

KING'S HIGH NEWS

WINTER 2024



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HEAD MASTER'S INTRODUCTION

Our Autumn Term is always busy and exciting with a remarkable breadth and depth of activities. The festive season is upon us and our community has embraced this fully with concerts, carol services, productions, fairs, trips and, of course, our much-anticipated House Song Competition. As ever, there has been so much to celebrate and I could not be more proud of the positive spirit and commitment of our whole community to ensure an inspiring and enriching term.

Music is central to our lives at King's High and I have taken particular pleasure this term in seeing our students make the most of their musical opportunities. As our six houses have been rehearsing for the annual Song Competition on the last day of the Autumn Term, we were treated to a stunning Winter Concert in Warwick Hall, showcasing a deeply impressive range of choirs, ensembles and orchestras. The Landor Carol Service was a very special occasion, surrounded, as we were, by a forest of beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

The Foundation Gala Concert at Butterworth Hall was a first for our schools, and brought us together with the local schools of our proposed multi-academy trust in a remarkable celebration of community and partnerships. Finally, we were thrilled to see Anna in Year 8 perform on Songs of Praise to be crowned BBC Young Chorister of the Year – very well done, Anna!

The performing arts continue to thrive and this term we enjoyed a scintillating production of Sweeney Todd which showcased incredible talent across the large cast and crew from King's High and Warwick School. With Lamda exams, an Inspire performance of Christmas Carol and much more, we have enjoyed an exciting term of theatrical endeavours.

Our sports teams have been excelling and it has been a joy to see such depth of engagement in competitive sport this term. Our hockey, netball, tennis, swimming, skiing, football, cross country and badminton teams have all enjoyed great success, many making great headway in the regional and national competitions.

Our students and staff have travelled far and wide this term with trips to Morocco, Spain, Germany, and a sports tour of Holland, to name a few. There have been more local trips to the RSC in Stratford, to Malvern, Compton Verney, London, Liverpool, to Jodrell Bank in Cheshire, and the botanical gardens in Birmingham. Special events this term included our Festival of Ideas, which explored the theme 'Learning to Lead', the visit of Mr and Mrs Yousafzai to open our new sacred spaces in school, and our first ever Enterprise Fair run by our Year 11 students on our Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme. We also had our main school inspection from ISI, which was very successful.

In addition, we were delighted to enjoy further national recognition as Finalists in the TES Independent School of the Year Awards and Finalists also in the Independent Girls' School of the Year Awards.

It is an incredible privilege for me to lead this remarkable community and this publication offers a delightful opportunity to reflect on what has been a very successful and special term.

I hope that you enjoy reading about our Autumn Term at King's High and I wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Dr Stephen Burley
Head Master



STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

The King's Guide to Effective Revision is out now! Whether it's preparation for a midweek test, GCSEs, or A Levels, this guide is packed with practical tips and strategies to boost students' revision strategies at every stage.

Inside you'll find:

- 1 Getting Started
- 2 Do's and Don'ts
- 3 Making Your Notes Useful
- 4 Memory-Boosting Tips
- 5 Exam Strategy Essentials
- 6 Revision Tips
- 7 Six Highly Effective Learning Strategies
- 8 Further Resources.

Find it on our website in [/curriculum](#).



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Dr Burley visited Westgate School in November to see King's High and Warwick School students in action, supporting pupils there with their excellent work. He joined guests for the special opening of a beautiful new art project: four vibrant, seasonal murals depicting our local community, now brightening the Westgate School playground, following a project led by talented local artist Sue Guthrie and the Westgate pupils.

We also celebrated Independent School Council's Partnership Week. We're very proud of the many ways King's High partners with our local community. Read more about our work with local primary and secondary schools, including Evergreen School, as well as our broader community engagement on our website in [/latestnews](#).



CHANGEMAKER GALLERY

Our Changemaker Gallery warmly greets visitors entering King's reception, showcasing a collection of remarkable individuals who have created meaningful change and stood firmly for their beliefs.



Significantly, the gallery's final space is a mirror, so that all our students can stand in the gallery and see themselves as part of a powerful and inspiring global community of changemakers and upstanders.

The gallery is a powerful reflection of the values that resonate deeply with our students and continually inspire them to make a difference.

Read more about our Changemaker Gallery in our brochure – available on our website in [/latestnews](#).

TIS THE SEASON

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Our Head Girl team and Year 7 form leaders joined together to trim the King's High Christmas tree, adding some festive flair to this much-loved tradition! And Parsnip was also getting into the Christmas spirit, sporting her festive finery.



THE SEA

The theme of our Winter Anthology, crafted by the talented members of our Junior and Senior Creative Writing Clubs, is *The Sea*. This collaboration is just one of the many enriching clubs and activities on offer at King's. Dive into this extraordinary collection of stories, now available to explore on our website in [/latestnews](#).



PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

We are exceptionally proud of Pippa in Upper Sixth, who excelled in a three-day assessment at the Army Officer Selection Board to be awarded an Army Scholarship. Pippa will attend university before heading to Sandhurst to train as an Army Officer.



SIMPLY THE BEST

Our inspiring Head Master, Dr Stephen Burley, has been crowned winner of the highly sought-after *'Best Head of a Public School'* Award at the *Tatler Schools Guide Awards* on 23 September 2024.

This prestigious accolade, for a Head who goes 'above and beyond', recognises Dr Burley's outstanding leadership, dedication, and tireless commitment to making King's High, Warwick such an exceptional school. Nominations are drawn from a variety of sources, including public votes, as part of a rigorous wselection process.

Following the award, Dr Burley commented, *"I was absolutely thrilled to be named Tatler Best Head 2025 – the award belongs to the whole King's High community and reflects the incredible dynamism, energy, and success of this wonderful school. I collected the award on behalf of the inspiring staff, brilliant students, and supportive parents of King's High and, of course, Warwick Schools Foundation. I couldn't be more proud that the work across our community in Warwick was recognised by this national award. It is a great privilege and honour to lead King's High and the awards ceremony was a fitting celebration of the excellence across the sector."*

King's High has also been named a *Tatler School 2025*, a prestigious accolade that celebrates outstanding achievements in education.

This recognition places us amongst the finest schools in the country, and follows a string of recent accolades, including winning the ISA's inaugural award for Future Readiness and being named the Sunday Times' top school in Warwickshire for academic performance.

Mr Richard Nicholson, Foundation Principal, Warwick Schools Foundation added, *"I am delighted that Dr Burley and King's High have been recognised by Tatler Magazine, both for extraordinary and visionary leadership and the impact that has had on pupils' learning, achievements, and their happiness and wellbeing. Warwick Schools Foundation is proud to be at the forefront of education, supporting almost 3,000 pupils in our schools, and many more through our extensive partnership programmes. We know that education has the power to transform lives. Transformational leadership is an essential part of that mission."*

"Outstanding leaders in any organisation build greatness through combining qualities that on the surface appear paradoxical. They combine personal humility with professional will and they are committed to the work which will bring about the picture of success for that organisation, not to their own self promotion."
King's High Old Girl and Executive Mentor in Leadership

We've been delighted to receive such a wonderful array of kind and thoughtful messages congratulating Dr Burley on his achievement. Your words mean so much, and we're delighted to share a selection with you below. Thank you for taking the time to send them!

'I've never met a more magical Head.'

'It is rare to find a leader who is both inspiring and so committed and caring.'

'Dr Burley is a very kind man and an outstanding headteacher.'

'A recognition fully deserved!'

'Dr Burley's energy, positivity and vision makes King's high a very special place indeed.'

'Fantastic news and so well deserved. This inspirational Head knows every member of staff and every young person in his school.'



ACCOLADES ABOUND

King's High is thrilled to have been named a Finalist in the 2024 Independent Schools of the Year Awards for Independent Girls' School of the Year! And, following our achievement in winning the inaugural ISA Award for Future Readiness last year, we are equally delighted to announce that King's High has once again been named a Finalist for this coveted award. This recognition is a testament to our forward-thinking ethos and commitment to providing a future-ready curriculum, ensuring our students are equipped to thrive and excel in a rapidly world.



Read more about our Curriculum of the Future and unique Future Ready courses on our website in [/curriculum](#).

A BREW-TIFUL MORNING

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Your generous support and beautiful flower donations helped raise over £500 for this incredible cause.



SPELLING BEE

It was a closely fought battle between our Year 7 and Year 8 teams in the House Spelling Bee, with impressive skills and determination on show. Congratulations ultimately went to Austen – the well-deserved winners. This hotly contested event saw students not only testing their lexical proficiency but also demonstrating their focus, teamwork, and the spirit of King's.



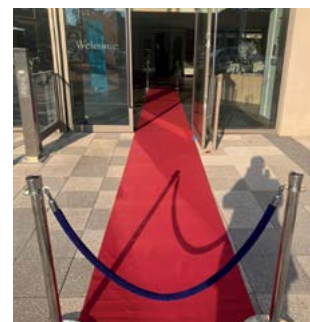
TEAMWORK AND TREETOPS

Our Year 7 students had an unforgettable time on their bonding trip! From tackling low ropes and climbing to orienteering, archery, zip wires, crate stacking, and bushcraft – the fun was non-stop, with firm friendships and memories made along the way!



FUTURE READY

We rolled out the red carpet for our inaugural cohort, who successfully completed the new Key Stage 4 Global Changemaker and Innovation and Entrepreneurship Future Ready courses, culminating in a spectacular documentary premiere evening where students proudly showcased their insightful projects on global perspectives and social justice.



'We are very proud of all our Year 11 students who presented their documentary films for our Global Changemaker Evening – powerful and intelligent work on a wide array of topics. Very impressive indeed!'

Dr Burley

FLYING HIGH

It was the perfect day for our House kite-flying competition, with blustery winds and overcast skies. Austen soared to victory with the award for the highest kite, while Tubman House triumphed with the longest flight time.



RAISING THE BAR

Chloe, an exceptional powerlifter in our Upper Sixth, has certainly raised the bar with her incredible success in the sport. Recent accomplishments include:

- **1st Place** – In her age and weight category, earning the title of British Champion.
- **New British Record** – Squat: Lifted an impressive 102.5kg.
- **New British and European Record** – Bench: Benched an outstanding 70kg.
- **Matched British Record** – Deadlift: Lifted 120kg.
- **New British Record** – Total Weight: An incredible 292.5kg across all lifts.
- **World Championships Qualifier** – Although qualified, Chloe sadly couldn't attend due to other commitments.

