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U12 GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM!

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# HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS



*The final two weeks of the Spring Term were action packed, reflecting our ambition to provide pupils with a fantastic array of opportunities, in which they can find the things that spark their interest and passions. Highlights include: being joined by 27 Spanish pupils from I.E.S Margarita Salas for our exchange programme; some of our pupils exploring leadership principles with Toby Garbett who represented Great Britain at the World Rowing Championships and our Spring Music Concert, which was an absolute triumph, show casing the talent, dedication and passion of all involved. We had 68 pupils flying the flag for Kings' on their hockey tour to Holland over the Easter break and we're commencing the term in style as the Year 11 pupils and members of staff undertake the infamous King's Got Tough course!*

*Further good news to share with you is that we were joined by the Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service for our annual school review. The advisors spent a full day in school; visiting lessons, speaking to pupils and meeting with staff. They explored a wide range of aspects of the school including safeguarding, the pastoral and academic curriculum, pupils' learning, attendance and Special Educational Needs. We are very pleased that feedback included: recognising the schools' ambition for all pupils to be successful; effective safeguarding of pupils; the strong pupil-teacher relationships and engagement in learning in lessons. They also recognised the considerable work by all staff that has gone into the school continuing to improve since their last visit. Governors will be sharing more of the feedback with staff at the start of next term.*

*Celebrating the personal successes of so many of our pupils is central to the culture of our Kings' family – whether that's in recognising the quiet kindnesses of pupils to each other or the stellar performances of pupils in a public arena.*

*Thank you for your continued support of Kings' School , it is a pleasure working together with our parents and alumni to consistently provide the best opportunities for our pupils.*

*I trust you all had a restful Easter break.*

*Dr Adams Headteacher*

# INSPIRING FUTURES



GCSE ART EXHIBITION AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL  
31 JANUARY - 13TH FEBRUARY

*The Art Department are delighted to announce their 2nd exhibition of GCSE Art at Winchester Cathedral from January 31st until February 13th 2023. Pupils have produced pieces of work, which have been inspired by visits to the cathedral during the past two terms and by the Artist Ian Murphy, who came in to school during the summer term and ran a bespoke workshop for our pupils with this exhibition in mind.*

*Some of our pupils went to Paris during October half term in search of further inspiration and some travelled further afield during their summer holidays, collecting first hand resources. I am absolutely thrilled to see the progress our pupils have made over the last term and the standard of work they have produced is exceptional.*

*Mrs Z Churcher - Head of Art*





*In December, we were delighted to welcome Oxford University's choral group 'Out of the Blue' to Kings' to lead a vocal workshop with members of our chamber choir. Pupils learnt various vocal techniques and thoroughly enjoyed the day .*

## PRAYER ROOM

*Kings' has recently established a Multi-Faith Prayer Room, located in the Maths corridor. This was necessary in order to maintain the promotion of fair and equal opportunities for everyone in the school, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Article 9 of the Human Rights Act 1998 tells us that we need to protect the rights of people to take part in religious worship and we at Kings' are proud to respect these human rights.*

*We recognise that prayer is an integral part of many faiths and enables our pupils the opportunity to develop their religious practice. This room is available for nurturing healthy religious identities for pupils of all faiths. Whilst small, the Prayer Room can safely accommodate up to five people at a time to pray at prescribed times.*



*On Wednesday 25th January, a grey and misty morning, a group of Year 11 pupils and staff travelled to the Hexagon Theatre in Reading for Poetry Live! An experience like no other, Poetry Live! brings together the greatest living poets whose works are studied by our GCSE pupils.*

*Instead of poring over the dry words on the printed page, analysing and annotating, they have the opportunity to hear these wonderful works brought to life by their very authors. We heard from poets Imtiaz Dharker, Owen Sheers, Dhaljit Nagra, Simon Armitage (the current Poet Laureate) and John Agard, the “headline act” whose dramatic performance style brought the house down. But for one of our pupils, the highlight was seeing and hearing – and then meeting – former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy. Imogen Millar asked permission to go backstage and have Ms Duffy sign the cast on her recently broken arm. Permission was granted, and Imogen was whisked backstage where she met Ms Duffy and gave her a gift of an onion – a reference to her poem Valentine. They discussed onion imagery as used by Dostoevsky in *The Brothers Karamazov*, how the vegetable represents love, generosity and humility. “She’s just a lovely woman. She deserves all the onions,” said Imogen.*

*Others described the event as “magical” and “electric” and beneficial to their understanding of the poetry they are studying for their exams. Hearing teenagers whooping, applauding and cheering at a poetry reading is magical indeed.*





