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NEWSLETTER



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UPDATES FOR THE PARENTS OF KINGS'



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Kings' Under 14 Boys' Hockey Team Bring Home National Cup!

Kings' School, Winchester Under 14 Boys' Hockey team have won the inaugural England Hockey Tier 1 State School's cup in Nottingham; the school's first ever National team sports title.

Having won all three matches on their recent school Netherlands Hockey Tour, the team were in great form but came up against some formidable opposition in Nottingham. In a seven-a-side format, with matches lasting 15 minutes, they won their group courtesy of a 3-0 win over Northampton School for boys, a 0-0 draw with Cranbrook school, Kent, and a 6-0 win against an excellent King Edward VI, Stratford Upon Avon school, where Kings' really found their stride.

The team progressed to the Tier 1 Cup semi-final where they faced Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, who were the winners of group A. Kings' started the match at a ferocious pace and took the lead almost immediately. They played with passion, precision and purpose, finishing their chances superbly to secure an emphatic 4-1 win.

...And so onto the final where they played The Ecclesbourne School, Derbyshire. In what was the inaugural final of the England Hockey Tier 1 State School's Cup, this was an excellent advert for the sport with two schools perfectly matched with hardly a hair's breadth between them. Kings' weathered the initial pressure heaped on them very well, saving strongly, defending resolutely and then enjoying some possession and control themselves. It was in this period that they went ahead after a determined drive along the baseline of the circle by outstanding captain Matthew Richman, who then finished from an acute angle. Kings' controlled the game for the proceeding minutes and soon went 2-0 up when UK Lions U14 player Tom Nolan broke free, evaded a number of tackles and finished powerfully from the top of the circle.



Ecclesbourne were wounded but responded superbly from the push back, finishing with a rasping first time volley past goalkeeper of the tournament Oliver Corrie from a precision perfect aerial pass. The final minutes of the game were understandably tense but the tireless Rory Jack closed down and sewed up the midfield, the rock like Greg Williams swept everything in his path at centre back and Lawrence Champion at left wing back and Philip Moinier at right wing back offered superb outlets. But even then the game had a nail biting finish with Ecclesbourne being awarded a penalty corner on the full time whistle and sending their entire team up. Kings' School has come so close in national finals in various sports over the last few decades, so there was an air of inevitability in this moment: But seven brave lions of Kings' school said 'not this time', held their nerve and cleared the ball to safety, sparking wild celebrations amongst the 13 squad members who knew they had just made history as the winners of the inaugural England Hockey Tier 1 State School's Cup and the first Kings' team sport national champions. Unusually their coach, and Head of PE, Mr Birch was initially rendered speechless but both he and Head of Games, Mr Osborne agreed that they were 'so, so proud of every member of the team, who had seized this opportunity and made history'.

Although the tournament format was 7-a-side, it was absolutely a squad effort and all thirteen boys who travelled to Nottingham had pitch time and contributed. This win is testament to all their hard work and commitment and was made all the better for their outstanding sporting behaviour and conduct which was commented on by numerous people throughout the day. Even at the full time whistle and on lifting the cup, the boys were consummate gentlemen and magnanimous in victory.

CALSHOT ACTIVITY CENTRE

A lucky 10 pupils had a fantastic time away last week at Calshot Activity Centre, with the Pupil Support Department. All pupils and staff conquered their fears and tried new activities. These included archery, climbing, cycling, (on all kinds of bikes, in the velodrome) shooting, a giant swing with a drop, kayaking and ringos.

As a staff team we had an amazing time and were really impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all pupils. Calshot staff even commented to us how polite and helpful they were. As ever, it was brilliant to see empty wheelchairs, as every child was able to access all the action. Some pupils had not been on a residential trip before, and others had not shared rooms with friends. So it wasn't just the adrenaline inducing activities that made this such a memorable trip for everyone involved, it was an opportunity for them to push themselves out of their comfort zones and develop their truly exceptional characters.





Kings' PTA – Quiz Night 2.0, 19th May 2023



Don't forget to get your tickets for Kings' Quiz Night on 19th May 2023.

Tickets now on sale via the PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/kingsssa

It is a fun quiz, accessible to all, everyone can have a go. You don't have to be super brainy, all questions are either multiple-choice, percentages or guess the year. There's lots of fun and laughter.

Tickets are £15 and include a Chicken Balti Supper or a Vegan option. There's a bar all night.