Chloe has also been awarded with a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship and was previously named the Girls' Schools Association 'Woman of the Week'.



A HOME FROM HOME

Following the outstanding boarding experience offered to our Sixth Form students, we are delighted to extend our boarding provision to students in Year 9 and above, starting in September 2025. Short-term and flexi-boarding options will also be available, allowing students to board with us for either a short period of time or stay with us on a weekly basis and return home at weekends, if required. Please feel free to contact us for more details.



PEACE, LOVE & HOPE

This year, King's High has chosen the theme 'Peace, Love & Hope' for the decorations on our St Mary's Christmas Tree. Every ornament has been thoughtfully handmade by the students, each carrying a special meaning for this festive season of reflection and joy.

Enormous thanks go to Mrs Craven, Sophie Davies, Mr Walker, and everyone involved in creating the tree this year.



- **Doves:** Crafted from ceramic, and lovingly painted, the doves symbolise peace—a wish for harmony in our lives and the world.
- **Feathers and Robins:** White feathers and Robin Redbreasts are included as a remembrance of those we hold dear, reminding us of love that endures.
- **Hearts and Mistletoe:** Representing love, hearts and mistletoe encourage us to cherish one another and share kindness throughout the season.

Through these decorations, our students share their hopes for a world filled with peace, their remembrance of loved ones, and their love for all who gather this Christmas.

May this tree serve as a beacon of peace, love, and hope to each and every one this festive season.

IN THE PRESS



Why Dr Stephen Burley, our visionary Head Master, is passionately driving educational innovation forward. Don't miss *30 Minutes with Dr Burley*, a compelling feature published in *Independent School Management Plus*. Explore this insightful interview in *In the Press*, the hub for all our published articles at King's High. It's a must-read! Find it on our website at [/inthepress](#).



IN THE PRESS

ROOTED IN SCIENCE

Lower Sixth students at King's visited the Birmingham Institute of Forestry Research (BIFOR) for a research day alongside academics, gaining a valuable insight into their groundbreaking work – including pumping CO2 into the forest to study how trees adapt.



MAYHEM IN MOTION

Huge congratulations to Eva in Year 11, a Girls' School Association *Woman of the Week*, who recently competed in the European Finals and National Finals, finishing an impressive 4th out of 31 other cars in the British Drag Racing Championship! Well done, Eva and the Mayhem Racing Team!

'We created amazing memories this year and achieved so much as a team.'

Eva



READING FOR PLEASURE

Famed for 'Crossing the Line', a verse novel for teens, based on the true story of county lines exploitation, we welcomed award-winning Author, Tia Fisher, to speak to our Year 9 students, followed by a creative writing workshop on narrative verse in our lovely library.

'Losing yourself in a story might be the best thing in the world. I've always loved writing. Anyone can write, but you need to work hard and believe you can do it. I love shouting about the things I'm passionate about, waving words around in my books, like I do in real life.'

Tia Fisher

We were also delighted to host author Jennifer Killick, who delivered an engaging talk to our Year 7 and Year 8 students, including insights into her journey as a published author, and the power of stories.

'I have always loved stories. Growing up, I kept so many books hidden in my bed for reading after lights out that there was barely room for me!'

Jennifer Killick



RESULTS ROUNDUP

Our GCSE students achieved a record-breaking year, with nearly a third of all grades awarded at the top grade 9 and just under 60% at grades 9-8 – setting a new benchmark for King's. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, commitment and scholarship that has led to such stellar outcomes!

Meanwhile, our Sixth Formers celebrated excellent A Level results, with around half of all grades awarded at A*-A, leading to top university places and prestigious degree apprenticeships; a testament to their hard work and determination.



GCSE Results 2024

59%

Grades 9-8

79%

Grades 9-7

91%

Grades 9-6



A Level Results 2024

48%

A*-A

75%

A*-B

90%

A*-C

WELLBEING

King's High staff and students wore accents of yellow to show support to Young Minds' 'Hello Yellow' campaign whilst reflecting on what we do to take care of our own mental health and wellbeing on World Mental Health Day by writing uplifting messages.

Our Wellbeing blogs are always available on our website in [/wellbeingblog](#) and contain a wealth of valuable insights and practical tips across a wide range of topics, all aimed at promoting a balanced and positive lifestyle.



SPINE-TINGLING TRANSFORMATIONS

Our Sixth Form had a frightfully good time at our annual Halloween Glow Down! Each form had only 10 minutes to conjure up a jaw-dropping makeover, and the results were fang-tastic! Four members of staff also joined in the ghoulish fun. Which transformation makes you scream with delight?!



FUTURES

Our latest 'Your Future' bulletin offers exciting opportunities, including work experience, internships, webinars, and career insights, all designed to help our students explore new industries and sharpen their skills. It's all part of the incredible Sixth Form experience at King's. Find a treasure trove of invaluable resources on our website in [/yourfuture](#), and don't miss our popular Higher Education Careers and Jobs Fair on Thursday, 13 March 2025, from 6pm to 9pm. With universities, employers, workshops, pathways to explore, and guest speaker talks, it's a must-attend event for students from Year 10 to Upper Sixth.

SUSTAINABILITY

At King's High, sustainability isn't just a concept but a deeply ingrained ethos that mirrors our core values. Over the past few years, our students' passion for environmental issues has only grown stronger, with a distinct focus on local and global challenges. King's has given the student body ownership of several environmental initiatives, empowering them to lead the charge in making our incredible school a greener, more sustainable place to study. This partnership between students and staff has cultivated a culture where every individual feels responsible for the world around them, while continuing to excel academically and creatively. If you're curious about what we're doing now, and what's on the horizon, discover more on our website in Our School, where you'll find our Environment and Sustainability information.



TO THE MOON AND BACK

We are incredibly proud of Eleanor in Year 7, who recently performed in the Birmingham Royal Ballet's production of *Luna*. This remarkable performance, inspired by the pioneering women of the city, featured five female choreographers from around the world and beautifully captured universal themes through sweeping, dramatic movement and intense moments of darkness and light.



With love, compassion, and creativity, *Luna* took the audience on an unforgettable journey to the moon and back.

'Very well done, Eleanor – a superb performance, impressive achievement, and an exciting future ahead!'

Dr Burley



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

'It was such a pleasure to welcome Izzy, our former Head Girl, back to King's High to inspire our Lower Sixth students. The Celebration of Achievement ceremony was a lovely event to congratulate the cohort on their record GCSE results and wider achievements this year.'

Dr Burley



HEAD MASTER'S QUIZ

'Huge thanks to everyone who came to our KHAPS Head Master's Quiz. We have such a strong and supportive community. It was an evening of great company, delicious food and a fun quiz. Thank you to our brilliant KHAPS Committee and Catering Team.'

Dr Burley

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

Food is incredibly important to us all at King's High, and it is a particular strength of our school. Led by our award-winning Head Chef, Christophe Charpentier, and Front of House and Hospitality Manager, Kate Mousakitis, our Catering Team is outstanding, delivering the highest quality food each day to our community.

Whet your appetite on our website in [/catering](#).



KING'S CEILIDH

**BURNS CEILIDH
SCOTTISH BARN DANCE**

Friday 24 January 2025 • 7-10pm

FOOD at 7pm • DANCING at 8pm • 2 course meal included Paid Bar

Tickets £30

Ceilidh music, lots of dances, lots of involvement, and a fabulous, fun night out
You don't need to wear tartan or a kilt, come as you are!
It's easy, relaxed and great fun!

Tickets don't need to be booked in groups, tables aren't reserved; plenty of available seating and tables around the room for eating/drinking/chatting/resting!

Banish January and bring your friends!

King's High Hall
King's High School
Warwick CV34 6YE

Book at

Our feet are still tapping from our very first Burns Ceilidh (Scottish Barn Dance) last year! The Scottish pipers and Ceilidh band were incredible, the dancing lively, and a great time was had by all.

We are delighted to announce that tickets for the next Burns Ceilidh, taking place on Friday, 24 January 2025, are now available. It promises to be another brilliant night! Do join us if you can – all proceeds go to our wonderful parent and teacher association, KHAPS, and are invested straight back into King's for the benefit of our students.

READING FOR PLEASURE

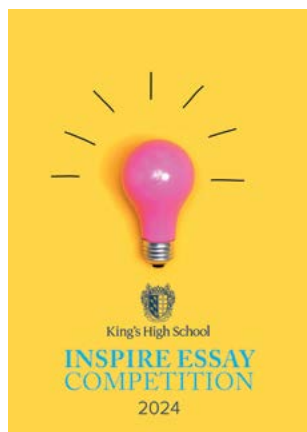
Over 100 of our Year 9 and Year 10 students at King's cast their votes in the Warwickshire Teen Book Awards 2024, and the titles taking the top spots were:

- *We Don't Swim Here* by Vincent Tarado
- *Thieves' Gambit* by Kayvion Lewis
- *Seven Million Sunflowers* by Malcolm Duffy
- *Northern Soul* by Phil Earle



You'll find several copies of each of these books in our lovely library. Happy reading!

KING'S INSPIRES



'It is a great pleasure to collate Inspire Essay Competition entries from both 2023 and 2024 into a bumper edition, showcasing the range of interests, depth of research, and passion for ideas that our prize-winners have displayed in such abundance.'

As ever, pupils in Key Stage 3 were asked simply to choose a topic that interested them, investigate it independently, and write up their findings in essay form. The essays

printed in these pages represent fewer than a third of those that were submitted. They were chosen for the quality of research, depth of analysis, standard of essay composition and originality of ideas. It is always interesting to see which themes emerge from our pupils' work when we give them free choice of topic.

'To my mind, four key umbrella ideas can be found this time round. Ethics and social responsibility feature prominently, with searching analysis around sponsorship, historic injustice, the role of history itself, the prison system, belief and systems of morality. Technology and Science also takes its place, with essays on medicine, AI, cryptography, electric cars, physics and biology. Our pupils also make clear their interest in the role and nature of education, with pieces on future curricula, the role of music, and the timing of the school day. And then there are the big, more miscellaneous topics that always take the judging panel by surprise: success, love, conformity, coincidence... Who could ask for more from an optional essay competition for Key Stage 3?'

