemblies



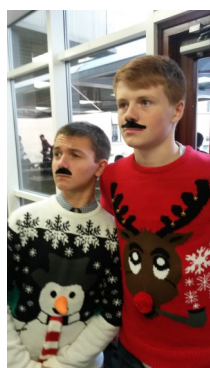
Last term the school worked with Alan Mackenzie who is an E-Safety Consultant. Alan was the e-safety lead at Lincolnshire County Council and now works with schools and local authorities.

He is a regular contributor to national newspapers.

During Term 1 Alan delivered workshops to all staff and led a parents' workshop. He also worked with members of the School Council from each year group to discuss issues surrounding e-safety. This term, Sixth Form members of the School Council have delivered some informative and engaging assemblies on e-safety.

Remembrance Service

The annual Remembrance Service took place in St Wulfram's Church on Tuesday 11 November. Following this the new tradition of the Head Master, the Head Boy and the school's youngest boy laying a wreath at the War Memorial in the Old School ensued.



Charity Fundraiser—Movember

Year 12 students James Clack and David Theisler, assisted by Mr Deller, organized the non-uniform day to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer charities. They also raised £145 through a moustache stand at lunch-time where they sold six different styles on stick-on moustache.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Old Boys' are Taught One Final Footballing Lesson!

The First XI hosted the Inaugural Old Boys' football match on Saturday 13 December, securing a 6-1 victory. In a keenly contested match the Old Boys' (led by Tom Shearer) struggled to match the passing and moving exploits of Mr Harrison's First XI team.

The First XI (we are the current Lincolnshire U18 Schools and Colleges League Champions) are enjoying another season of success and were very pleased to be the first inscription on the Old Boys' trophy.



U18 County Representatives

Christian Anderson (Year 13), Daniel Hibbert (Year 13) and Oliver Reid (Year 12) all made their U18 Lincolnshire Football debuts this term. The side lost to a very impressive Nottinghamshire side, a team which included an England Schoolboy representative.

KSSA Cross Country

Y 7 Boys	School	Junior boys	School	Inter Boys	School	Senior Boys	School
Winners	KINGS	Winners	KINGS	Winners	STGEORGES	Winners	KINGS
Second Place	STGEORGES	Second Place	SWRA	Second Place	KINGS		
3rd	PRIORY	3rd	CARRES	3rd	SES		
4th	CARRES	4th	STGEORGES	4th	SWRA		
5th	SWRA						
6th	SES						

33 students from all Key Stages represented the school in the first round of the KSSA cross country championships at Burghley House.

19 students finished within the top 12 of their respective year groups and will go on to represent the District in January.

Year 7—Gareth Lee, James Gandee, George Wardle, Matthew Smith, Ben Buck and Ben Birch.

Juniors—Tom Evans, Tom Gandee, Taylor Jordan, James Tweedie and Ed Birch.

Inter & Seniors—Ethan Richards-Cole, Seamus Sheard, Oliver Jakes, Kit Gunby, Joshua Lord, Solomon Smith, Elliot Schofield and Sam Ecclestone.

Centre Parcs KS3 Badminton

The Key Stage 3 Badminton teams (A&B) performed admirably in the first round of the national competition, falling just short of the qualification place and having to settle for second. The students were led by William Sadler (Year 9) and the team included 5 students who had never represented the school at any sport before.

There are high hopes for future success with the introduction of the new sports hall into the curriculum for the students from January.

Mr Whales reports that he has secured the services of Rod Tyler (the local development officer for Badminton) for a club for all ages which will start on 13 January from 4:00-5:00pm.



Centre Parcs KS4 Badminton



The Key Stage 4 Badminton teams (A&B) also performed admirably in the first round of the national competition, although falling just short of the qualification place and having to settle for second place.