## NETBALL

*On a weekend in the Spring Term, 74 pupils travelled to PGL Liddington for their annual Netball tour, courtesy of the PE Department and other Kings' staff. The weekend was full of lots of competitive netball matches against schools from across the country and many fun filled adventurous activities such as giant swing, trapeze, and archery. All pupils showed great netball skills and tactics over the two-day tournament, however our Year 7B and Year 9A team went through to the semi finals and were both awarded 3rd place overall which is a great achievement for Kings' School.*



EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER



## GIRLS' HOCKEY

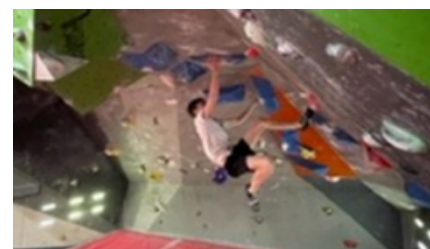
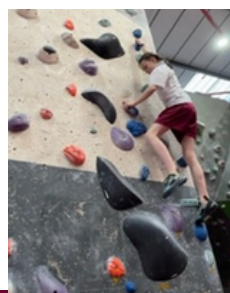


*Special Sporting mention is reserved for the absolute flag bearers; the U12 Girls' hockey team, who having finished as runners up in the Hampshire In2 Hockey county championships travelled to Reading to compete in the regional finals. They defeated sides from Berkshire, Oxford and the Hampshire champions before being pipped to the regional crown in the final by the Buckingham winners via the agony of penalty strokes. But, as regional runners up this is greatest Kings' girls' hockey achievement in over 33 years!*

# PE AT KINGS'



Boulder Brighton held an Inter Schools Competition which was a qualifying event of this national competition for secondary aged pupils from Years 7 to 13. The format of the competition consisted of a 2-hour session where climbers could attempt 25 competition blocs. Climbers scored each of their set blocs by awarding themselves 7 points for reaching the zone areas and holding in control and 10 points for reaching the top of their route. An extra 2 points could be awarded for those climbers who completed a flash, reaching the top hold on their first attempts after leaving the floor. It was incredible to see so many of our pupils showing off their bouldering talents, excelling in a different environment and turning heads across the walls. Kings' School performed remarkably well but just missed out of qualifying for the next round of the Bouldering Inter Schools Competition, finishing in a very respectable 7th place. Ava Livermore was 3rd female for her age group and Zac Orton 4th male. Some very impressive scores for children new to the sport too. Fingers crossed this is only the beginning of a new climbing adventure for Kings' School Winchester.



# PE AT KINGS'



There was a flurry of high quality sporting activity at Kings' in the spring term. The Under 12s, right through to Under 16s boys' hockey teams competed at the Hampshire Hockey cup tournaments at Southampton Sports centre. Boys' football is enjoying something of a purple patch with three of our sides through to the Hampshire cup semi-finals and the U13 boys side winning the district cup; and our new rugby specialist Mr Breen oversaw the Under 15s narrowly defeated 14-7 by local rivals Westgate in the Hampshire Cup Semi final. His reflections of the game are as follows: 'A really well fought game of rugby with some incredible attacking skill and defensive work rate by both teams. Good luck to Westgate in the next game'. Elsewhere in rugby the Under 12s and Under 13s competed well at their respective Hampshire festivals, finishing in the top pool. On the girls' side the hugely talented, seemingly all conquering, Under 12 netball side are through to the next round of the Hampshire Youth Games after a 100% win rate at their recent tournament. Both they and the much improved U13s enjoyed recent wins at Swanmore. Girls' rugby has also enjoyed some recent success with a win over Toynbee in a very high scoring game. The U14 Boys' basketball team also finished runners up in their plate final. And finally a huge well done to all the pupils who, despite the inclement weather and the disruption of the recent exams, have continued to attend clubs, practices, fixtures and tournaments in huge numbers.



U15 BOYS' RUGBY



U12 BOYS' RUGBY



U14 GIRLS' RUGBY



U13 BOYS' HOCKEY



U14 BOYS' BASKETBALL



U12 GIRLS' NETBALL



U13 BOYS' FOOTBALL

# SSCO AT KINGS'



Primary School Event

*On Weds 18th January, 17 Year 5&6 boys' football teams travelled to Kings' for an afternoon of competitive football. Teams were split into two pools with 6 games played constantly across the two hours. At the end of the pool games, there was a semi-final involving Oliver's Battery, Weeke, Kings Worthy and Westgate. Kings Worthy and Westgate won their tightly fought games to make it through to a very passionate final! Following a lot of extra time and a very evenly matched final, Westgate reigned supreme (despite being beaten by Kings Worthy in their earlier pool). Lots of fun was had by all, alongside a lot of exposure to a hugely popular sport. A big thanks to all the staff, both at Kings;' and from the primary schools who go out of their way to make these things happen, as well as the support of many parents.*