THE EGG DROP

Our Key Stage 3 students showcased their *egg-straordinary* creativity and design prowess in *The Egg Drop Challenge*. While some designs scrambled under pressure and others emerged unscathed, everyone had a cracking good time embracing the activity!



Our wonderful Inspire Programme continues to support pupils towards creative thinking, independent ideas and curiosity about the world. I hope that reading these essays showcases these qualities in action. The judging panel and I look forward very much to the next batch of entries in 2025.'

Dr Seal

Deputy Head (Academic)

Be inspired on our website in [/academicenrichment](#).

FROM CONTOURS TO COORDINATES

They were rained off the first time but delightful Compton Verney was worth the wait for our Year 7 students' Inspire Geography trip! Activities included map orientation and symbols, grid references, scale, contours, and distances.



BE INSPIRED

Eat your heart out, Dragon's Den! This term's Inspire homework challenge tasked students with designing innovative products to solve everyday problems. The creativity was boundless as students presented their ideas through compelling 'elevator-style' pitches to a panel of judges. Winners will be recognised in three categories: Best Overall Product, Most Eco-Friendly Product, and Best Pitch.

KING'S ON TOUR

There are so many things to love about King's, and our amazing overseas trips are just one of them!

Recently, our Historians visited Germany, our Spanish students explored the vibrant city of Valencia, our Geographers headed to Morocco, and our hockey team geared up for an epic tour of Holland.

From camel trekking across the Atlas Mountains to stargazing under the Sahara Desert sky, these trips are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn and experience the world beyond the classroom.



SHAPING PATHWAYS

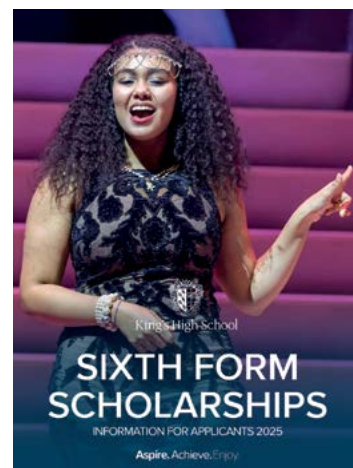
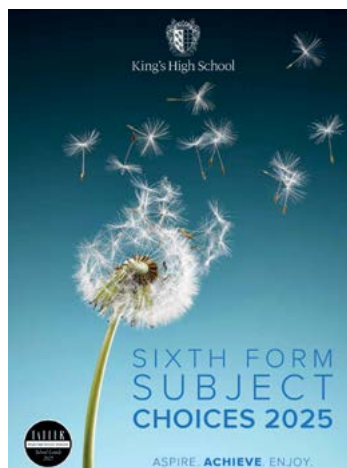
It was wonderful to see our very own Dr Seal (of Seal's Wheel fame) take the stage at an HMC Panel Session in October, where he contributed to insightful discussions on Curriculum and Assessment – helping to shape pathways for positive change.



SIXTH FORM

Explore an exceptional range of subject choices in our award-winning Sixth Form, alongside a variety of scholarships and bursaries.

Our recently launched Sixth Form Scholarships Brochure highlights the incredible scholarship opportunities at King's High, including Academic, Subject, All Rounder, and our Northgate Organ Scholarship. More on our website in [/sixthform](#).



KING'S LINKS

King's High Old Girls recently offered invaluable insights to current Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students during a King's Links trip to the University of Liverpool. This fantastic programme, spanning a variety of universities, allows alumnae to guide current students by showcasing their universities and cities, and sharing firsthand experiences of both their academic and social life.





King's High School



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- One size fits all
- King's High and Oddballs branding

ODDBALLS BOBBLE HATS

OddBalls bobble hats are back! Our lovely King's High branded bobble hats support the important work of KHAPS, our King's High Association of Parents and Staff, and a number of OddBalls charities.*

To purchase your own King's High OddBalls bobble hat:

01

Email khapstreasurer@gmail.com with your daughter's name and form and the number of bobble hats you wish to buy.

02

Transfer £19.50 for each bobble hat to the KHAPS bank account: KHAPS, Sort code 30-99-15, Account no. 00064763. State your daughter's name and form on the reference.

03

Collect your bobble hats from King's High reception the next day.

*Find out more at myoddballs.com/pages/our-charities

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

¡VIVA VALENCIA!

'During the October half-term, the Spanish department and several students, including myself, went on a trip to Valencia. The experience was incredible and provided an exciting insight into the city. We managed to pack in a lot during the four days, including visits to the Museu de les Ciències Príncep Felipe (a science museum) and the Oceanographic Aquarium, a surprise catamaran trip at sunset, lots of shopping, and time spent at the golden beaches – we all had a blast!

'We also immersed ourselves in Spanish culture and traditions, for example, trying paella in its home city and learning about the traditional festival Las Fallas. All of us are extremely grateful for the opportunity to experience Valencia at its finest, and we wouldn't have had such a fabulous time without the support of the wonderful teachers who joined us – thank you Mrs Montiel, Ms Alonso, Mrs Arun, Mrs McRoberts, and Dr Galvin for providing us with a trip to remember.

'It was also very sad to hear about the events that took place in Valencia just a week after we were there. We hope that everyone affected can recover quickly after such a natural disaster.'

Ava Year 9



VIVE LES LANGUES!

King's students enjoyed a multilingual week during European Day of Languages, embracing the joy of learning new languages.



From an assembly by A Level linguists to fun activities like a secret detective app, T-shirt designs, and a giant WordCloud honouring this year's theme: Languages for Peace.

The week ended with a House Languages Quiz, where we learned some fascinating facts: over 7,000 languages exist globally, 94% of people don't speak English natively, and more than half of Europe is bilingual!



EUROPEAN BUSINESS LANGUAGE DAY

The MFL department was delighted to host a European Business Language Day, run by the Business Language Champions.

Business Language Champions aims to promote Modern Foreign Languages and cultural cohesion by demonstrating to young students the importance of language skills in the workplace. The event brought together six different schools and international business people to inspire more young students to continue with their language learning through to further education and then beyond into language related careers.



Ten teams, made up of students from different schools worked together throughout the day to complete a series of challenges based around marketing and selling a new product in a foreign language. It was impressive to see excellent communication skills, entrepreneurial flair and collaboration throughout the day. Students used their language skills to promote and market their new product and it was great to see how much fun everyone had together, putting their language skills to the test. We were delighted that Claudia was recognised and awarded a prize by the Business Language Champions for her Leadership Skills throughout the day.

CULTURAL DAY



A group of our Year 8 Modern Foreign Languages students took part in a European cultural day in London alongside 100 students from UK schools. Their visit began with workshops at the Goethe-Institut in South Kensington, where they explored German graffiti's cultural significance, particularly the Berlin Wall, and debated whether graffiti is art or vandalism. In another session, they examined French comic strips, a hallmark of francophone culture, and created French-language dialogue for illustrations.

After lunch, the group moved to the Institut Français to watch two animated short films, one in German and one in French. The day was an enriching blend of creative and linguistic exploration, offering students the chance to enhance their language skills whilst having fun!



YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR

"I am over the moon to have won the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2024 Junior title. It has been an incredible experience – working with professional musicians and receiving their feedback, meeting other choristers, and seeing how a television production team operates."

"The judges provided feedback on our performances; how we interpret and share the music is very important as are posture, dynamics, musicality and breathing. My BBC Young Chorister experience has been wonderful, and I would love to be able to do it all again. The BBC team is amazing, and I encourage everyone to enter."

"One of the nicest things about taking part in the Young Chorister of the Year competition is the people I met and the friends I have made; it's lovely to still be in touch with the other choristers. I am enjoying the opportunities the experience has already brought including singing Christmas music for the BBC Daily Service at the BBC Philharmonic Studio, to be broadcast across Christmas week on BBC Radio 4Extra, and recording the Songs of Praise Candlelit Christmas, to be televised on 22 December. I hope there will be more next year!"

Anna

We could not be more proud of Anna in Year 8, who has been crowned the winner of the BBC Songs of Praise Young Chorister of the Year competition.

Anna, of the Choir of St Mary's, sang her way to the final of this prestigious national competition, which was televised on Sunday, 1 December. Adam Albrighton, Director of Music, described Anna's performance as *"an incredible achievement – showcasing such stunning musicianship, composure, and maturity. We are very proud of Anna for all she has achieved so far and are excited to see where her musicianship leads her next!"*

Anna shared her experience: *"I have watched the Young Chorister competition for the last few years and always wanted to enter one day. This year, the competition was announced in the Spring, and entries were invited. I had to complete a short online form and send in a recording of two pieces – both music I might sing in church: one a congregational item and one a Christmas song. I sang the hymn 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say' and Michael Head's 'Star Candles'."*



From left to right: Kate Bottley, Katherine Jenkins, Anna, Bob Chilcott, YolanDa Brown, Aled Jones

"A few weeks later, the BBC called my mum to tell her I had been chosen as one of five semi-finalists. I was so excited! Everyone was asked to change one of their audition pieces, but we could choose two new ones if we wished. I selected 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say' and 'The Virgin's Lullaby' by Max Reger. The BBC also requested photographs and information about my singing journey, including where and when I started, who has supported me, and how singing makes me feel.

"We spent three days in Manchester filming. The first day included a mentoring session with Aled Jones and interviews with Reverend Kate Bottley. The second day was the semi-final, and the final took place on the third day. All the semi-finalists took part in the final as there was a joint song with all the contestants. The judges – Katherine Jenkins, Bob Chilcott, and YolanDa Brown – were so knowledgeable, and we had the chance to meet them all. They gave advice to all the competitors on technique and musicality, and the entire team made sure we felt comfortable and relaxed.

"It was fascinating to see how a television programme is made. Everyone involved was so kind. One of the best parts of the competition was meeting the other choristers and forming friendships – we're still in touch. It was a wonderful experience, and I was very sad when it ended. If I could, I would do it all again tomorrow!"



Anna as Wednesday in the *Addams Family*



Dr Burley congratulates Anna

Anna joined the Choir of St Mary's in January 2019. As a chorister, she participates in regular rehearsals and services, singing Evensong on Wednesdays with the girl choristers and Sunday services throughout the year. She has also taken part in exciting events, including live broadcasts of Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3, performing for 3,000 people in Warwick at Carols at the Castle, CD recordings, choir tours across the UK – including to Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey – and further afield to Normandy.