The students were led by Daniel Watson (Year 11) and included Ashley Willows, Jacob Armstrong, Gagana Mallawaarachchi, Will Lumsdon, Tom White, Kieran Chadwick, Jacob Armstrong and Oliver Cline.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION (continued)

KSSA Rowing

Year 7: Tom Helliwell, Daniel Keenlyside, Harry Clough, Oscar Parnham, Ted Sweeney, James Gandee, Ethan Cherry, Sam Clegg.

Year 8: Andrew Wilson Axpe, James & Callum Tweedie, Emyr Jenkins, Ben Lumb.

Year 9: Tom Scott.

Year 10: Josh Peters, Harry Bartlett, Matthew Slack.

Year 11: Seamus Sheard.

Sixth Form: Joe Kane and Luke Greenwood.

Donation

The King's School Old Boys' Society have kindly donated £500 to the PE Department which has enabled the provision of 4 new football kits for the school teams (pictured right).

Football U16 County Representatives

Two Year 11 students were invited to represent the Lincolnshire Schools' Football U16 squad. Daniel Bradshaw and Corey Hammond-Hawkins played against Boston United in a game which was drawn 1-1. We were delighted to hear that Daniel was asked to captain the side.



Basketball Returns



In anticipation of the opening of the new Sports Hall in January 2015, Mr Whales has entered the school into a Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 4 KSSA Basketball League (the first in at least 15 years).

The Year 10/11 side started their league just before the Christmas break with a mini-triangular tournament at Carre's. We defeated Ruskington in our first game but finished second against our hosts in the second game. Further games are due to be played in the New Year. This is the start of an exciting new line of competition for our students. The Key

Stage 3 League will also start in the New Year.

Inspire+ Sports Ambassadors



Year 9 and Year 10 students continue their development in sports ambassadors roles. Year 9 students are working through the NGB awards and delivering voluntary sessions to local schools and clubs.

Our Year 10 Gold Ambassador students spent a day at Nottingham Trent University attending 3 informative student workshops on:

- Athlete Role Model Workshop: What skills do I have now?
- Leadership Skills Workshop: Team Maker
- Marketing a new activity: Practical



Upcoming Events

District Cross Country (RAF Cranwell)	17 January 2015
U12 & U14 Futsal	2-6 February 2015
Sports Hall Athletics	28 January 2015
County Football Finals	March 2015
U13 Volleyball	11 February 2015
U15 Volleyball	22 April 2015

RUGBY

Leicester Tigers—Guard of Honour

On Sunday 9 November, our Year 8 Rugby squad acted as the guard of honour for Leicester Tigers at Welford Road in front of 16,000 people. The boys proved to be a lucky omen for the Tigers as they ran out 27-10 winners against the Sale Sharks. More of these trips will be planned next year for other squads. The boys were a credit to the school.

Rugby Report

The school has played 57 rugby matches across all age groups during terms 1 and 2 which is a big achievement for a state school with limited resources, compared with many of the independent schools we play against.

Year 7: This has been an excellent year for this young talented side, with only one defeat all season (to Northampton School for Boys). The team has recorded impressive wins over Stamford School, Witham Hall, Wisbech Grammar and Carre's in term 2. In all, 27 boys have played in the school team and the strength in depth throughout the squad is impressive.



Year 8: The Year 8s have had a very good end to the season, finishing strongly with 3 wins in a row against Wisbech Grammar, Leicester Grammar and Witham Hall. The team was superbly managed this year by Mr Whales and Mr Richardson with all boys getting equal playing time.

Year 9: The Year 9 team have improved as the season has gone on and had a better season than last year with 5 wins and 5 losses. They ended the season with an impressive 47-

15 victory over Leicester Grammar. Mr Harrison has made big improvements with his coaching and commitment to after-school training and matches on Saturdays.

Year 10: Mr Collins has worked hard with our Year 10 squad, who made it to the last 64 of the National Vase and would have gone a lot further had we not drawn a very good Oakham side in the fourth round. The boys recorded impressive wins against Leicester, Wisbech and Spalding Grammar schools to finish with 6 wins from 12 matches.