Doors open at 6.30pm, supper is at 7.15pm and the Quiz starts at 8pm. We usually wrap up by 10:30pm. For those wanting to block book, it'll be tables of 8.

Please support the school and come along to Kings' Quiz Night. We are trying to raise money to refurbish the Library.

Thank you to all the parents involved in the Shaping the Future Forum on school values, rewards and recognition. Pupils will be discussing and sharing their ideas next week and we look forward to sharing the outcome of this work over the coming weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS - PREFECTS 2023/24

It has been a huge privilege to select the next cohort of prefects for 2023/24. Prefects are a long established and crucial aspect of the culture and ethos of Kings' School. This year, Year 10 pupils had to write a formal application letter to show their interest in becoming a Prefect and we were incredibly impressed by the sincerity and integrity in the applications. The Prefects will have the responsibility for upholding, delivering and supporting our school's vision and ethos; they will also be role models for our younger pupils, modelling for them the qualities of exceptional character and commitment to our school community.

Over the coming weeks our current prefects will also be given the opportunity to apply for the Senior Prefect roles. If they wish, those appointed to Senior Prefect may put in their application for a position on the Pupil leadership team or as House Captains. These final roles will be decided after an interview with the Head of Year and Headteacher. We strongly believe that these opportunities not only build confidence and resilience in our pupils, but are also an excellent way of preparing them for the inspiring futures ahead of them.

I'm sure I speak for all the staff and students when I express my congratulations and excitement at working with these remarkable young people next year. Well done!

Mr Beale

Deputy Head of Year 10

YEAR 11 FAREWELL BARBECUE

The sun shone on the top field as the delectable smell of freshly flame-grilled burgers filled the air. Our barbecue-master supreme, Mr Russell, ably assisted by his excellent Site team, was once again at the helm, this time in the forecourt of the Bradbury Wing.

Our cohort of Year 11s, together with their teachers, gathered excitedly, enjoying a welcome respite from revision. Burgers, soft drinks and music were made all the more enjoyable by the warm spring sunshine and the company of their happy, chatty peers. Shirts were signed, and the inevitable selfies were snapped.

A wonderfully enjoyable afternoon to say 'au revoir' to our Year 11s and wish them well in their GCSEs.



RACE FOR LIFE

On Saturday 21st May, a large number of the cast and crew of Sister Act are running the Winchester Race for Life along with Mr Clarke and myself to raise money for Cancer Research UK. If you would like to join us to help to raise money for this hugely worthy cause, that would be amazing! Please click on the link below and join our Sister Act group.

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/find-an-event/north-walls-recreation-ground-5k-2023-05->

If running isn't really your thing (trust me, it's really not mine!) but you would like to sponsor the cast and crew, please click on the link to the just giving page.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/sister-act-kings-school-team>

If you are around in Winchester on Sunday 21st at 11am and fancy popping over to say hello, I am sure the pupils would love to see a friendly face! Last year it was lots of fun and great promotion for the production!

Mrs Lee
Head of Drama



Elizabeth Hart

Age 15

Year 11 Student and British Junior
Elite Diver

How long have you been diving for?

I started around 7 years ago. I did beginner lessons and was selected for the talent squad and the rest is history.

What made you try diving as a sport?

Our primary school St Faiths offered a taster session at The Quays in Southampton. I went with my brother and loved it.

What do you love most about the sport?

I love learning new dives, competing, being with friends who I train with. We have known each other for 7 years and we have got to know other divers around the country through competitions so it is a sociable sport programme.

Which diving boards do you compete on?

I compete on 3 metre springboard and platform. I love platform the most. I compete on 7.5m and 10m platform (the highest one) and those are my favourite because you have more height so you can fit in more somersaults before you land in the water.

Which is the most difficult dive that you can do?

Back 2.5 somersaults. I am doing 2.5 somersaults in most directions now. I will be learning to do 3.5 somersaults soon!

What level do you compete at?