Dr Burley, Head Master, commented: *"What a very special achievement! Such talent, poise, and assurance."* He added, *"Very well done to all the talented young singers in the final. It was a real joy to watch such incredible performances, and of course, to see Anna's well-deserved success."*

Anna also recently starred as Wednesday in our Junior Production of the *Addams Family*, and is part of our Music Scholars' group, Accordia, who were the Under 12 national champions in this year's Pro Corda finals – another outstanding achievement.

KING'S REMEMBERS

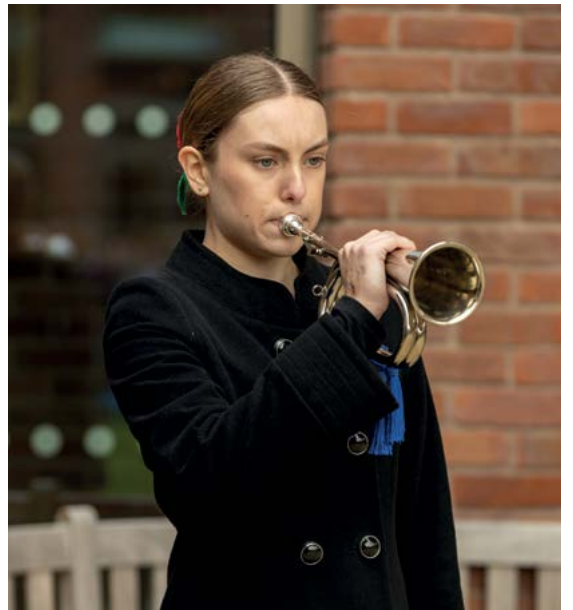
‘They shall grow not old...’

The King’s High community gathered in the Quad on Armistice Day to pay our respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Dr Burley delivered a moving reading of Laurence Binyon’s *For the Fallen* before Polly, in Upper Sixth, gave a heartfelt performance of *The Last Post*, leading us into two minutes’ silence.

Our Combined Cadet Force – one of the largest girls’ Corps in the country – formed a Guard of Honour and conducted a superb parade, led by our Staff Sergeant. Wreaths were respectfully laid, marking our collective gratitude and remembrance for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.





CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Clay pigeon shooting is just one of the many exciting clubs and activities to get involved with at King's High. Taking place every Sunday morning in Warwick during term time under the leadership of Mr Beverley, and with expert coaching, it offers students the opportunity to compete in annual school competitions, including the Oxford Gun Club Competition, the Millfield Invitational, and the Rugby Competition.



CHANNELLING CHANGE

It was so good to welcome Molly back to King's from the University of Nottingham to capture her photograph for our Student Changemaker Gallery, which is proudly displayed in our Dining Hall.

Molly trained exceptionally hard for an epic challenge of swimming the Channel as part of a relay team, raising money for Young Minds Matter (YMM), a local charity dedicated to improving young people's mental health.

Molly joined seven other young people, all under 19, to take on this extraordinary challenge. Training in cold lakes and the sea whilst balancing A Level studies, her dedication was incredibly inspiring and we are extremely proud of her – she is a true changemaker, supporting others and making a lasting impact.



SACRED SPACES

We were honoured to welcome guests, including Ziauddin and Toor Pekai Yousafzai, the parents of Malala, to the opening of our new sacred spaces at school. During their visit, they met with our Interfaith Group and shared their extraordinary journey, inspiring students from Warwick Prep and local primary schools. Malala Yousafzai, renowned for her advocacy for women's rights, is one of the influential Changemakers after whom one of our Houses is named.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our incredible Co-curricular Programme at King's now includes over 260 weekly activities, alongside our renowned Friday Afternoon Activity Programme, offering an abundance of opportunities for students to explore their talents, nurture their passions, and enhance their health and wellbeing.

The schedule has been thoughtfully crafted around key themes: global citizenship, creativity and self-expression, leadership and entrepreneurship, as well as health and wellbeing. At King's, we also focus on developing essential character traits such as empathy, confidence, resilience, and integrity. Discover your passion on our website in [/cocurricular](#).



FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

Learning to Lead was the theme of this year's fantastic Festival of Ideas at King's High. We had an action-packed week, filled with workshops, talks, and coaching sessions, all centred around the art of leadership.

Our *Ideal Leader* collaborative activity explored the qualities that define great leadership. This workshop challenged participants to think critically and empathetically about the traits that make leaders effective and inspiring.

Our Senior Art Scholars shared their expertise, offering invaluable insights to younger students beginning their GCSE Art coursework. Their guidance not only inspired creativity but also underscored the importance of peer mentorship in the creative process.

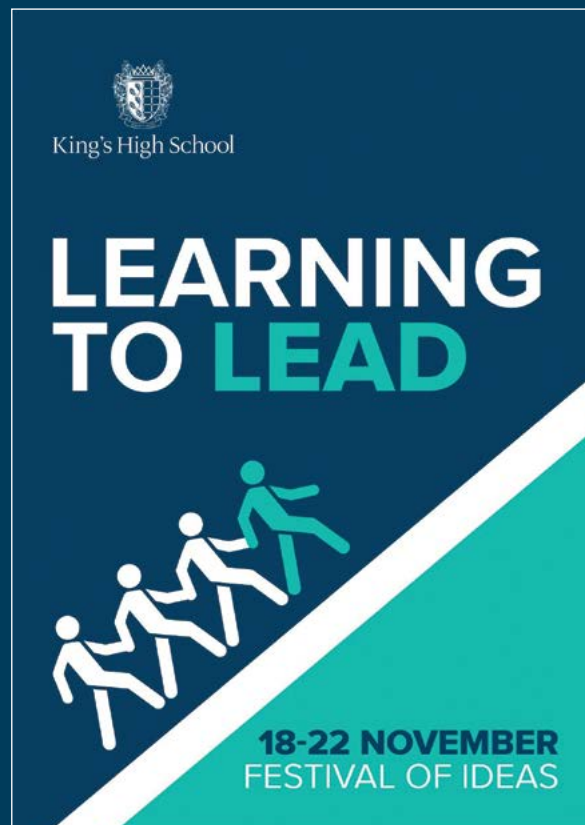
In Drama, we welcomed Beth Fiducia-Brookes, Artistic Director and CEO of Underground Lights Community Theatre, and our whole school assembly featured Nemone Wynn-Evans, a business and finance expert, who shared her journey and insights on leadership and resilience.

Workshops throughout the week continued the leadership theme, including an *Empathetic Leadership* session and the Lit and Phil Society, and Interfaith Society, also hosted sessions.

In Sport, *Rugby for Real* introduced students to new drills and contact play, emphasising teamwork and perseverance. Meanwhile, the Key Stage 3 Science Club explored scientific concepts tied to leadership and innovation.

Café Scientifique presented on examples of leadership in science, followed by a fun Kahoot! quiz to test the audience's attentiveness! The team highlighted how some scientists defied norms or odds to make groundbreaking discoveries – often by leading teams or demonstrating exceptional leadership qualities. The quiz also included a section on diagnosing diseases, a task requiring specialists to lead teams of medics and healthcare professionals. Our students particularly excelled in this part!

A highlight of the week was an *Encounters* talk with Lieutenant General Sir Simon Mayall, a retired British Army officer. His reflections on military leadership and global affairs captivated the audience, offering lessons that transcended the battlefield and applied to everyday challenges.



KING'S ADVENTURE

ADVENTURE PROGRAMME 2025

Following the success of our amazing adventures over the last few years, we are thrilled to announce the Adventure Programme 2025, under the expert leadership of our specialist team.

With two breathtaking locations, students will have the chance to embrace adventure, develop new skills, and make unforgettable memories.

Explore more on our website in </adventureprogramme>



SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK: 14-18 APRIL

Nestled in the stunning landscapes of North Wales, Snowdonia offers an incredible setting for adventure. The programme includes:

- **Canoeing:** Paddle through serene waters while building teamwork and resilience
- **Rock Climbing & Abseiling:** Scale new heights and conquer fears
- **Gorge Scrambling:** Navigate through exhilarating waterfalls and rock pools
- **Bushcraft:** Learn essential survival skills in the wild
- **Mine Tour:** Explore fascinating underground worlds
- **Mountain Walk:** Experience breathtaking views while trekking rugged terrains
- **Weaselling:** Wiggle through natural rock formations in a fun, hands-on activity
- **Orienteering:** Sharpen navigation skills and explore the region
- **Evening Activities:** Relax and bond with fellow adventurers after a day of action

PEMBROKESHIRE: 26-30 MAY

In May, the adventure continues on the spectacular Welsh coastline of Pembrokeshire, offering a mix of land and water-based activities:

- **Abseiling & Rock Climbing:** Push limits and build confidence on the cliffs
- **Coasteering:** Dive, scramble, and explore the coastline in this exhilarating activity
- **Canoeing & Kayaking:** Glide through the water and soak up Pembrokeshire's beauty
- **High Ropes:** Conquer heights and test your balance in the treetops
- **Surfing:** Ride the waves and embrace the thrill of the ocean
- **Mountain Walk:** Build resilience and teamwork, and enjoy panoramic views along the way





CADETS SOAR AT RAF COSFORD

On Sunday, 17 November, students from the Warwick Schools Foundation Combined Cadet Force (CCF) proudly represented their unit at the annual RAF Air Squadron Trophy (RAST) competition held at RAF Cosford.

The cadets took part in a variety of challenging activities designed to test their skills, discipline, and teamwork. Events included precision drill routines, aircraft recognition, first aid demonstrations, and air rifle shooting.

The CCF at King's High is a voluntary Friday Afternoon Activity open to students in Year 9 and above. The overriding aim of training in the CCF is to develop skills in leadership, teamwork, initiative and self-reliance, which encourages confidence and independence. The RAF section offers the chance to get air experience, flying in both gliders and powered aircraft, which can lead to cadets gaining their own pilot's licence. The RAF Section also offers the opportunity of a week's summer camp at an RAF Station, where they have further flying training, leadership and team-building activities and guided visits to squadrons on the host station.

CONQUERING TOUGH TERRAIN

During the October half term, the Warwick School Foundation's Combined Cadet Force (CCF) conducted a challenging weekend exercise at the Leek Military Training Area, with both girls and boys participating. The exercise tested cadets' resilience as they navigated harsh weather conditions and a rigorous schedule of activities, including patrolling, night ambushes, navigation, reconnaissance missions, and section attacks. The undulating terrain and demanding scenarios pushed the cadets to their limits, but their determination and teamwork shone through as they persevered to the very end. This was a true test of grit and commitment, and the students performed admirably.



