



HEAD MASTER'S PAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy term is drawing to a close. As I write, Year 13 students are busy completing their mock examinations—I wish them every success.

The pressure on boys to achieve remains intense so I ask for the support of parents of boys in Years 11 and 13 to encourage their sons to plan a robust revision programme.

OFQUAL—NEW GCSE GRADES

As many parents will already be aware, in 2018 GCSEs will be graded 9 to 1 in August.

GCSEs are being reformed to match the best systems in the world and keep pace with universities' and employers' demands.

GCSE content will be more challenging but still suitable for a wide range of abilities. They will be graded on a new scale of 9 to 1 rather than A* to G, with 9 the highest grade, to distinguish clearly between the reformed and unreformed qualifications.

Started course in 2016, exams 2018	Start course in 2017, exams 2019
English & Maths (as in 2017), plus:	2016 subjects, plus:
French, German, Latin, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science, Geography, History, Art & Design, Computer Science, Music, Food Prep & Nutrition, PE, RE (including short course)	Economics, Statistics Business, Design and Technology PE short course, Psychology, Sociology

When do these reforms affect GCSE students?

The table below should help parents to understand the new numerical grades set against the old alphabetical grades.

Grading new GCSEs from 2017		
	New grading structure	Current grading structure
In the first year, the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 & above	9	A*
	8	A
	7	A
Achieve a grade 4 & above	6	B
	5	C
	4	C
Achieve a grade 1 & above	3	D
	2	E
	1	F
	1	G
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SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

The theme for the 2018 Safer Internet Day campaign is "Create, Connect & Share Respect: A better internet starts with you." During the course of the week beginning Monday 6 February I led assemblies focusing on how the internet can impact on each students' digital well-being and relationships.

Parents can find resources to support the school's work using the following link: www.saferinternet.org.uk

STAFFING

In January we welcomed Mr Stephen Porter to the school's Estates Team.

Mrs Somerville will be working with IT/Computing students in Mr Greenhalgh's absence.

LITERACY FOCUS

The literacy focus for Term 4 is as follows:

Year 7:	Spelling and CGP Sections 1 and 2
Year 8:	Commas, CGP 27
Year 9:	Sentence structure, CGP 48-52
Years 10 & 11:	Employing subject specific vocabulary

PARENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents should not come into school without first signing in at the School Office.

If you wish to see a member of staff, in most cases an appointment should be made.

Staff often have other commitments during non-contact time and at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you.

HELP FOR HEROES

A letter of thanks has been received from the charity Help for Heroes to students who donated £94.21 following the school's Remembrance Day service.

STUDENT SICKNESS

Parents and students are asked to adhere to the school's policy on boys who feel unwell during the school day. The policy is that boys must present themselves at the school office for assessment. They should not take it upon themselves to contact home without first being seen in the school office. If a boy is deemed to be too ill to carry on with the school day, parents will be contacted by the school.



KING'S NEWSLETTER

Items for the King's Newsletter should be submitted to Mrs Orrey, PA to the Head Master, at least 10 days prior to the end of each term (su.orrey@kings.lincs.sch.uk)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

YOUNG FILM MAKER

During the autumn term Milosz Kaluza of Year 10 directed as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. The film, entitled 'Runaway' tells the story of self-harm and mental health issues among the young.

Milosz's film focuses on a teenage character who has suffered for years through the fighting of his divorced parents and begins cutting himself early on because he feels ignored, silenced and has become a pawn between his parents. He reaches the end of his tether when he speaks up but is dismissed and he then chooses to runaway.

Milosz put out a message on Facebook asking for somebody to write the story. The script has been written by Carolyn Gubrud from Chicago.

Milosz has been making films for six years and would like to become a film director and set up his own production company.

Well done Milosz.

LIFE SAVING

Two members of Grantham Life Saving Club, Tom Fulcher and Jacob Parnham, both of Year 8, have received the Rookie Distinction Award, receiving their certificates from the Club Chairman.

Tom and Jacob are the first to achieve this fine accolade at the Club. They have worked their way from Bronze Level 1 all the way to Gold Sport since joining the Club at the age of 8. They have also achieved all the available awards at beach and still water, with training taking place at Chapel St Leonards and Rutland Water.

Tom and Jacob have now moved on to the Survive and Save training programme.

Well done boys.