2nd XV: A very young 2nd XV improved immensely as the season progressed with very good wins over Priory LSST, Carre's and Leicester Grammar. It is worth noting that our 2nd XV played both Carre's and Priory LSST's 1st XV squads, which shows the strength we have in our senior rugby teams.

1st XV: The 2nd XV had a better season than last year, along with a much tougher fixture schedule. After a heartbreaking defeat to Greshams in the National Cup, the boys bounced back to record impressive wins against Northampton School for Boys and Leicester Grammar, to finish the season strongly. This is a very young 1st XV and next season promises to be one to remember.

Representative Honours

The 1st XV had 9 boys in the U18 Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire (NLD) squad this year which won the U18 Midlands Division for the first time in 5 years. Members of the 1st XV U18 NLD squad were: Ed Bloodworth, Ben Addlesee, Philip Fletcher, James Newman, Joshua Hubbard, Edward Cole, Jordan, Callum and Connor Slack. The following boys were awarded with Midlands trials for their performances for the NLD side and we wish them well for these in the New Year—Philip Fletcher, Ed Bloodworth, James Newman, Joshua Hubbard and Callum Slack.

Matthew Law and Christopher Hardy were part of the U16 NLD side that recorded impressive victories over Warwickshire and the East Midlands.

RUGBY (continued)



Gifted and Talented Day with Richie McCaw

Mr McHugh and Mr Collins took 16 of our gifted and talented students to meet Richie McCaw at RAF Coningsby in November. Richie is the current Captain of the All Blacks side and the most capped All Black player of all time. The boys had an opportunity to have one to one conversations with this sporting icon and they learnt a lot from the experience. We acknowledge the RAF for allowing our boys to have this opportunity.

House Rugby

The House Rugby competition (13 December) was a huge success and the results were as follows. The overall winners were Newton.

Year 7 winners	Burleigh
Year 8 winners	Foxe
Year 9 winners	Newton
Years 10/11 winners	Curteis

The house points from the event were as follows:

Newton	46 points
Curteis	42 points
Burleigh	39 points
Foxe	39 points
More	38 points
School	30 points

There was also an Old Boys match after the House Rugby. The first team were heroic in defeat, losing to an older, more physical side by 30-11. Injury and eligibility meant that we fielded a weakened side.

On a final note, Mr McHugh would like to thank all the staff and parents who helped out with rugby this year and for giving up their weekends and evenings so that the school could play so many rugby matches throughout the year. The volume of matches played highlights the support given.

SCIENCE

GCSE Science Live Event

Year 11 scientists travelled to London to hear lectures from 5 of Britain's top scientists—Professor Robert Winston, Professor Andrea Sella, Professor Steve Jones, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Dr Simon Singh. The day was fast-moving, exciting, thought-provoking and gave students the chance to raise issues with the scientists.



SKYLON Talk at RAF Cranwell

A group of 44 Sixth Form Physicists attended a talk by Philippa Davies, Performance Engineer at Reaction Engines Ltd, entitled 'Jet into Space'. Reaction Engines are designing and manufacturing a new jet engine to power a plane up to the edge of the atmosphere using oxygen from the air and liquid hydrogen. This Lecture was sponsored by the local Civil Engineering group.

During the Gravity Fields Festival the A level Physicists visited St Wulfram's to see a CERNlive event. There were demonstrations of a bubble chamber, superconducting magnets and a model of the Large Hadron Collider amongst others as well as physicists from CERN who were available to talk to students.

PROJECT X—What Is It?

What is Project X? It is all about engineering and design innovation and the challenge was open to Year 8 students. They were required to deliver 'vital survival equipment' to two aircrew that have ejected from their aircraft and landed in enemy territory. For this challenge, the team had to plan, design and build an aircraft with a release system to allow the vital survival equipment to be delivered, without breaking, to each of the downed pilots—remembering not to injure the pilots when delivering the supplies! (The vital supplies were radios represented by eggs).