Find out more on our website in /ccf

KING'S SCIENCE

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



In what we hope will become an annual tradition, King's High is once again entering the UK Youth Rocketry Challenge. A daring team of five Sixth Form students (Sana, Emily, Ana, Dheepthi, and team leader Izzy) has already begun planning and testing components of their rocket under the name *Space Eggs*. Their 'Eggs Broken' count

is currently at a disappointing two, but they expect to reach double digits by the end of the term. The team extends their heartfelt thanks to the King's High chickens for their continued support!

This year's UKROC rules are especially challenging: the *Space Eggs* rocket must carry a payload of two eggs (rather than one, as in previous years) to a dizzying altitude of 790 feet and split into two sections, each requiring a parachute. To achieve a perfect score, their payload section must land between 41 and 44 seconds after liftoff, with both eggs still intact.

Look out for updates throughout the year as *Space Eggs* aim for the regional and national finals – and, with luck, the international competition at the Paris Air Show!

This term, King's Rocket Club, under the expert leadership of George Tarver, had the privilege of hosting Paul Carter from the Midland Rocketry Society. Known for his hands-on approach, Paul's sessions are always a highlight, inspiring budding rocketeers with his expertise and passion.

Paul began the session by giving students a fascinating insight into rocket design, focusing on the critical principles of stability in flight. Armed with this knowledge, students were provided materials to build their own simple air-powered rockets, ready to launch in the Quad.

EXPLOSIVE SCIENCE

Year 7 students had the most wonderful time on their annual Science trip to Warwick University's Christmas Lectures. The Warwick campus, beautifully lit with festive lights, set the perfect scene for an inspiring and entertaining evening.



Held at the Warwick Arts Centre, which provided a spectacular venue for these talks, the lectures covered exciting topics such as the science behind 'keepy-uppy' and a live volcano eruption! Students also participated in a fascinating maths session, estimating how many presents could fit in the hall – answer: enough to delight all the children in Coventry and Warwickshire! The fun concluded with a lively sing-along coach journey back to school. It was an unforgettable night of learning and laughter for all involved.

The excitement reached new heights as the group headed out to the launch pad. After witnessing Paul's air-launch system in action last year indoors, this time the rockets soared under full power. The results were spectacular – rockets flew the length of the Quad, and two even disappeared over the building, never to be seen again!

King's Physics Teacher Dr Wheatley's rocket was a standout performer, earning comparisons to Space X for its flawless flight. It was a day of inspiration, innovation, and soaring success for the King's Rocket Club!



BIOLOGY WEEK

Biology Week, celebrated from 7-11 October, was packed with engaging activities and opportunities to explore the wonders of the natural world. At King's, we embraced the week with a Nature Photography competition and a lively Biology Scavenger Hunt for Year 8 students, both of which captured the spirit of curiosity and discovery.

A highlight of the week was a series of fascinating online talks hosted by the Royal Society of Biology, featuring leading experts who delved into some of the most exciting topics in modern biology:

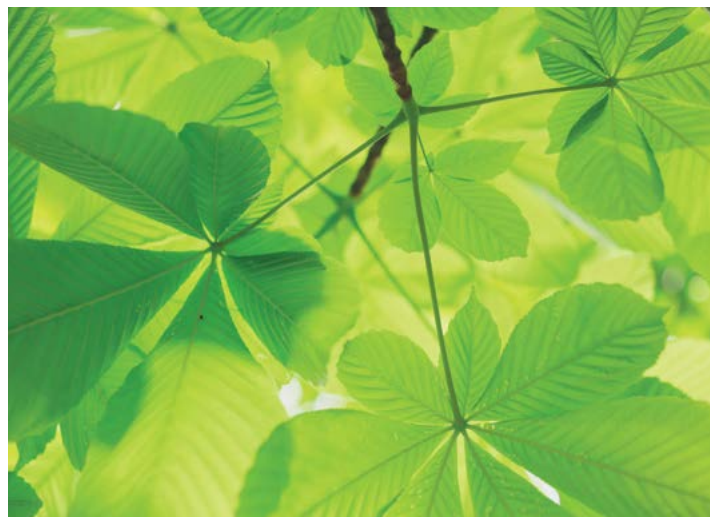
Dr Chris Thorogood, Head of Science at the University of Oxford Botanic Garden, shared his thrilling adventures and groundbreaking conservation efforts studying *Rafflesia*, the plant that produces the world's largest flowers.

Professor Lindsay Turnbull, a renowned plant ecologist at the University of Oxford, explained why plants are the ultimate traders on Earth. She discussed how they 'stole' photosynthesis – arguably the most significant innovation in history – and formed essential partnerships that sustain all life.

A myth-busting session addressed common misconceptions in biology, challenging participants to think critically about what they know.

Professor Tim Coulson, Professor of Zoology at the University of Oxford, took us on an awe-inspiring journey back to the Big Bang. Spanning 13.8 billion years, his talk culminated in the most astonishing phenomenon of all – the staggering complexity of the human mind. Truly, the greatest story ever told.

It was a fantastic week filled with biological fun and inspiration!



BIOLOGY IN ACTION

No less than 40 A Level students attended the annual *Biology in Action* lectures at Warwick University in November. The students thoroughly enjoyed listening to experts who talked with great passion about their research. Topics included the search for extraterrestrial life, the causes and development of Alzheimer's and the biology behind bringing extinct species back to life. These lectures gave plenty of food for thought and prompted lots of conversations over lunch about the relative merits of saving the Northern White Rhino and whether life will ever be found on Mars! It was an engaging and thought-provoking day, providing students with fascinating insights into biology in real-world contexts.

PHYSICS IN FOCUS

Lower Sixth physicists had the exciting opportunity to visit Warwick University in November, where they attended a series of fascinating lectures exploring a wide array of physics topics. From quantum photonics and using nuclear energy to power spacecraft, to the Coriolis effect on Earth and the surprising uses of ultrasound (beyond its role in baby scans!), the day was packed with thought-provoking discussions. The experience offered our students a valuable insight into university life and showcased the diverse career paths available in the field of physics.

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE



This term, we welcomed a dynamic new leadership team for Café Scientifique following a series of interviews. Congratulations to Isabelle, Shraddha, Sahana, Cherrie, Karine, Eleanor, Deepthi, and Emma on being selected! Bursting with ideas and enthusiasm, the team has already made a stellar start.

Their chosen theme for the first half term, 'Life and Death', inspired a fantastic first edition of the Café Scientifique newsletter, published in October. The team also delighted younger students by hosting a hugely popular Halloween 'Spooky Slime' workshop for Key Stage 3 – so popular, in fact, that supplies of glue nearly ran out!

Looking ahead, the second newsletter, will explore the fascinating theme of 'Defiance in Science', celebrating individuals and events that challenged expectations in the scientific world.

In a special assembly for Warwick Prep Year 5 and 6 students, the team shared their mission for the year: to inspire and engage everyone in science. With such a strong start, they are well on their way to achieving that goal. Here's to a fantastic year ahead for Café Scientifique!

JUNIOR ASTRO CHALLENGE

In November, nine enthusiastic students from Year 10 voluntarily took on the Junior Astro Challenge – a quiz which blends Physics-based problems with the wonders of Astronomy. This challenge required creativity, determination, and analytical thinking to tackle some particularly tricky questions.

We are thrilled to announce that all our students earned medals for their efforts, with four achieving bronze awards and five taking home silver.

KING'S MUSIC

It has been another exciting and action-packed term for Music at King's High. We are hugely proud of the musical achievements of all our students, in concerts and ensembles as well as individual successes.

The first major concert each year is the Year 7 concert, held just before half term. We were delighted to showcase the whole year group singing, a variety of solos and duets as well as one Year 7 class performing on their instrumental scheme instruments which they had only been playing for two weeks. It was a lovely way to celebrate a fantastic first half term for our new Year 7 students. We look forward to our upcoming Winter Concert in the final week of term, packed with ensembles performing a variety of repertoire.

We are exceptionally proud of Year 8 student, Anna, who was crowned BBC Young Chorister of the Year in this year's competition. This is an incredible achievement, and both the semi-final and final were televised on BBC's Songs of Praise. Huge congratulations to Anna!

There have also been many highlights in our smaller, more informal concerts. This term has seen the inaugural Music Scholars and Award Holders' concert at King's which was a wonderful evening with music-making of the highest order. We have also been treated to two Horizons concerts, featuring pianists and wind and brass players.

We have been fortunate to welcome several guests to the department this term. Year 8 were inspired by an Indonesian Gamelan workshop and were able to play on an authentic Balinese Gamelan orchestra. Our guitarists were all involved in November's Guitar Day, featuring a workshop with renowned guitarist Amanda Cook. Our music scholars took part in a workshop with Amy Littlewood, exploring performance psychology and how best to prepare for recitals and performances.

The crowning highlight of the term has been November's Foundation Gala Concert. Featuring every Year 7 student in the Foundation, plus every Foundation-level orchestra and ensemble, we packed Butterworth hall at Warwick Arts Centre to the rafters. The central piece was Christopher Tin's Calling All Dawns; each movement was sung in a different language and accompanied by a full symphony orchestra. It was an incredible experience for all involved.





This term also saw the Senior Production of Sweeney Todd. An incredibly challenging musical, the students delivered four incredible performances in both the cast, band and technical teams. It has also been exciting to see a few new ensembles taking off, including the Early Music Consort and a new guitar trio.

There is much to look forward to next term, including the Pro Corda competition, Spring Concert, chamber music concert, and the Jazz, Rock and Pop concert. Hope to see you there!

Mr Adam Albrighton
Director of Music

'Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Year 7 concert. Stunning performances and a real buzz. Well done to our 7K orchestra for their debut performance and to all the performers. The year group choir was outstanding!'

Dr Burley, Head Master





It was fantastic to see Polly, in Upper Sixth, featured in a recent *Muddy Stiletto's* feature highlighting how pupils from the Girls' School Association made the most of their summer break. Polly shared her experience attending conductor summer school, offering an inspiring insight into her passion for music and personal growth. What an amazing achievement!



