



MESSAGE FROM HEAD MASTER

STAFFING

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Hibbett and Mr Scott, teachers of Business Studies and Chemistry respectively. We also say goodbye to our Groundsman, Mr Comrie and his wife Helen. We wish each of these colleagues every success in their future career.

Mr Andrew Clarke joins King's as a Teacher of Chemistry at the start of Term 5, and I am pleased to announce the following appointments all effective from September 2015.

- ◆ Mr T Cawthorn has been appointed as a Teacher of Geography
 - ◆ Mrs F Ball and Mr G Saunders have been appointed as Teachers of Mathematics
 - ◆ Mr C Green has been appointed as Teacher of Physics
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MRS JANET PHELAN (NEE LANGE)

It was with great sadness that we received the news that Mrs Phelan had died. Janet taught at King's for 35 years. Her career started in the MFL Department and eventually she became the school's first female Deputy Head. She was a much loved and highly respected colleague.

LITERACY FOCUS

The focus for Term 5 will be on improving the quality of written work (section 6 of the Key Stage 3 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar study guide).

STUDENTS IN YEARS 11, 12 AND 13

All boys in Years 11-13 will take external examinations in May and June. I ask parents to encourage their sons to engage in a rigorous revision programme over the Easter break. External examinations are getting harder so it is imperative that the boys prepare themselves in order to attain the highest possible grades in August.

HOUSE AWARDS EVENING 2015

On Monday 23 March the first House Awards evening was held in the school hall. There is more detail about the evening later in this newsletter. It was a superb event, organised by Mr Dyer, House Co-ordinator and Head of Curteis House. It was wonderful to see boys rewarded for each of our seven themes: leadership, teamwork, resilience, innovation and creativity, courage, community and kindness.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY CAMPAIGN

Parents may or may not be aware that free transport to grammar schools is granted to those children who live within a designated transport area (DTA). There are 16 of these DTAs in the county hence the policy provides free transport to approximately 75% of the county's children attending grammar schools, with LCC stating that this is discretionary.

A group of parents are heading a campaign to achieve a review of the County Council's school transport policy so that the remaining 25% of children can also have free transport to school. An online petition has been set up, along with paper petitions which are being circulated in the villages affected. The group can be found on Facebook-Lincolnshire School Transport Policy Campaign for Change and on Twitter-@SchoolTransport using #equitableSchTransport Policy. The online petition can be found at <http://epetitionslincolnshire.firmstep.com/petitions/lincolnshire-school-transport-policy-and-designated-transport-areas>.

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DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION—CONDITION IMPROVEMENT FUND

I received confirmation yesterday that the school's bid for funds to refurbish the Science Block has been rejected. Whilst this is disappointing, we will re-submit the bid later in the year. However, the bid for funds to re-roof the Tower Block complex was successful and this has provided £159,000 of additional funding to improve the school estate.

PTFA EASTER FAIR

The PTFA Committee asked me to pass on their thanks to parents and boys who supported the Easter Fair by donating, assisting and buying from the Fair. The event raised approximately £400 for PTFA funds.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parents for their continued support. I wish you a relaxing Easter break.

F Hedley—Head Master

IMPORTANT NOTE

NUT AWARENESS

Parents and boys are asked to be mindful that the school is 'nut aware' hence we need to consider the effects of bringing nut products into school may have on those with allergies.

I have been made aware that discarded nuts were scattered around a corridor in school today—not only causing litter, but potentially having an effect on the health of others.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

LIBRARY ASSISTANT—NATIONAL COMPETITION

James Kearney of Year 13 attended the 'Pupil Library Assistant of the Year' competition. James was shortlisted for the final selection and attended a presentation evening on 12 March at the BT Tower in London. Although he didn't win outright on the night, he was awarded £50 for himself and £50 for the school library for his endeavours.

James has also been helping our voluntary school archivists to catalogue materials and I know that they are extremely grateful for his contribution.

Well done James!

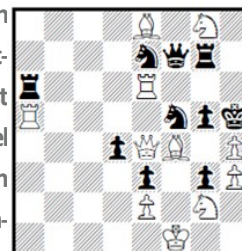
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CHESS

We are delighted to report that our chess team has qualified for the national final of the Team Problem-Solving event to be held on 22 April at Imperial College, London.

The team who successfully completed the preliminary problems are Karl Southern (captain), Dan Southern, Will Taylor, Will Knight and Luke Holland.