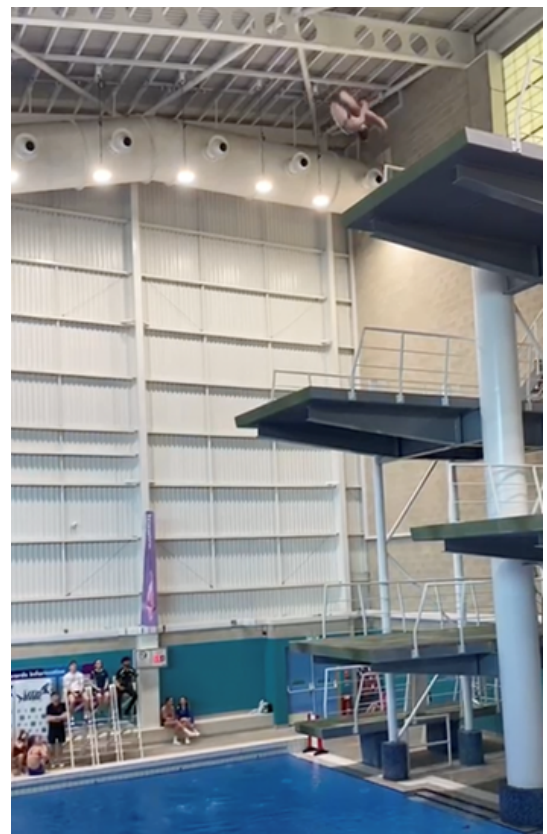
I qualified as British Junior Elite 18 months ago. I compete around 7 times per year. My next competition is in Croatia in July.

How much do you train?

I train around 14-16 hours per week. Half of the training is in the dive gym where we do strength and conditioning as well as dive training. The other half of the training is in the pool.

What's your goal?

I dream of competing for Scotland. My Dad is Scottish and his sister competed in netball for Scotland so I would like to carry on the family tradition!



MR MARK FLETCHER

TEACHER OF MATHS

TIME AT KINGS' - 12 YEARS



What attracted you to a career in teaching?

Facilitating and imparting my knowledge and experience onto others, helping to guide the journey of future generations towards inspiring careers and paths.

What inspired you to teach at the school? What makes this school different?

I first started teaching at a school in Cheshire, it was tough going and each day seemed like an eternity. The area had very few prospects for my own children. I had lived in Hampshire when I was at school, and the opportunity of a Maths post here at Kings' arose, I was keen to explore the notion of moving South. I visited the school and was amazed by the dynamics in the school.

I was happy to be appointed, albeit initially for maternity cover. I was completely bowled over by the manners and politeness of the pupils, thanking me at the end of lessons. Kings' pupils continue to amaze me.

Here at Kings', Monday morning I switch the lights on, the next thing I know it is Friday afternoon. The week flies by.

What do you enjoy most about working at Kings'?

Each day is different. Although I work with the same classes, it is certainly a case that each lesson/day has a different dynamic. The sense of belonging to a family, being there for each other and helping each other out when needed.

KINGS' GOT TOUGH

Our Year 11 students' five-year journey toward their GCSEs is coming to a close, and they have been working tirelessly revising in preparation for the end of their time at Kings'. However, the hard work does not stop outside of the classroom, and at the end of April, our Year 11s took on their toughest challenge yet: KINGS' GOT TOUGH!

With an enthusiasm bolstered by Mr Gunning's pledge to match their donations towards the Leavers' Ball, the challengers came in droves to tackle the mega assault course. The physical test started with a quick length of the swimming pool, followed by a run to the Dip, a slip'n'slide, and a gruelling gauntlet of tackle-pad wielding House Captains.

Well done to all the participating students and staff! A special mention goes to Mr Gunning, who completed the course dressed as a ballerina, thanks to the votes of the Year 11 students.

For all other year groups- keep an eye on the House Screen and Satchel One, as a whole school Kings' Got Tough will be happening next half term!



INSPIRING FUTURES



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

15 MAY - GCSE'S
16 MAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL EVENT CRICKET
17 MAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL FESTIVAL MULTI SKILLS
18 MAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL PANANTHLON
19 MAY - KSA QUIZ NIGHT
24 MAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL YR5/YR6 QUAD KIDS
25 MAY - DRAMA PRODUCTION REHEARSALS
25 MAY - KINGS' GOT TALENT FINAL
26 MAY - YR10 ARDECHE RESIDENTIAL
26 MAY - LAST DAY OF TERM

WE ARE RECRUITING

Head of Faculty – MFL
Teacher of Maths
Teacher of RS
Teacher of Geography
Teacher of Drama
Teacher of Science
Teacher of Geography

Dining Room Assistant
Invigilators

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