Thanks to donations and funds raised by KHAPS, every Year 7 student is able to have her own instrument for the year – to take home, practise on, and develop musicianship skills, igniting a lifelong passion for music!

‘The Squires family have historic links to the school and chose to support our Year 7 music scheme in memory of mother, Margaret Stone, who attended King’s High as a student herself 100 years ago. Observant students will have spotted the Margaret Stone practice room in the music block, named in recognition of the family’s previous support and we are delighted they decided to mark the centenary milestone of her completing her studies at King’s High herself in this way.’

Adam Albrighton, Director of Music

KING'S ART

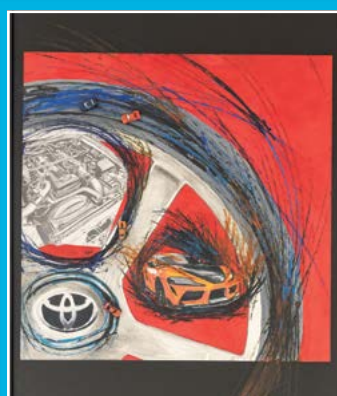
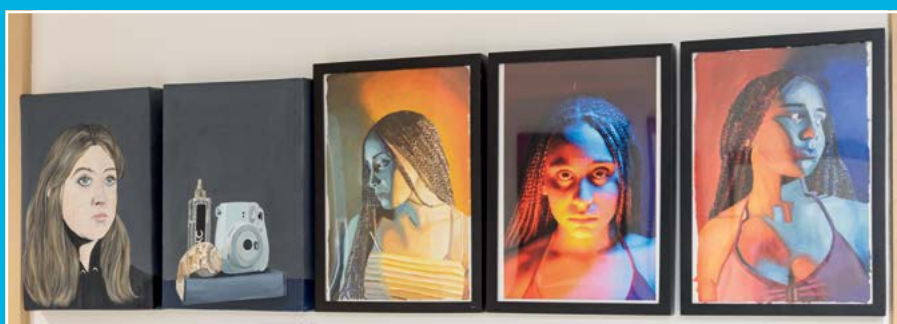
The Autumn term has seen much creativity here at King's. We ended the academic year with our annual GCSE and A level Summer Exhibition which was also showcased as part of Warwickshire Open Studios. The public were welcomed into the department alongside parents and students, who admired the amazing standard of artwork on display. Our Artist in Residence, Mrs Craven, also exhibited alongside the girls, which widely enhanced the variety of work on show.

As the new academic year began, we welcomed Mr Moss, our new Ceramic Teacher, to the department. We saw the Year 10 cohort start their GCSE Fine Art journey and, on Wednesday 16 October, we welcomed Ian Murphy back to the department where he inspired the Year 10s with his mixed-media processes and secret insights into how and why he creates his work. Four outcomes were produced during the day and the girls continued to be inspired by Ian through their research and sustained investigations as part of Component 1. Thank you to Mr Reeves for organising this workshop – we look forward to welcoming Ian back next year to inspire the next cohort of GCSE Fine Artists.

The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival from The Campaign for Drawing, and it runs throughout the month of October. This year's theme was Drawing in Motion, and Mrs Quinn led the Senior Art Scholars to create the wonderful new corridor display which welcomes everyone to the department. 'Art makes

us Powerful' boldly reminds us how important Art and creativity is and how it can transform our lives. Thank you to Mrs Quinn and the Senior Art Scholars for all their hard work and also to everyone in our school community who contributed to the piece – everyone helped to 'thread' the piece together.

The second half of term began with the Festival of Ideas and Leadership was the theme. Again, our Senior Art Scholars and Mrs Quinn worked together to create inspiring talks for the Year 11 and Year 10 Art students, sharing best practice, top tips for success and insights into A Level Fine Art. The Da Vinci Society were also involved in the Festival of Ideas and organised two wonderful talks for anyone interested in Art. The first focused on AI and Art, a very current topic which resulted in a fabulous debate, posing many interesting questions and personal opinions relating to technically generated imagery. The second talk was led by Old Girl, Sophie Davies, who left King's in 2019. Sophie discussed her journey from





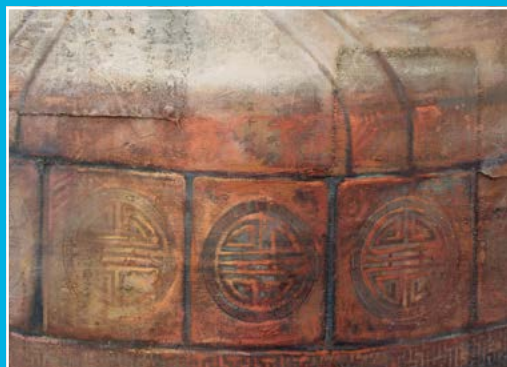
A Levels, to Foundation, to Degree and finally to Masters level, all inspired by her passion for drawing and architecture.

The room was full of inspired students, both from King's and also Warwick School, who listened intently to Sophie share her concepts and dreams of being a full-time professional artist. Thank you to Sophie, who has joined us for the Autumn term as a volunteer in the department; she has worked alongside students, supported clubs and helped a great deal with the St Mary's Christmas Tree. We wish her all the very best as she completes her Masters Degree in May 2025.

This year's theme for the St Mary's Christmas Tree is 'Peace, Love and Hope' and features a wonderful selection of crafted decorations using numerous processes and techniques. Huge thanks to Mrs Craven, who designed and led the making of the decorations and also curated the tree alongside Sophie. Well done to all the students who contributed during co-curricular clubs too!

As another year ends, the Art Department looks forward to 2025 and the exciting trips and opportunities that lie ahead. In the meantime, we wish all students, staff and parents a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday.

Ms Sarah Jordan
Director of Art





KING'S DRAMA

It has been a wonderful start to the year for Drama at King's High.

Rehearsals for our Senior Production of Sondheim's masterpiece *Sweeney Todd* started straight away. In November, Pupils across King's High and Warwick School performed in the cast; created the grisly stage magic backstage and played alongside professional musicians in the orchestra. The ambitious production was full of surprises, from an enormous orchestra concealed in shadows within the set; an enormous chute for Sweeney's victims to slide down and some fabulous blood effects created by horror industry expert Paul Wilkins. The production was a resounding sell-out success, finishing off with a well-deserved standing ovation on Saturday night.

Trips have been another highlight, with many exciting opportunities on offer for our students. This term, Key Stage 3 students enjoyed a wonderful performance of *Twelfth Night* at the RSC with the English Department. Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students spent the day in Bath, watching an exhilarating performance of *1984*. They had the opportunity to ask experienced actor Keith Allen plenty of questions about the acting and design process at the end of the show. It has been an action-packed term for professional industry workshops at A Level: two highlights have been a fascinating visit from Beth Fiducia-Brookes, Artistic Director of Underground Lights, and an opportunity to participate in a professional performance of set text *Woyzeck* with KatMary. A Level Drama students also enjoyed fantastic performances of *Dracula* by Blackeyed Theatre and *Othello* at the RSC, supporting both their Drama and English A Level courses. Over half term, the Friday Afternoon Activity Improvisation Troupe attended the acclaimed tour of *Showstopper: The Improvised Musical* at the Warwick Arts Centre.

Our GCSE and Upper Sixth students both performed their original devised pieces to public audiences this term, with their subject matter exploring everything from Agatha Christie's mysterious disappearance to espionage in the Second World War. We are very proud of their final pieces.



It has also been a wonderful term for the LAMDA department. Our fantastic team of LAMDA teachers have welcomed many new students alongside continuing to support our existing ones. Preparation is well underway for the new series of examinations and our showcase evening next term, both of which promise to celebrate the wide range of styles, genres and writers our students have been exploring in depth.

Meanwhile, Drama clubs have been in full flow. In an exciting addition to our current extensive provision, we have launched a brand-new collaboration with Modern Foreign Languages: 'Performing in Other Languages'. This term, students have been looking at a multilingual version of *Art* by Yasmina Reza, exploring the text in French, Spanish and English. Meanwhile, Aspiring Creatives in Theatre Club have been put to work on the pie production line for *Sweeney Todd*; visited the *Sweeney Todd* set and investigated how it was designed; created their own Beetlejuice-inspired make-up designs and learnt all about the role of a dramaturg.

Creative careers have been at the forefront of our minds this term, with students participating in a fantastic range of activities organised by our Dramatic Arts Coordinator Miss Stiles as part of Creative Arts Careers week. Students attended a vast range of talks from professional performer Lucy Chamberlain, LAMDA Chief Executive Linda Macrow, Artistic Director of Arts Insight Laura Berridge and professional games designer Richard Tawn exploring the application of cinematography in the video games industry. Students in Lower Sixth attended a fascinating workshop in applied community theatre with Beth Fiducia-Brookes, learning all about her work with poor mental health, SEMH and SEND needs and people in prison. Our professional headshot session was very popular, with students from Year 11 to Upper Sixth taking advantage of this opportunity. Meanwhile, our weekly Dramatic Arts Careers Club have been working on their own individual careers-focused projects.

As we neared the end of term, our thoughts turned to upcoming productions. Students from Year 9 and 10 have begun rehearsals for the Middle School Production of *Faustus* in collaboration with Warwick School. After weeks of refusing to give the game away, the Drama Department team finally revealed (in full costume, of course) the title of our production: *There's No Place Like Home!* Inspired by the Wizard of Oz, this exciting prequel asks if there is more to the story... why was Dorothy really brought to Oz? This fabulous production promises to showcase a wide range of lower school talent alongside some original music composed by our own students at King's High.

The final week of term was full of plenty of festive-themed Drama. Our King's High School Inspire Theatre Company staged a wonderful seasonal showcase inspired by *A Christmas Carol*. Several of our pupils were also involved in a Christmas Improvisation Troupe showcase with Warwick School, an evening as entertaining as it was unpredictable! Of course, our Drama students and teachers had their usual hand in our staff pantomime, an even more unpredictable festive treat for the whole school as part of the Christmas assembly.

After such a busy and exciting term, we are all in need of a Christmas break... but we couldn't be more excited for an even more dramatic year in 2025!

Miss Gracey Spring
Director of Drama





'Very well done to the cast and crew of the Key Stage 3 performance of Christmas Carol. It was so good to see so many students enjoying performance opportunities and building confidence and collaboration skills.'

Dr Burley, Head Master





'Huge congratulations to the cast and crew of Sweeney Todd. It was a great pleasure to be there on opening night for a fantastic performance showcasing such skill and talent. Spectacular! Very well done to everyone involved!'

Dr Burley, Head Master



KING'S SPORT

As we bring the Autumn term to a close, it has been a pleasure to reflect on the many sporting fixtures and opportunities our students have embraced this academic year.

The term began with an exciting start – just two days in, seven teams and over 100 pupils participated in competitive hockey fixtures against Bedford Girls' School.

It has been a mixed hockey season with the 1st XI facing tough challenges playing in the top league in the country. They have shown great resilience and team spirit and have been justly rewarded with a strong win in their most recent fixture against King's Taunton. Other notable matches for the team came with a victory after penalty shuffles in an ISHC cup game against Trent College and a recent 4-1 win over Loughborough in a friendly.

The 2nd XI have enjoyed victories over Bedford Girls' School and King's Worcester in their friendly matches and, playing against other schools' A teams in their cup run, managed to put on a strong performance.

The strength of depth in hockey at King's currently is impressive with the U16 team's highlight of a thrilling 3-2 win, having been 2-0 down at half time, and the U15 team currently undefeated after coming through two penalty stroke competitions in the round of their ISHC cup run.

Our Junior teams enjoyed a fantastic tour of Holland over the half term break with 40 pupils from Year 9 and Year 8 experiencing a professional hockey match, training sessions and many matches over the course of the five-day experience. Undoubtedly, their hockey progressed as a result of the tour. The U13A team have recorded an emphatic 6-0 win in their latest cup match and the U14B team competed strongly against other schools' A teams in the county tournament.

The U12 teams are proving to be a force to be reckoned with in the region. The A team have won all of their games so far without conceding a goal! There have been highlights for the U12E team with a thrilling 5-5 match played against Bromsgrove and a similar experience for the G team with a 3-3 result against King Henry VIII School's U12C team. We look forward to their continued progress as a year group next term.

The indoor hockey season is a brief but action-packed experience. The U16 and U18 teams enjoyed warm up matches against Rugby, recording a combined 4-1 win. This was great preparation for the Regional Qualifiers. The U16 team were superb in theirs with some students playing their first competitive tournament in this format of the game. They justly qualified for the Regional Finals where they acquitted themselves well, despite the slow start. The U18 team played some slick indoor hockey in their Midlands qualifier but it wasn't quite enough this year to see them through to finals day.

Alongside the hockey this term, there have, of course, been many other fixtures across a range of different sports. The netball season is already in full flow with all teams playing in their various cup competitions and tournaments. It's been an exciting start!

The U12 teams have been particularly impressive, with the U12B team winning their first 'Sister n Sport' match 18-12 against Bablake. The U12A team also made a strong start to the season, with their skill and speed helping them dominate their first match of the competition.

The U13 teams had a successful run in the 'Sister n Sport' Shield, with the U13B team defeating King Henry VIII 32-6 in their opening round. The U13A team also triumphed, overcoming tough opposition to win 38-26, demonstrating excellent teamwork and skill. The U14s also impressed in their 'Sister n Sport' matches, with the U14B team showing great defensive and attacking play to secure a fantastic win. The U14s also managed to win their county tournament this term and followed this up with an impressive County Triangular tournament to secure a spot at the Regional Finals next term.

The U15A team had a challenging start to their 'Sister n Sport' competition but bounced back strongly, securing a hard-fought victory over Bablake. The U15B team demonstrated their resilience with a close win against King's School Worcester, securing a 17-15 victory thanks to crucial turnovers in the final quarter. The U16 teams also had strong performances, with the U16B team impressing with their teamwork and defensive skills.

In the senior teams, over 100 pupils have attended training and enjoyed many matches. They weren't quite able to make it to the Regional Finals with the U14s but the 1st VII did enjoy a fantastic match against Stratford Girls Grammar, edging the result 33-32!

There have been solid Starts in the ESFA Cup for our football teams. The U12 team won their first match 4-0 against Bishop Ullathorne, after an early goalless first half. The team showed great teamwork and possession, paving the way for a successful season ahead.

The U15 team also made a solid start in the ESFA Cup, defeating North Bromsgrove 3-1 in challenging conditions. Despite heavy rain, King's High's players maintained their composure, with Nina scoring two crucial goals. The defensive unit stood firm, ensuring a well-deserved victory for the team.

The U13 team produced some fantastic performances playing in the ISA Finals. They conceded only one goal in their group game and played brilliantly in the semi-final, only to concede a late



goal against the run of play. The team showed great resilience to bounce back and win their 3rd/4th playoff after a penalty shootout to claim the bronze medals.

It's been a busy term for our ski racers. In September, the Warwick Schools Foundation teams took to the slopes to compete against other Midlands schools in the English Schools Ski Association dry slope qualifiers. Keeping their focus in torrential rain, King's High's racers delivered great results, qualifying for the English Schools Championships alongside successful teams from Warwick School. In October, the teams travelled to Norwich for the Championships weekend at which the U16s, Frankie, Holly, Lydia and Darcey, achieved a fantastic silver podium place and the U19s, Alex, Alya, Carys and Kitty, placed 6th – narrowly missing a podium position in a tough field.

Teams then competed in the English Schools open event on the Sunday, a race for all senior schools' skiers, and the qualifier for the November British Schools Finals. With no age group restrictions, this was 'full gas' racing with the very best English schools' teams competing head-to-head! Both of our teams raced hard in a very tight competition with King's A team placing 6th and King's B team in 8th position, gaining two much coveted places in the British Finals.

British Finals weekend took place in Llandudno where our racers braved the rain and fierce winds brought by storm Bert, which was a challenging experience! King's High's A team of Alex, Kitty, Holly,

Alya placed a brilliant 6th out of the 14 teams competing with the B team of Carys, Frankie, Darcey and Lydia reaching a solid 11th place. No mean feat at the highly competitive British Finals! This is a truly fantastic improvement moving up the ranks from 14th in 2022 when our King's High racers first competed in the finals.

As a result of individual performances over the season, a number of Warwick Schools Foundation racers across our schools have been offered places to train in the prestigious English Schools Alpine Squads, an outstanding achievement and a just recognition of the hard work students have put into their sport.

In addition to these successes, our teams raced to success in the September ISA National Indoor Ski Championships at The Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead with our A team becoming the ISA Girls Team Champions and our B team finishing a close second!

A number of our King's High racers will be heading to the snow to attend race training camps this winter and we look forward to seeing the continued success of our students and all of the Warwick Schools Foundation racers in 2025!

The U14 tennis team also showed their mettle in the LTA National competition, securing a hard-fought win over Lutterworth High School. The first pair won 7-6 in a thrilling tie-break, securing the victory and advancing to the second round in their bid for a place at the regional finals. This excellent result marks a positive start to the season for the team.



Not to be outdone, members of our Badminton academy have been out in force in various cup competitions and tournaments as the sport continues to grow at King's. The Highlight of the season so far came at the ISA U13 and U15 National Finals. Congratulations to Hannah, who was the runner-up in the U17 Cup, facing an opponent who has won the title for the past few years. In the U17 Plate competition, Eva emerged as the winner, with Nirja finishing 3rd. In the U17 Doubles competition, Hannah and Eva were runners-up, and Isabel and El secured 3rd place. In the U15 singles competition, well done to Yannis, who finished 3rd overall, and Georgina who came runners up in the plate final. Everyone played exceptionally well and should be proud of their sportsmanship and teamwork.

Our swimmers have enjoyed many successes in the pool during this first term. The highlight so far, of course, has to be the senior team qualifying in 4th place at the ESSA Team Relay National Finals. An outstanding achievement. To prove this level of performance isn't just reserved for the senior team, all of our swimmers were in action in the pool as we hosted the Warwick

100's and I'm delighted to report that King's retained the overall title, despite tough opposition.

Cross country has had a mixed season so far with exceptional performances at the county round of the ESAA Team Cup. Both the U15 and U13 teams qualified for the Regional round with ease. It wasn't to be on the day as the teams challenged for spots at the National Finals but we are sure they will come back stronger again next term for the new challenges posed of them.

The sporting achievements at King's High School this term reflect the incredible talent and hard work of our students across a wide range of disciplines. From team sports like hockey and netball to individual triumphs in skiing, fencing, and trampolining, our athletes have shown what they are capable of. As the season progresses, we look forward to even more success and growth from all of our teams and individuals, with exciting opportunities ahead in every sport. Keep up the excellent work, King's High!

Mrs Sarah Parkinson-Mills
Director of Sport



EQUESTRIAN

The King's High Equestrian team has enjoyed remarkable success so far this academic year, as Sara Copley, our Equestrian Instructor, reports.

At schools' events, two teams competed at Rectory Farm in the Eventer Challenge Qualifiers. The 70cm team – Minnie, Iona, Francesca, and Anouk – and the 80cm team – Kirsty, Iona, and Anouk – both placed 2nd, securing qualification for the Eventer Challenge Championships at Hickstead next year! Additionally, Iona qualified as an individual for the 70cm Championships.

Our students have also achieved outstanding results in non-school competitions. Highlights include:

Ellie

- 2nd: PC International Dressage
- 1st (Team): British Eventing Regional Youth Team Championships
- 3rd: Bicton 3-Day Event (qualified for Badminton Grassroots 2025)

Arabella

- Bronze (Team GB): Pony European Eventing Championships
- 6th: Individual Pony European Eventing Championships
- 3rd: Rising Stars Final

Tara

- 2nd and 6th: SEG Championships
- 7th: Cotswold Cup 2DE Championships

Purdie

- 1st: BS National Amateur Qualifier
- 2nd: Eventer Challenge (qualified for National Eventer Challenge Championships 2025)
- 4th: 1.05m BS National Amateur Qualifier

Sarra

- 15th: Dauntsey Horse Trials

Tillie

- Double clear: First FEI 1* International
- Double clear: First BE Novice
- 2nd: BE Open Novice U18

Issy

- 1st: Walk Squad / 3rd: Walk Pas de Deux, BE Vaulting English Championships
- 1st: Walk Squad / 2nd: Walk Pas de Deux, BE Welsh Vaulting Championships
- 2nd: Walk Squad / 2nd: Walk Pas de Deux, BE British Vaulting Championships
- Selected for the Howden Way Talented Rider Academy

Izzy

- 5th: 80cm Cotswold Cup Championships
- 1st 70/2nd 80: PC Area 9 Dressage Qualifiers





For all the latest Sporting news including Equestrian, view our dedicated weekly Sports Blog at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/sportsblog

PARSNIP'S POST

PAWS WITH PARSNIP

Parsnip has had a bustling term, thoroughly enjoying her time at school and meeting so many students. She was especially delighted to greet the new Year 7 cohort at the start of term. Parsnip loves receiving plenty of hugs and attention, as Miss Reed explains:

"Parsnip has started a new club this term called 'Paws with Parsnip'. Students spend time with her weekly, engaging in activities like crafts and games. They've even taught her new tricks, which she thoroughly enjoys!"