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Year 8 poetry competition. Students wrote on a wide range of topics including war, time, space, politics and fear, to name but a few. We were impressed by the depth of their ideas as well as their manipulation of the French language. Five boys were also so confident that they read their poems out in the Year 7/8 assembly in January. The boys were Christian Chambers, Ben Halliday, Thomas Littlecott, Travis Williams and Samuel Davie, whose poem about the fallen in war is reproduced below. Other boys who also excelled in the competition were Jay Hawkins, Saeed Ali, Rory Herring and Edward Denton. Well done to all of these boys.

Les Fleurs de Sang

Les fleurs soufflent dans le vent
Elles fleurissent dans la boue
Il y a des jours, ils étaient des hommes
Maintenant ils sont couchés, comme les fleurs de sang

Les fleurs soufflent dans le vent
Comme brûlent les armes à feu
Les hommes fleurissent dans le sang
Et les lis poussent de leurs poitrines

FRENCH DEPARTMENT Cont.../

Les fleurs soufflent dans le vent
Elles fleurissent dans les tranchées
Dans les fossés, dans les rivières
Insouciantes aux cris de ceux qui les aiment

Mrs Roberts, Subject Leader for French

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

In January thirty Year 9 students from King's displayed their poetry in the Newton Room at the Guildhall in Grantham.

Each poem was written to capture the gritty realism of the urban centre within Grantham from a young person's perspective. Their poetry presented an honest interpretation of how they saw Grantham while exploring some of the town's rich cultural heritage and local history.

Some of those images inevitably capture a sense of urban decay while other poems focus on the impact of traffic and town planning. Importantly, the role of Grantham within the world, both past and future, is a theme that also features in the students' work.

Year 9 student George Whinney reflected that, "The starting point for my poem was when we undertook research around the town. I found out all sorts of things that I never knew. Then, we went outside and tried to identify different images. It was absolutely freezing that day and it was difficult to write. However, it was worth it."

English teacher, Mr Johnson, explained, "it is wonderful to see so many young people not only writing poetry—but also enjoy reading it as well. I am delighted that our students have had the opportunity to display their poems in public."

Pictured right are: George Whinney
and William Ellis



MUSIC

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC PERCUSSION MASTERCLASS

On 18 January we were visited by David Hockings and The Royal College of Music Percussion Quartet. They were joined by the internationally-renowned solo marimba specialist, Se-mi Hwang. During the day students took part in masterclasses on the drum kit and tuned percussion.



In the evening the Percussion Quartet and Se-mi Hwang presented a concert of contemporary percussion music, with many works which were commissioned for the group.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT Cont .../

JAZZ NITE

As usual, Jazz Nite was a complete sell-out. The evening featured The Big Band, Knotso's, Senior and Junior Soul Bands, Soloists and many excellent student-led ensembles.

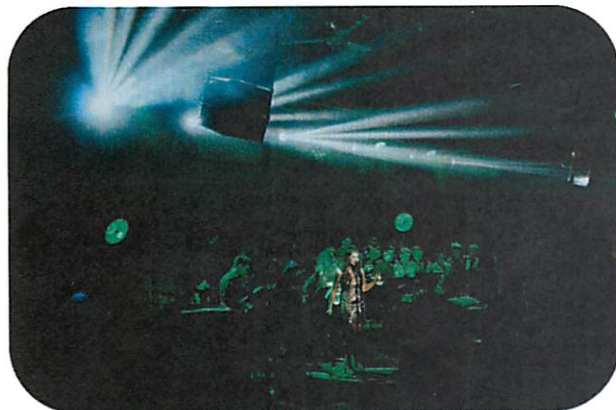
The music ranged from the 1920s to Adele and Stevie Wonder, hopefully introducing new music to the audience. There were also performances from the Grantham Music Centre Big Band. The evening, filled with music, lasted for over 3 hours and half of the evenings' entertainment was performed by student-led groups, which they had organised and rehearsed themselves and many boys arranged their own music.

These groups are a testament to the talent and ambitious nature of the students within the Music Department.

Mr Lond, Subject Leader for Music



A selection of images from Jazz Nite



PE DEPARTMENT

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS



Well done to the King's U13 table tennis team who represented Lincolnshire in the Butterfly National School Team Championships.

The team of Max Dean, Jai Mistry-Moulton (both Year 8), and Tiger Chin and Joseph Marlor (both of Year 7), were placed third overall and have qualified for the regional finals. They showed excellent team spirit and maximum effort throughout the competition.

Jai, as Team Captain and first seed, won 7 of his 8 matches, showing perseverance at all times against some tough competition. Joseph also played well, winning 5 of his 8 matches, remaining calm and positive throughout the tournament when both playing and umpiring. Max has only played table tennis for pleasure at school and is commended for his perseverance and taking on board advice from other players. This is also a new sport for Tiger who was an exemplary sportsman, keeping calm under pressure and trying his best at all times. Max and Tiger enjoyed themselves so much that they are now hoping to join Clifedale Chandlers Table Tennis Club.