## INSPIRING FUTURES



### OXBRIDGE OFFERS FOR EX KINGS' PUPILS

*Peter Symonds extends its congratulations to pupils from Kings' and their families. Principal Sara Russell said: 'I am delighted to see the success of our students receiving Oxbridge offers this year. These students have worked very hard to meet the challenging entry requirements and deserve to be celebrated for their achievements. I admire the determination of these students and their desire to excel in their chosen fields and wish them the very best for the next step in their education. It takes a lot of focus to persevere through the selection process, especially alongside their current studies.'*

*Alec - University of Oxford Orlando - University of Cambridge  
Isobel - University of Cambridge Lucy - University of Cambridge*







## SPRING CONCERT

*Throughout the Spring term, Kings' School has been filled with the sound of flutes and clarinets, voices and violins, and every instrument imaginable, as our prodigiously talented pupils rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed some more, ahead of the grand Spring Concert. On Monday night, 27th March, an audience of parents and friends gathered in the school hall to enjoy the culmination of these many hours of hard work. Our extraordinary children, and our wonderful music teachers, did not disappoint. The evening began with our Year 7 choir performing When I Grow Up from Matilda, demonstrating clear diction and a cheeky sense of humour as they tackled Tim Minchin's challenging score with aplomb. A confident saxophone solo from Gabriel followed, before the Junior Steel Band had us all tapping our feet in time to Mama Mia! By Abba. It was a struggle to not get up and dance. A change of mood, next, as cool, sophisticated, swinging sounds of the Clarinet Group, relaxed us all with Shadow of Your Smile. Special mention should be made of Tyler who provided perfectly rhythmic drumming accompaniment. The audience was now entertained by our Main Choir clapping and swaying their way through Pentatonix' Sing! And then next up on stage were Nafisah and Klara who played a delicately beautiful flute duet, the JS Bach Little Fugue in G Minor. They impressed with their lovely clear tone. The Chamber Choir shared their skills and brilliance in their performance of All Star, which featured a number of confident soloists and vocal percussion. In contrast, the Flute Group demonstrated their lovely ensemble playing and particularly clear top notes, in the Game of Thrones theme. Now it was the turn of Phillip and Robert, who performed the Tom Odell song, Another Love, with exceptional skill. Phillip's expertise on the piano was perfectly matched by Robert's sensitive handling of the lyrics*



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The string Orchestra followed this with a spine-tingling performance of Coldplay's Viva la Vida, and then Laura, playing a wonderful cello solo, concluded the first half. Her Saint-Saens Allegro Appassionato had scintillating attack and confidence. Suitably refreshed from a well organised interval, thanks to the KSA, the audience settled in for the second half. The Jazz Band, with Skye on vocals, gave us a brilliantly brassy and sumptuously sassy rendition of Feeling Good, before the full Orchestra, under the baton of Mr Olexa, entertained us with highlights from the Harry Potter score. Another change of mood as Esther performed Scarlatti's Sonata in E with brio and wonderful sensitivity, and then the Brass Group swung into Can You Feel the Love Tonight, with a full rich sound. Vocal soloist Hannah shared her beautiful tone in Abba's The Winner Takes it All. Her wonderfully big notes were well supported by the lovely accompaniment. Another soloist, Sianne, played Allegro Brillante by Ten Have, with true musicality – allegro vivace indeed. Our brilliant Vocal Octet were up next, performing Sleep by Eric Whitacre. This complex choral work with its clashing chords and devilishly difficult lines of tight 8-part harmony, was the perfect showcase for our extraordinarily gifted vocalists. Rowan on saxophone came next, this time accompanied by Zach, producing a fabulously brisk and lively sound in Sax in the City. Could this extraordinary concert get any better? Could our talented musicians pull one last musical rabbit out of the hat? It seems the answer is yes. Thomas on cello, joined by Mr Olexa, also on cello, and Esther on the piano, making up a sublime trio of performers, concluded the evening with a dazzling performance of Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Cellos in G minor (1st movement – Allegro) It certainly was Allegro con Brio, and this fabulous display of virtuosity put a smile on everyone's face. Bravo to all involved – Mr Clarke, Mr Wood, and Mr Olexa and our hardworking peripatetic teachers, and mostly, our gifted, talented and fantastically motivated pupils.



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