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SCIENCE (continued)

This year we started off Project X with a House competition culminating in a dragons den competition prior to half-term. This was won convincingly by Curteis House. Having spent a large number of frantic lunchtimes and after-school sessions, the plane was built. We finally arrived at RAF Waddington on 19 November for a Day of Trials competition—essentially visits to different branches of the Royal Air Force trades. The Team had an excellent design based on a Hercules C130 transport plane



complete with a delivery system from the rear of the plane. Having tried valiantly to drop their eggs on target and succeeding in the delivery of 2 out of 4, it wasn't good enough to take first place, despite giving the best Dragons Den pitch for their Year group.

YEAR 10 STEM EVENT



15 Year 10 boys attended a morning of STEM activities at RAF Cranwell on 5 December with Mr Collins (Head of Year 10). The boys took part in a series of group activities led by Sqn Ldr Tamzin Keenlyside.

STOP PRESS

We are delighted to report that John Bowskill (Year 13) who competed in Round 1 of the British Physics Olympiad, achieved a Bronze I which puts him among the top 500 Physicists in the country.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Year 7 House Dodgeball :	Winners Burleigh House
Year 11 House Dodgeball:	Winners Newton House
Year 7 House Table Tennis:	Winners Burleigh House
Year 8 House Table Tennis:	Winners More House
Year 9 House Table Tennis:	Winners Burleigh House
Year 10 House Table Tennis:	Winners Foxe House
Year 8 House Chess:	Winners Newton House
Project X—Year 8:	Winners Curteis House
House Rugby :	Winners Newton House

The House points total currently stands at:

1st	Newton	1850
2nd	Curteis	1710
3rd	Burleigh	1690
4th	Foxe	1550
5th	More	1480
6th	School	1420

HOUSE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Social Spaces

The lunch-time social spaces have continued to grow in popularity and these will continue in the New Year. Students are welcome to eat their lunch in the social space and they might like to bring in games to play during this time.

Monday: Curteis & Newton **Tuesday:** Burleigh **Wednesday:** Foxe **Thursday:** More **Friday:** School

House Christmas Lunches



The first House Christmas lunches were a huge success with over 450 boys enjoying a lunch with all the trimmings in the Old School. Each House ran their own activities, with raffles, competitions, prizes, presents and even a visit from Father Christmas. The generosity of parents was also evident and the Houses raised a combined total of over £500. A massive thank you goes to all the catering staff. We will certainly be repeating this in 2015!



Final House Competitions and Activities of Term 2

On Thursday 18 December, the following activities will take place during an extended Form period:

Year 7:	Straw and Marshmallow activity in the Gym
Years 8 & 9:	Straw and Marshmallow activity in the Hall
Years 10 & 11:	Tug of War in the Quad
Sixth Form:	Maggot Race in the Old School

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 3

TERM 3

Boys are expected back in school on Tuesday 6 January 2015 (Monday 5 January is a staff training day).

YEAR 9 OPTIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 12 January 2015—6:30-8:30pm in the School Hall and Tower Block classrooms.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Tuesday 13 January will be a non-uniform day for boys—those who wish to take part should bring £1.00 to school. The charity to benefit will be decided by the School Council.

MUSIC PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 19 January 2015—7:00pm

CAREERS TALK—MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2015—4:00-5:30PM

Information will be emailed to parents of boys in Years 8-13.

MUSIC—YEAR 9 CONCERT & JAZZ NITE

Please note that the Year 9 Concert has been moved to Thursday 5 March 2015 and Jazz Nite has been moved to Friday 6 March 2015. Both events will commence at 7:00pm.

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 21 January 2015—4:30-7:00pm in the School Hall.

END OF TERM

Friday 13 February 2015 at **3:45pm**.