Special mention goes to Flynn Connolly of Year 9 who gave his time to go to the tournament to coach the King's team.

Playing for the Clifedale Chandlers in a 2* tournament, Jai Mistry-Moulton and Flynn Connolly both gave good performances, with Flynn achieving the runner-up trophy in the Cadet boys and finishing first in the consolation event in the Junior Boys category.

Jai made the semi-finals of the U13 Boys main event, and in the Cadet Boys finished runner-up in the consolation event.

Both boys played some of their best table tennis.

WATER POLO

Will Herring of Year 11 has been selected to train with the U17 England Water Polo squad. This will mean monthly training sessions in Manchester as well as his home/regional training commitments—good luck Will!

Congratulations to Noah Cadby, Aaron Trevor, Will Herring, (all Year 11), Matthew Smith, Jermaine Cann-Livingstone (Year 10) and Oliver Coyle (Year 9) on being selected to represent the regional East Midlands Water Polo Squad in the U18 Boys' Inter-Regional Championships 2018 held earlier this month at the Liverpool Aquatics Centre.

With wins over the Scotland national side and the West Midlands the boys only lost to the top 2 positioned teams in the Championships—Wales and the East. The young East Midlands squad secured a very creditable 5th place in this national competition. Well done boys.

PE DEPARTMENT Cont .../

BADMINTON

The Inter-Years Badminton Team came 2nd in the County finals behind William Farr School, who brought a nationally ranked player and 2 County players in their team of 4. This was the only match our boys lost, after winning 5-0 vs Bourne and 3-2 vs Horncastle Grammar.

Well done to Siluna Mallawaarachchi, Kieran Morris, Gareth Lee and Hasham Mufti.

ICE HOCKEY

Mitch Jewitt of Year 9 has played ice hockey for several years and at present plays for the U15s Nottingham Ice Cats Team. He began playing ball hockey 3 years ago and for the last 2 years has played for the U13s GB Development Team.

Mitch has recently been selected for the U16s GB World Championship Team for Ball Hockey which takes him to Czechoslovakia in the summer.

FOOTBALL

Football is enjoying a successful year with all but one year group entering the final stages of the County Cups.

Special mention goes to the Year 7 team who successfully navigated their way to the last 32 of the National Cup; a competition which started with 622 teams. This is a fine achievement, and our congratulations go to James Hirst-Butler, Toby Watchorn, Joe Doubell, Albert Seaman, Samuel Morgan, Ethan Blackmore, Jack Hall, Henry Lister, Max Fisher, Archie Tagg, Kieran Glover and Sean Edwards.

BASKETBALL

The Sixth Form Basketball team enjoyed an impressive 76-43 victory over Lincoln Minster.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Following their fantastic efforts at Burleigh Park, Monty Towns, Ben Gregory, Archie Bradbury, Will Inman, Ed Buck, Tom Gandee, Jasper Adamson and Jack Pemberton have all qualified to become Lincolnshire Cross-Country runners.

TAE KWON-DO

Harley Ebb of Year 8 is celebrating after being promoted to first degree black belt.

Harley has been training for more than 4 years to achieve this prestigious grading which took place in front of a team of 6 black belt world masters at the Tai Kwon-Do Association of Great Britain headquarters in Bristol.

Well done Harley.

TENNIS SENIOR STUDENTS' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As the Newsletter goes to print, the senior boys have made it through to the last 16 of the national championships and are due to play Alcester Grammar away on the afternoon of 8 February. Best of luck to Owen Shaw, Lewis Picker, Marco Pierbattisti and Lewis Postle.

INSPIRE+ LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Inspire+ Leadership Programme has seen Finn Wood, Jamie Goodwin, Will Schofield, James Johnson, Toby Yates, Cameron McLean and Finlay Dorsett deliver primary school activities in New Age Curling, Goalball and Badminton.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Congratulations to the U13 and U14 Rugby Teams who are now County Cup Champions. Both teams beat Priory LSST to achieve this honour, winning 50-0 and 63-0 respectively. A fuller report will be given in the next newsletter.

PFTA NEWS

Non-School Uniform Day for the PTFA

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent non-school uniform day. £874.70 was raised, all of which goes towards fun stuff for the boys.

Secondhand Uniform on Sale at Parents' Evenings

We are always grateful for secondhand school uniform and will be selling it at Parents' Evenings. Sales at the Year 9 evening raised £24 and parents were pleased to buy good condition pieces as spares.