There will be 5 rounds of problems in the Final and the event will be witnessed by two of Britain's greatest problem-solvers—Jonathan Mestel and Jonathan Nunn, both of whom are ex-world champion problem-solvers. Pictured is an example of a problem—white to checkmate in two moves.



BADMINTON

William Sadler of Year 9 took part in a badminton tournament during half-term and did well. He participated in the U15 National Circuit Silver Competition and came third in the doubles tournament, also winning a Bronze medal.

SWIMMING

Jacob Carrington of Year 9 competed in the Nottinghamshire ASA County Championships and exceeded expected results. After qualifying to compete in 12 events, Jacob came away from the events as County Champion in the following:

100m Freestyle/200m Freestyle/50m Butterfly
50m Backstroke and 100m Backstroke

He also won Silver medals in:

200m Backstroke/100m IM/100m Butterfly

Jacob has now qualified in 8 events for the Midland Championships in May and will hopefully qualify to compete at the national championships in August.

WATER POLO

Three boys from Year 10 were in action representing the Midlands U18 Inter-Regional team at the International Aquatics Centre in Manchester recently.

Joshua Peters, Cameron Terry and goalkeeper Adam Smith were all playing young in their age group and will be eligible for the same team next season.

CCF

New recruits from both the Army and RAF sections recently took part in a one-day exercise to develop their Fieldcraft skills in preparation for this year's summer camp at Longmoor, Hampshire (Army), and Inskip, Preston (RAF). Training was divided into three strands and overseen by SSI Shane Pulfrey:

1. Favourite 24 hour Ration Pack. Cadets learnt how to feed themselves using the food items provided by the Army.
2. Looking after equipment. Cadets packed their own equipment, including in some cases, rather more than was needed—lessons were soon learned especially when carrying the pack!
3. Bivouac skills. Cadets were taught how to put up two man Bashes, they are photographed trying out their skills, especially the rudimentary elements of keeping warm and dry.

Finally an observation stand was created so cadets could learn how to move across country, using camouflage and concealment.

Cadets also presented a cheque for £150 to the Chairman of the Army Benevolent Fund, the soldiers' charity. The picture below is of Mr Neil McCorquodale receiving the cheque on behalf of the charity.



CCF activities taking place during the coming months:

Shooting for RAF and Army sections at RAF Cranwell on 25 April.

First Aid course for 30 cadets in school on 9 May.

Air Display at RAF Cosford on 14 June.

Boys interested in joining the CCF should contact SSI Pulfrey in school.

R Ogg - Lt Col, Contingent Commander

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Many boys and staff were interested in experiencing the solar eclipse on 20 March. With safety in mind—be it the solar glasses, makeshift cardboard boxes or a modified simple piece of paper, it was a sight enjoyed by all.

STEM TRIP

Ten Year 7 boys were involved in the Lincolnshire Schools' STEM Day held at the Priory City of Lincoln Academy on 25 February. Activities were designed to build teamwork skills, communication and problem-solving in Science and Technology. Cont .../

There were two competitions to come up with practical scientific solutions and King's boys were joint winners, and outright winners in Lincolnshire.

The boys were a credit to the school and have shown great potential for future academic and practical success.

Well done to Zach Batey, Pete Rajesh, James Gandee, George Park, Jack Croft, Nathan Lambley, Vlad Khalupa, Max Jappy, Matt Digby and Edward Launders-Grieve.

Mr Swettenham—Biology

LANGUAGES JOURNALISM

Five talented Year 12 students—David Theisler, Tim Mallinson, Josh Hubbard, Peter Slack and Brendan Cox—attended an enthralling and dynamic languages and journalism day at St George's Academy in Sleaford on 6 March.

In the morning they heard an inspirational talk by Simon Hart, a journalist with UEFA and the Independent newspaper. He explained how he had the good fortune to interview many footballers of all nationalities and how the ability to communicate with them in their own language had enabled him to produce insightful and personalised pieces.

For the remainder of the day it was over to the students to act as journalists to produce a front page French newspaper supplement to a professional standard. The students also had to act as reporters, attending press conferences throughout the day (delivered in French, German and Spanish) and monitor computers for breaking news stories.

The final piece, amusingly entitled 'La Salade Parisienne', was a triumph and gained a notable mention in the results stage of the competition. Although the boys did not win first prize, each one performed commendably and the group did win a prize for their entry paragraph as well as a special prize awarded to Brendan Cox for his involvement in a section on body language.



YEAR 10 STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

On 3 March Year 10 students attended a workshop delivered by a company specialising in study techniques entitled 'Superspeed Study Skills'. There was also an evening presentation for parents and students in the school hall.

YEAR 11 GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Selected Year 11 students attended a Goal Mapping workshop on 4 March. The workshop was led by a company who deliver in the corporate and education markets. The aim of the workshop was to empower students to take personal responsibility for their own future and gain greater clarity, direction and focus.

OXBRIDGE CONFERENCE

40 students from Years 11 and 12 attended an Oxbridge Conference on 20 March. The day provided an opportunity for boys to attend workshops with Oxford and Cambridge admissions tutors. There was also an opportunity to speak with current undergraduates and fellows from several disciplines as well as school liaison officers.

CAREERS FAIR

Students from Year 10 attended our first Careers Fair in March. The event was attended by:

The Armed Forces
Barclays
Sills & Betteridge
BBC Radio Lincolnshire
Siemens
Dentist—Neil Appleby



The event was a great hit with the students, who enjoyed speaking with the representatives and finding out more about different routes and pathways into various careers options.

PE/SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 9 COUNTY 7'S CHAMPIONS

The Year 9 7's team enjoyed a day of success at the county sevens this term. The team were undefeated all tournament to bring home the title. The team defeated Spalding Grammar in both the Semi-Finals and the Final.



Front (l to r):

Noah Clegg, Jonny Law, Ben Barretto, Will Dove.

Back (l to r): Will Seage, Tom Cotton, Tom Marsh, Tom Evans, Jake Eagle, Tom Casey & Mr Brister

YEAR 8 COUNTY 7'S CHAMPIONS

The Year 8 Rugby side continued to show their promise with an excellent performance at the County 7's this year. The team were undefeated throughout the day scoring an abundance of tries conceding only 3 all day. A superb display of athleticism and attacking threat resulted in being crowned County Champions.



(l to r): Ed Birch, Emyr Jenkins, Tom Duncomb, Andrew Wilson-Axpe, Callum Tweedie, Taylor Jordan, Jack Hare-Goss, Will Shennan, James Tweedie and Alex Ismail.

YEAR 9 FUTSAL COUNTY CHAMPIONS

The Year 9 Futsal team displayed a great team performance as they lifted the Futsal County Championship at the Meres. The boys won all six games topping the table comfortably, providing them with a trip to the regional finals in May.



Front (l to r): Lewis Brady, Charlie Gaskell, Iwan Evans, Back: Will Dove, Jonny Law, Tom Marsh, Ollie Brewill, George Patterson.

PE/SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 8 INDOOR ATHLETICS COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Having won the County Championships last year, the Year 8 team entered the competition feeling confident. They were convincing winners in the KSSA District round, beating Carres, Priory Ruskin and St Georges to qualify for the County Finals.



The boys were invited to the School Games Final to defend their crown and did so with an outstanding demonstration of athleticism and were once again able to call themselves the best team in Lincolnshire.

Pictured above (l to r): Ed Birch, Sheldon Fivaz, Emyr Jenkins, Taylor Jordan, Andrew Wilson-Axpe and Callum Tweedie.

LINCOLNSHIRE SCHOOLS & COLLEGES U18 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The King's School 1st XI Football team won the U18 Lincolnshire Schools' League for the second year running. The league title came down to a tense final week where four points were needed from the remaining two games against Deepings and Carres. The team delivered a resilient display against third in the table Deepings and managed to snatch a late win. This meant only a point was needed in the final game against second placed Carres. The team put in a fine performance on the day and were dominant throughout, managing a 2-0 win which meant they retained their League Champion status.

Mr Harrison thanks all the boys who represented the 1st XI this year for their time, dedication and passion shown throughout the season.



Front (l-r): Alex Dempster, Josh Kelham, James Longdon, Will Patterson, Aiden Monaghan, Jonny Blanchard (Mr Harrison)

Back (l-r): Sam Evans, Oliver Reid, Luke Bond, Euan Dolby, Christian Anderson, Alex Wharmby, Dan Hibbert, Dan Wilson, Matt Eyre, George Blanchard

YEAR 9 LEICESTER GRAMMAR 7'S CHAMPIONS

The Year 9 Rugby squad continued their outstanding 7's season with an excellent performance at the demanding invitational Leicester Grammar 7's competition. All results:

Pool Stages:

28-17 v Trent College

26-17 v King Henry VIII Coventry

45-15 v Nottingham High School

Final:

33-17 v Loughborough Grammar



YEAR 7 KING'S 7'S CHAMPIONS

The Year 7 Rugby squad retained The King's School 7's trophy won last year. The boys who represented their year group were outstanding ambassadors for the school and played some excellent rugby 7's, scoring some outstanding tries in the process. The top try scorer was Gareth Lee with 9 tries in 5 matches. The team was superbly captained by Thomas Helliwell and every boy in the squad played a crucial role in retaining the title. Results are shown below:

Pool Stages:

King's 10—Loughborough Grammar 24

King's 31—Welland PA 17

King's 24—Carres 10

Semi Final: King's 21—Newcastle under Lyme 10

Final: King's 24—Loughborough Grammar 5



KS3 SCHOOL GAMES COUNTY FINALS

This term, the U14 side were invited to the School Games County Finals for Badminton. William Sadler, William Asher, Matthew Mills and Kieran Morris all represented the school with full commitment and are ranked 5th in the county.

The event was supported by our Bronze Ambassadors from Year 9.

MATHS DEPARTMENT

This year we have 8 representatives for the Online International Mental Maths competition which will be held in April 2015. The boys selected are: Daniel Hill, Daniel Gregorick, Pip Mattison, Viren Panchal, Farhan Ali, Mitchell French, Sam Cook and Alex Pay.

After many rounds of mental card games they are now undergoing online orientation sessions to help them prepare for the international competition.

We wish them well with their practice sessions—more news next term.

Pictured below are the Year 10 boys who represented the school in the Year 10 Maths Feast competition held at KGGS and which is run by the Further Maths Support Programme. We entered 2 teams, with each team consisting of 4 students working together



on a set of problems. It is an enjoyable and challenging team competition testing mathematical, team-working and communication skills.

Mrs Drulia—Maths Department

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has been an incredibly busy and exciting term for the Music Department. First, over 80 students from Years 8 and 9 took part in a concert on 5 March. The concert was intended to increase student awareness of the music industry and they observed workshops in the Ukelele and Samba with 'Louder than Life' performing classic songs with the Junior Soul Band. Year 9 students have been learning guitar and bass during lessons and performed Rock School Grade 1 and 2 pieces. Several of the Year 9 students also took up the opportunity to arrange a song for a class band with fantastic performances of Rolling in the Deep, Stand By Me and Johnny B Goode. Judges from the music industry commented on the standards achieved and eventually awarded students from 9C as winners.

Jazz Nite was held on the evening after the Year 8/9 concert. Many members of the audience commenting "that was the best ever". Students certainly gave their all and I would like to give particular appreciation to the student-led ensembles this year.

On Saturday 14 March three of our groups—the King's Collective, The Big Band and the Urban Vocal Group attended the regional heats for the National Festival of Music for Youth. It will be a while before we hear if any of them have been invited to take part in the Finals in Birmingham—but the judges gave high praise to each group.

The following week saw boys from 7A, 7C and 7F take part in the Year 7 concert at the culmination of the class instrumental project. Well done to all involved.

Finally, on 19 March the Department held its annual Spring Concert. The inspiration for this concert was to engage students with classical repertoire and we saw the premier performance of our Concert Orchestra perform three pieces from the BBC '10 Pieces Project'. Congratulations go to Elliott Howley who took up the baton to conduct the Concert Orchestra in a performance of 'Mars' from 'The Planet's Suite' by Holst.

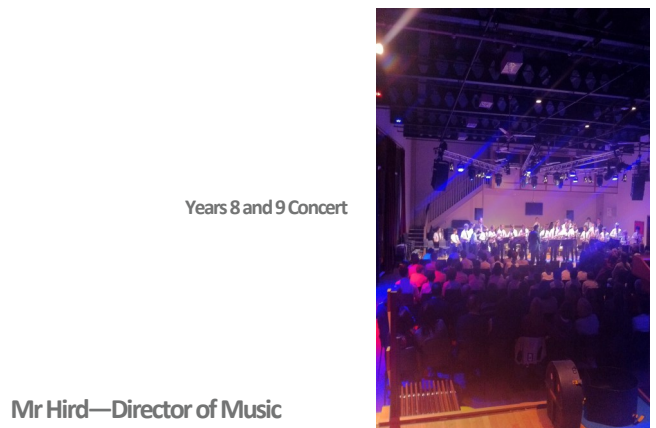
This concert also saw the choir challenged to perform 'O Fortuna' from Carmina Burana and Zadok the Priest. Both of these pieces are challenging and were delivered magnificently by the choir. Congratulations to all our ensembles and soloists this term.