"Every Thursday morning, Parsnip is stationed outside the main school entrance for her 'Meet and Greet' session. She loves welcoming everyone to the start of the day and is always happy for anyone to come and say hello."

"Our Friday Afternoon activity has been another highlight. This term, we were fortunate to welcome a trainer from Warwick's K9 Club. Parsnip has been put through her paces with dog agility training and has even started scent training. Our trainer, Marta, also shared her passion for dogs and her extensive experience working with them."

"Parsnip also made a special visit to Westgate Primary School, spending time with small groups of pupils. It's heartwarming to see how much joy she brings to everyone she meets."

Parsnip is such a happy member of the school community and is eagerly looking forward to even more cuddles next year.



HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY



Parsnip, our beloved school dog, celebrated her 3rd birthday this term! She plays a vital role in promoting wellbeing, offering companionship and moments of calm to students and staff alike.

PARSNIP AND HUGO

Parsnip was thrilled to welcome a special guest, Hugo, during one of our Dog Care and Welfare Friday Afternoon activities. Hugo captivated everyone with a fascinating demonstration of scent work and dog agility, showcasing his impressive repertoire of tricks. He even took the time to teach Parsnip some new skills, which our students are excited to practise with her!



LANDOR ASSOCIATION & OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

A LEGACY REMEMBERED



Barbara Ansell, a distinguished King's High School Old Girl, was a trailblazer in medicine, particularly in paediatric rheumatology. Born in 1923 in the house now commemorated with a blue plaque commemorating her legacy, she was the only child of Herbert Joseph Ansell and Annie Olivia Chubb, who herself was a

King's High alumna. Barbara began her education at home before joining the school's kindergarten at age seven. Despite living nearby, she became a boarder in 1935 after earning a County Minor Scholarship. Her father, who had been Mayor of Warwick, often travelled for work, which may have influenced this decision.

Barbara thrived under the guidance of headmistress Eleanor Doorly, excelling academically and creatively. She contributed to the school's magazine, held leadership roles in debating and international relations societies, and achieved distinction in Biology while excelling in Physics, Chemistry, and French.

In 1941, during World War II, Barbara won a Queen's Scholarship to study Medicine at the University of Birmingham. Women were still underrepresented in medical schools, but Barbara excelled, achieving a distinction in Surgery in her final exams. Post-graduation, she trained in London before joining Professor Eric Bywaters in 1951, where her groundbreaking work in paediatric rheumatology began. She developed a classification system for childhood arthritis and promoted holistic, multidisciplinary care, setting a global standard.

Barbara advanced research and pioneered surgical interventions for children with joint damage, co-authoring the influential *The Surgical Management of Juvenile Chronic Polyarthritis*. Recognised internationally, she became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, received a CBE in 1982, and was honored by the Royal College of Surgeons in 1985 - a true Changemaker of her time.

In recognition of Barbara's remarkable achievements, the Ansell Laboratory at King's High was named in her honour, ensuring her legacy continues to inspire future generations of Changemakers.

THE ILEX

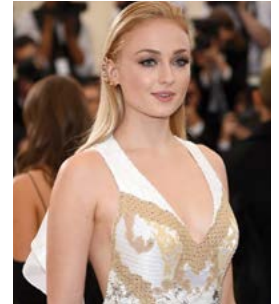
The Autumn edition of The Ilex, summarising the activities of Kings High and Warwick Prep over the 2024 academic year, is out now.

Available on our website in /latestnews.



JOAN

Old Girl Sophie Turner (KHS 2007-2013), perhaps best known for her role as Sansa Stark in *Game of Thrones*, stars in *Joan*, the true story of a jewel thief. Set in the 1980s and filmed partly in Leamington Spa, this six-part drama is available to stream now on ITVX.



LANDOR ASSOCIATION LECTURE

We are delighted to announce that the eighth Landor Lecture will be held on Tuesday, 21 January 2025 in the King's High School Hall. The lecture will be delivered by Sue Moore (KHS 1960-1967), Executive Mentor and Theatre Director.

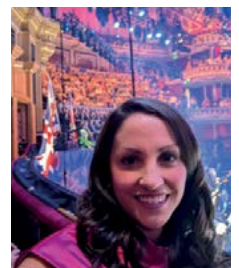


Sue, who was one of the first King's High pupils to study Business at university, has had a stellar business career, mentoring top executives in companies such as Sony, Microsoft and John Lewis. In parallel to this, she also studied with RADA and LAMDA and is currently the Artistic Director of the Loft Theatre, Leamington Spa.

She is a fabulous and engaging speaker. Her wise words will resonate with anyone in the world of work, and those who are studying business, as well as those with an interest in drama and the theatre. **Book at landorassociation.co.uk.**

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Sophie Bishton (KHS 1996-2003) gave her first performance at this year's Last Night of the Proms as part of the BBC Symphony Chorus. Sophie writes, 'It was an incredible evening, with such an electric atmosphere in the hall that amplified the traditions of the event even more. A special day I will not forget!' Sophie credits her former music teacher, Miss Mary Crayston, for her passion in music.



Follow @kingshigholdgirls on Facebook for all the latest news, and contact Polly Beidas, OGA Secretary and Development & Landor Association Administrator, for further information.

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO EXCITE



The Foundation's ongoing partnership with Orchestra of the Swan continues to excite, and on Thursday, 10 October, we welcomed actor Anton Lesser to Warwick Hall for the first Swan concert of this season.

The concert, also featuring conductor Rebecca Miller and the Swan's professional orchestra, was once again outstanding; the combination of symphonic musical pieces with readings from Anton made for a wonderful experience for those in attendance.

We look forward to three more concerts at Warwick Hall throughout this season; On 26 January, Anton returns for 'A Beautiful Thread'; on 20 March, our pupils will have the truly unique opportunity to perform side-by-side with the Swan's orchestra in 'Elements'; and on 19 June, we end the season with 'Interstellar'.

Find out more at: orchestraoftheswan.org

FOUNDATION SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING



The annual Foundation Service of Thanksgiving took place on Friday, 27 September in the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick.

The service brought together representatives of our whole Foundation community: pupils, staff, parents, and Governors, and provided a moment to reflect on everything our community – past and present – has achieved.

Pupils were represented by different year groups and joined forces to make music. This included several student choral and music groups, such as massed choirs from our senior schools; our Foundation Chamber Choir; our junior-aged chamber music group; and Warwick School's brass fanfare team.

FOUNDATION GALA CONCERT



On Thursday, 28 November, the Foundation Gala Concert took place at Butterworth Hall.

The concert was outstanding; bringing together singers and



instrumentalists from all Foundation schools, and performers from our proposed Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) schools – including a performance of by the choir of Evergreen School.

The evening also included a performance of Christopher Tin's 'Calling All Dawns', with the massed choirs of the Foundation, the proposed WSF MAT, and the Calling All Dawns Orchestra of staff and students.

Various Foundation ensembles performed on the night – including our Ambassadors, Wind Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, String Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra; some of the most gifted musicians from across the Foundation showcased their undoubted musical talent, and we couldn't be prouder.

WARWICK – A SINGING TOWN NAMED AS FINALIST

Warwick – A Singing Town was named as a finalist for 'Outstanding Musical Initiative' in the Music and Drama Education Awards 2025.

The awards celebrate outstanding achievements in Music and Drama education, and 'recognises individuals, schools, and organisations that have made a significant impact in these fields, showcasing excellence in teaching, innovation, and leadership.'

The Foundation is delighted to support such a positive initiative, and this achievement reflects the truly positive impact that it has on so many lives across the local community; from weekly singing tuition for children at local primary schools, to 'Sing for Joy' community choirs based at local community centres.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Enabling transformation through the power of education



Dear Parents,

As a chorister in my younger days, I loved the season of Advent (actually, I still do). There was something rather special about the very structured sense of climax towards Christmas, including less familiar, infrequently performed music. Later, as a Director of Music, by the time Christmas Day arrived, I never wanted to hear another carol ever again!

One of the great joys of my role as Principal is supporting as many events across the schools as I can. As I write, there have already been fourteen Christmas events, from nativities to concerts and services, and some thirty-five yet to come. What I find most joyous is that each manages to capture the spirit and personality of the school. A Kingsley Carol Service has a uniquely Kingsley feel, just as the Warwick Carol Service is unmistakably 'Warwick'. The King's High and Warwick Prep Services also beautifully embody their own distinct spirit, showcasing the shared values and traditions of their communities while celebrating their individuality. Each and every one is perfect.

A key Foundation Value – arguably the most important – is 'drawing on the best of each other'. Another way of putting this is 'sharing the best of ourselves', because being as generous as we can with our gifts and talents is a tremendous way to live. The joy of our Foundation is that we can enable our pupils to do just that, by working towards common goals which enable them to contribute to a community larger than their own school, and in return, be the recipient of the support of their Foundation peers. So often when we do this, we see true magic happen.

Most recently, we brought together hundreds of pupils for our Gala Concert in Butterworth Hall. This was by far the most ambitious whole Foundation endeavour we have staged, featuring over 450 pupils from our schools and pupils from our four key partner schools – Evergreen School, Exhall Grange Specialist School, Clapham Terrace Primary School, and Westgate Primary School. The concert demonstrated the depth and breadth of music talent and ambition within each school, provided an amazing experience for all our Year 7 pupils, and showed the heights that our most able musicians reach. Truly, an inspiring and unforgettable evening.

As we look beyond the festive period and into 2025, that sense of common endeavour will remain such an important focus for us – ensuring excellence in all that happens across our schools and our Foundation family. Thank you for your support in enabling it to happen.

Richard Nicholson

Foundation Principal





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