Fun Stuff for the Boys

You may have noticed outdoor table tennis tables mushrooming around the grounds. The PTFA have just funded some more (there are about 18 now) paid for by money from the PTFA and raised from events such as the Annual Ball, the Gold Card Draw, the chocolate tombolas and non-uniform days.

Thank you for your support.

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CCF NEWS



Lt Col Ogg



SSI Pulfrey

More images from the wreath laying at the Cenotaph, London on 11 November.



RAF CRANWELL—FLYING

Ten RAF cadets underwent Air Experience Flying at RAF Cranwell in November. They all had an enjoyable experience, with 8 of them being new flyers.

RAF Cadets, plus Flying Officer Davis, with their new flyer certificates outside 7 Air Experience at Cranwell



On Sunday 4 February 12 cadets from King's and Magnus School enjoyed a flying experience at RAF Cranwell. 11 of the cadets were first time flyers. All cadets achieved at least 20 minutes flying time. The cadets are pictured below.



RAF CCF EASTERN COMPETITION

On a cold Saturday in January members of the CCF travelled to RAF Honington to compete in the Eastern Area Competition.

The boys competed in 7 events throughout the day and were placed fourth overall out of 18 schools, only missing out on a place in the National Finals by 2 points. However, following a recount, we were placed third, therefore making the National Finals to take place at RAF Halton in early March.

The boys' conduct throughout the day was exemplary and staff report that they were a pleasure to escort to RAF Honington.

SSI Pulfrey, Flying Officer Davis, and Cpt Dunlop supported the cadets during the competition weekend.

Flt Lt. Catherine Barton



The RAF Competition Team

Flt Lt Barton and Lt Col Ogg have submitted a senior cadet's name together with his CV for selection consideration for a prestigious 'Air Chief Marshall Sir Michael Knight Flying Scholarship' which would provide him with 33 hours of flying instruction and the chance to obtain a full Private Pilot's Licence. More to follow in due course.

Cadet and Staff News

Cadet Adam Armstrong of the Army Section has been promoted to Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM).

Cadet Kevin Mason has also been promoted to Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO).

These promotions are the highest ranks a cadet can aspire to in the CCF—congratulations to both for the well-deserved recognition.

One of our new officers, U/O Tom Dunlop has been selected for his Officer Preliminary course at Prince William Barracks this month.

Capt. Peter Dunlop and Lt Col Ogg have just renewed their Level 3 First Aid at Work qualifications.

Sgt Ed Johnston has been selected to attend a 'pilot' event at the Army Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park in London. This is to assess how senior cadets can compete and develop during the Master Cadet course. It is an achievement to be proud of that one of our cadets has been selected to participate.

CCF NEWS Cont .../

Upcoming Activities

On 17 February the whole CCF Contingent and the Magnus School cadets are to have their first Field Day exercise in preparation for the March Hare exercise. This will be conducted by Lt Col Ogg and SSI Pulfrey at Stoke Rochford. The order of the day will be Fieldcraft, Section Battle Drills etc.

On 3 March at RAF Cranwell the CCF have their Range Day when Skill at Arms training and shooting will be tested, as well as a 'first look' at team selection for the Cadet Skill at Arm Meeting (CADSAM) which will take place later in the year.

On 5/6 May there will be the March Hare exercise for all cadets at Oasby with night exercises, camping and fieldcraft training and testing taking place.

The annual Leaver's Regimental CCF Dinner will take place in the Old School on 20 June 2018 when our VIP guest is Air Vice Marshall Gary Waterfall CBE (an old boy of the school).

The Army Section Summer Camp (24-30 June) is to be hosted by 11 Brigade at Crowborough for 40 of our cadets.

RAF Camp details are pending at the current time.

Avid followers of CCF events may have noticed that at this time of year when the Contingent would normally be entering a team for the Combat Cadet Competition held by 7 Brigade we don't have an entry. Although a bid was entered for the competition King's was not selected to participate as there were too many applications and not enough team places available. We will try again next year.



Pictured above: RAF Drill Team

Pictured below: LSW Training



SELFLESS ACT

Cameron Cox of Year 13 recently underwent a Bone Marrow donation procedure that helped to save a critically ill child.

This is a painful procedure and is not taken lightly, so well done Cameron for your bravery.