Next term we see the Rhythmic Routes project and Arts Award continue for drummers from Years 8 and 10.

Upcoming concerts are: Londonthorpe Church—16 June
Head Master's Garden—1 July



Year 7 Concert



Years 8 and 9 Concert

Mr Hird—Director of Music

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Some images from this year's Jazz Nite



HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE AWARDS EVENING

The first House Awards evening was held on 23 March and was our chance to celebrate and reward the best of the best in each House.

The profile of the House system has gone through a change during the 2014-15 academic year and we have been nurturing important qualities in our students. There is more to an education at King's than examination success. A King's man should leave the school, not only with an excellent portfolio of qualifications, but also with the life skills and qualities to become someone who makes our community a better place. In particular we focused on seven House themes which we feel are important in developing our boys.

**Leadership ☆ Teamwork ☆ Resilience ☆ Kindness
Innovation & Creativity ☆ Courage ☆ Community**

The nominees were made from each House either by staff or their peers. All the nominees have shown these skills and qualities in exceptional ways throughout the year. All nominees are commended for being more than just academically gifted. The nominations are listed below and the winners for each category are highlighted in green:

LEADERSHIP

Burleigh: Luke Greenwood
Curteis: **Bradley Marks**
Foxe: Ross McIntyre
More: Solomon Smith
Newton: Chris Ramsay/Harry Edwards
School: Luke Papworth

TEAMWORK

Burleigh: Will Helliwell
Curteis: Oliver Barry
Foxe: Tom Evans
More: **Jacob Bradshaw**
Newton: Sam Nicholas
School: Ben Lumb

RESILIENCE

Burleigh: **Ethan Kendle**
Curteis: Joshua Hough
Foxe: Sam Bevan
More: Aaron Trevor
Newton: Brandon Spridgens
School: Jordan Seetul-Drew

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

Burleigh: Alex Graham
Curteis: Joshua Farmer
Foxe: James Tweedie
More: Sam Jackson
Newton: Joshua Peters
School: **Tom Griffin**

COURAGE

Burleigh: **Jack Parker**
Curteis: Callum Jenkins
Foxe: James Gandee
More: Daniel Simmonds
Newton: Tom Ives
School: Haydn Godfrey

COMMUNITY

Burleigh: Dan Egerton
Curteis: Will Cherry
Foxe: **Ed Dixon**
More: Caleb Mackey
Newton: Oliver Shrouder
School: Dan Wilson

KINDNESS

Burleigh: Tim Hammond
Curteis: Dominic Mould
Foxe: Jack Mills
More: Daniel Jackson
Newton: **Connor Mackin**
School: Cameron Chow

The overall winning House for the year was NEWTON HOUSE. All members of Newton will be invited to participate in a trip to Alton Towers in Term 6. The points were very close and every House should be congratulated for such a fantastic and memorable set of competitions and events. The final points totals were:

1st	Newton	3332
2nd	Curteis	3193
3rd	More	3088
4th	Burleigh	3055
5th	School	3019
6th	Foxe	2997

The House Awards evening would not have been possible without the sponsorship and generosity of local businesses:

Escritt, Barrell & Golding
Viking Signs
Bird & Co Solicitors
Print Bureau
Vale Garden Houses
The Eden Hotel
The Eden Wine Bar
Belton House
Hallgarten Wines
King's School PTFA
Morrisons

HOUSE NEWS CONTINUED .../

HOUSE AWARDS EVENING

Our Heads of House, who have shown exceptional energy and commitment to our changing House system are thanked for their encouraging, engaging and all-round organisation of House activities:

Burleigh: Mr Collinson
 Foxe: Mr Beardsall
 More: Mr Roberts
 Newton: Mr Collins
 School: Miss Henry

Some of the House competitions this year included:

Dodgeball	Maths Challenge
Basketball	Chess
Table Tennis	Rugby
Tug of War	Football
Straw Tower Challenge	Monopoly
Maggot Race	Countdown
Project X	Whist
Christmas Lunch	Easter Egg Hunt
Rap Battle	Quiz

We have also been running a weekly House social space where students can socialise, play games, eat their lunch and generally have some fun.

Next term the new House Year begins. Look out for even more competitions, social spaces and of course Sports Day. Let the new battle commence!

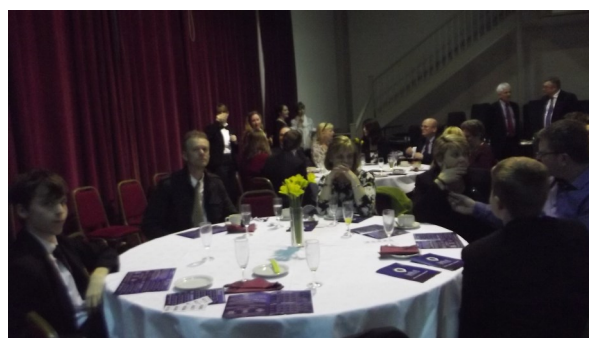
Mr Dyer—House Co-ordinator & Head of Curteis House

Pictures from the House Awards

Evening—23 March

Below:

Mr Roberts & Mrs Hibbett looking dapper/glamorous



Boys & their guests



Boys & their guests



Brandon Spridgens arriving



Miss Henry & Daniel Wilson

DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 5

TERM 5

Boys are expected back in school on Tuesday 14 April 2015.

OLD BOYS' AGM

Tuesday 14 April 2015—7:30pm in Room 34.

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 15 April—4:30-7:00pm in the Hall.

FIRST XI CRICKET TRIALS

Wednesday 15 April 2015.

BELTON HORSE TRIALS

Some CCF cadets involved in setting up/maintaining the course for the Belton Horse Trials—Thursday eve—Sunday (16-19 April).

MUSIC—YEAR 13 MUSIC PERFORMANCE EXAMS—RECORDING SESSION

Friday 17 April 2015.

COUNTY GOLF COMPETITION

Under 15 handicap at Holme Hall Golf Club—Monday 20 April 2015.

INTERVENTION MEETINGS—HEADS OF YEAR

Monday 20 April 2015—4:00-6:30pm.

YEAR 7 MATHS EXPLAINED

Tuesday 21 April—6:30pm in Room 33.

FIRST XI CRICKET MATCH V. CARRES (A) - 1:30pm—Wednesday 22 April.

COUNTY GOLF COMPETITION

15+ handicap at South Kyrme Golf Club.

FIRST XI CRICKET MATCH V. STAMFORD (A) - 2:00PM—Tuesday 28 April.

U14 CRICKET MATCH V. HILL HOUSE (A) - 2:00PM—Tuesday 28 April.

GOVERNORS' MEETING

Tuesday 28 April.

U13 & U12 CRICKET MATCH V. HILL HOUSE (H) - 2:00PM—Wednesday 29 April.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Thursday 30 April.

U15 CRICKET MATCH V. HILL HOUSE (A) - 2:00PM—Thursday 30 April.

FIRST XI CRICKET MATCH V. SPALDING—2:00PM—GRANTHAM CRICKET CLUB—Wednesday 6 May.

U15 CRICKET MATCH V. STAMFORD (A) - 2:00PM—Wednesday 6 May.

U14 CRICKET MATCH V. STAMFORD (H) - 2:00PM—Wednesday 6 May.

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DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 5

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 6 May—4:30-7:00pm.

U12 & U13 CRICKET MATCH V. LEICESTER GRAMMAR (H) - 2:00PM—Thursday 7 May.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE PRACTICE

Saturday/Sunday 9-10 May 2015.

EXAMINATION WEEK—YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Week commencing 11 May 2015.

FIRST XI, U15 & U14 CRICKET MATCHES V. WORKSOP (A) - 2:00PM - Wednesday 13 May.

YEAR 9 STEM EVENT AT RAF CRANWELL

Friday 15 May—9:30-12:30pm—Head of Year and 15 students.

U13 & U12 CRICKET MATCHES V STAMFORD (A) - 2:00PM—Friday 15 May.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION

Saturday/Sunday 16-17 May 2015.

EXAMINATION WEEK—YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Week commencing 18 May 2015.

U15 & U14 CRICKET MATCHES V. LEICESTER GRAMMAR (A) - 2:00PM—Monday 18 May.

GOVERNOR MEETING

Tuesday 19 May 2015.

END OF TERM

Friday 22 May 2015 at 3:45pm.