Extra-Curricular Activities - Term 4

Here is a flavour of the extra-curricular activities taking place during Term 4 before school, at lunchtimes and after school:

Mondays:

Junior Brass Ensemble	Homework Room
Senior Soul Band	Junior Choir
RE Year 10 Revision	Basketball
Spelling Bee	Languages Club
GCSE Geography Revision	Year 8 Science Club
Year 9 Football	Cross-Country Club

Tuesdays:

Junior Percussion Ensemble	Newton & More House Social
Homework Room	Concert Band
String Ensemble	Year 11 French/German Enrich.
Year 8 Basketball	Quiz Club
Whist Club	Year 8 Football
Sixth Form Geography Rev.	Year 11 History Revision

Wednesday:

Knotso's (Junior Big Band)	Curteis & School House Social
Homework Room	KS4 & 5 Business & Economics
Wind Band	Geography Club
Geology Club	GCSE Chemistry Revision
Support for Year 11 French	Years 7, 8 & 9 Table Tennis
Year 13 Intervention/Revis.	Year 7 Football
Badminton	Support for Year 11 French Spkg
Warhammer Club (1 per month—next one is 28 February)	

Thursday:

Senior Brass Ensemble	Saxophone Ensemble
Homework Room	Burleigh & Foxe House Social
Chemistry Clinic	Indoor Cricket
Senior Choir	Senior Percussion Ensemble
Junior Maths Challenge	CCF
CCF BTEC	Support for Year 11 French
Year 10 Football	

Friday:

Homework Room	House Sporting Activities
GCSE Chemistry Support	Junior Soul Band
Chess	CAROM Maths (Sixth Form)
CCF Shooting Club	Big Band



DATES FOR DIARIES—EVENTS DURING TERM 4 (2018)

WEEK COMMENCING 19 FEBRUARY: WEEK B YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

- Monday 19 February: TERM BEGINS
YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY IN THE TOMBS ROOM
- Wednesday 21 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—NEWTON & CURTEIS
YEAR 12 OXFORD TRIP—ALL DAY
- Thursday 22 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY IN THE TOMBS ROOM

WEEK COMMENCING 26 FEBRUARY: WEEK A

- Monday 26 February: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS—ALL DAY
- Tuesday 27 February: YEAR 11 STUDENTS TO GCSE SCIENCE LIVE EVENT
- Wednesday 28 February: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—MORE & SCHOOL
- Thursday 1 March: CAREERS DROP-IN—ALL YEAR GROUPS—TOMBS ROOM
YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING—4:15-7:15PM IN THE HALL

WEEK COMMENCING 5 MARCH: WEEK B

- Tuesday 6 March: YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK—ALL DAY
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING—12 NOON—OLD SCHOOL
- Wednesday 7 March: HOUSE ASSEMBLIES—FOX & BURLEIGH
YEAR 10 CAREERS FAIR—OLD SCHOOL
PTFA MEETING—7:30PM—ROOM 34
- Thursday 8 March: CAREERS DROP-IN—ALL YEAR GROUPS—MORNING ONLY—TOMBS ROOM
YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING—4:15-7:15PM IN THE HALL
- Weekend: BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH—2 DAY PRACTICE EXPEDITION

WEEK COMMENCING 12 MARCH: WEEK A

- Monday 12 March: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS
YEAR 8 GERMAN TRIP DEPARTS (RETURNS ON 17 MARCH)
- Wednesday 14 March: YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT 2 REHEARSALS ALL DAY IN THE HALL (FORMS 7C, 7M & 7S ONLY)
YEAR 7 MUSIC CONCERT 2—7:30PM IN THE HALL
- Thursday 15 March: SPRING CONCERT REHEARSALS ALL DAY IN THE HALL
RUGBY 7'S—ALL ENGLAND U16
SPRING CONCERT—7:30PM IN THE HALL
- Saturday 17 March: YEAR 8 GERMAN TRIP RETURNS

WEEK COMMENCING 19 MARCH: WEEK B GCSE & A LEVEL MUSIC RECITALS

- Monday 19 March: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS
YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Tuesday 20 March: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Wednesday 21 March: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
WHOLE-SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITY 8:50-9:35AM
- Thursday 22 March: CAREERS DROP-IN—ALL YEAR GROUPS—MORNING ONLY—TOMBS ROOM
YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Friday 23 March: YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK
- Weekend: YEAR 9 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH—2 DAY ASSESSED EXPEDITION

WEEK COMMENCING 26 MARCH: WEEK A

- Monday 26 March: YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS
HOUSE AWARDS CEREMONY—7:00PM IN THE HALL
- Tuesday 27 March: PTFA EASTER FAYRE IN THE HALL AT LUNCHTIME
- Wednesday 28 March: **END OF TERM—3:45PM**

SKI TRIP DEPARTS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS