KING'S HIGH NEWS SUMMER 2022

KING'S: FIT FOR A QUEEN – PLATINUM JUBILEE KING'S IS MOTORING ART, SPORT, DRAMA, MUSIC AND MORE

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It feels very strange to think that a year ago, we were working through Covid-mitigation processes for end of year events. How good it has been to welcome everyone to the full spectrum of summer term events: concerts, plays, Prize Givings, graduation – so many of which are rites of passage for our pupils and indeed their families.

The great richness of the opportunities for our pupils on this site has been highlighted over recent weeks, not only because it is now far easier to run activities once more (and we are loving doing so), but also because of the greater collaboration across the schools.

A few highlights across the senior schools include: fundraising for Ukraine, our pupils' work with the award-wining charity 'Kissing it Better', 'Young Enterprise', with a team reaching the Young Enterprise UK Finals for the second year running, the 'Encounters' series of talks, our Drama 'Improv Troupe', and – a first – a Foundation equestrian team competed for the first time in the National Inter-Schools Championships at Hickstead. Collaboration in the junior years has seen our first ever mixed cricket teams.

As I write this, the finishing touches are being put to our Future Fwd conference. This sees the Foundation partner with other educational bodies, including the University of Warwick. The conference has two parts: one, an exploration of the skills which need to be nurtured to ensure that current and future generations thrive in the communities in which they live and work; the other, for pupils in Lower Sixth. In recognition of the 70 years that Her Majesty The Queen has been on the throne, participants will imagine what the world will be like over the next 70 years, and what our priorities will – or should – be.

For both elements we will be welcoming large and diverse cohorts of participants from across the country, drawing on experts from the worlds of business and industry, tech, arts, and culture.

A major outcome of the conference will be a 'white paper', sharing experiences, good practice, and future educational pathways. Whilst conceived here in the Midlands, it is our hope that it should radiate out, and help influence the future development of education.

Closer to home, I should also like to pay tribute to our Professional Services teams, under the leadership of Victoria Espley, our Foundation Bursar. So much of their work is often out of the public gaze, yet essential to the effective operation of our schools. However, our grounds are very much on display and are looking magnificent, in particular the new fencing and netting for cricket. Thank you to these large and dedicated teams who support our pupils' education in so many different ways.

Finally, thank you to you, our families, who entrust your children to our care. It is a privilege to work with them and you.

Richard Nicholson

Foundation Principal

Cover image by Emily (Upper Sixth). Emily is very interested in automative design and cars, which often feature in her Artwork. We are thrilled to showcase her stunning Mini in King's High News.



HEAD MASTER'S INTRODUCTION

It has been a delightful Summer Term at King's High, more so I think for it being the first summer in many years to have been largely unaffected by the pandemic. We have certainly made the most of this, and there has been a huge range of concerts, performances, exhibitions, activities and trips. I feel a great sense of pride in the excellent endeavour and commitment of our students, who have embraced their opportunities fully and worked very hard indeed.

The term began with the excitement of the launch of our six new Houses: Austen, Earhart, Franklin, Seacole, Tubman and Yousafzai. Following the 'sorting' process, our new Houses have met regularly, developed new songs, chants and logos, and relished the opportunity of House competitions. This culminated in a glorious Sports Day in the sunshine, with Tennis and Cricket in the morning, and Athletics and Field Sports in the afternoon, in addition to a number of fun events and competitions. There was a wonderful community spirit amidst the friendly rivalry of the new Houses.

We are all working hard to extend opportunities for fun and play in school and, as part of this, we have seen the arrival of a fleet of new table tennis and table football tables for break and lunchtime games. It has been lovely to see our pupils making the most of this and enjoying their break and lunch though play.

It has been a great pleasure to see so many trips go out this term. The Duke of Edinburgh Award teams have been on expeditions to the Peak District and to Shipston. The Geography Field Trip went out to North Wales and the Biologists have been to Devon. Our students have also been on trips to Oxford, Warwick Castle, Cotswold Wildlife Park, and to London to visit UCL, LSE, and King's College. It is exciting to hear of the plans afoot for our forthcoming overseas trips to India and USA.

A particular highlight of the term was our Festival of Wellbeing, which included a celebratory fair in our Quad with smoothie cycling, pebble painting, hula hooping, live Music, an ice-cream van and, of course, an appearance from Parsnip, our much-loved School Dog. The Festival also included motivational talks on self-esteem, workshops on managing exam stress, gardening time, book swaps and paperback picnics, yoga and mindfulness sessions. Such was the buzz of excitement that a celebrated pop singer, Anne Marie, referenced our Year 7 sign language session!

Sport, Music and Drama continue to thrive and the Junior Production of *The Spiteful Sisters* and Disney's *Aladdin* in the Bridge House Theatre was superb.

There is such a strong sense of community at King's High at the moment and it has been a joy to see this develop through the Summer Term. I hope that you enjoy reading about it all and I wish you a very happy summer holiday.

Dr Stephen Burley Head Master



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Along with the nation, King's High celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. Her Majesty's reign has lasted almost half the time King's High School has been in existence – another reason to celebrate inspiring women.

JUBILEE EVENT

Years 7, 8 and 9 did Her Majesty proud. Dressed in Red, White and Blue, (with donations for the Commonwealth Charity), they held street parties, and mass-baked cupcakes to form a giant Union Jack. Cadet Sergeant Major Rachel, who leads the Foundation's Combined Cadet Force, raised the Union Jack at Warwick Prep, much to the delight of younger pupils.







ROYAL CATERING

The school Catering Team, headed by Chef, Christophe Charpentier and Hospitality Manager, Kate Mouzakitis produce food fit for a Queen every day at King's. So it was no surprise their Platinum Jubilee offering looked – and tasted – as fabulous as ever. They have conjured up some wonderful spreads this term, for themed days, Old Girls' reunions, and Sports Awards Evening – Pear and Biscoff Delight, Tropical Sunrise, and Candy Floss Crush, anyone? The Landor Association and Old Girls' Association invited anyone who was at King's High at the time of the Queen's Coronation in 1953 for a sumptuous Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party.





ROYAL PERFORMANCE

Isabella (Year 9) performed in front of The Queen, in the event that officially launched the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. *A Gallop Through History* ran across four nights at Royal Windsor Horse Show, and Isabella took part in each show, after spending the day competing for England in the Pony Club Home International Mounted Games Championship.

To everyone's delight, The Queen appeared for Sunday's final performance, which was broadcast live on ITV's *Platinum Jubilee Celebration*. Isabella appeared alongside 1,300 performers and 500 horses, and there were displays from The Household Cavalry, France, Oman and Azerbaijan. The night was hosted by Tom Cruise.



WELLBEING FESTIVAL

Pupils and staff enjoyed a fortnight of fabulous workshops, activities and events. Our festival even caught the attention of pop sensation, Anne-Marie!



Chart-topping singer (and three-times World Karate Champion) Anne-Marie was so moved by the video of Year 7 performing her song Perfect To Me in British Sign Language, she shared it with her millions of followers on social media. Year 7 really loved their 'Sign a Song' session with inspirational deaf performer, Fletch (who joins the British Sign Language access team for Ed Sheeran's tour this summer).











AMBULANCES FOR UKRAINE

Pupils at King's High and Warwick School raised over £10,000 to buy two ambulances, that were filled with vital medical supplies, and driven to Ukraine. To help raise funds, pupils set up a JustGiving page, and organised a fund-raising Walk for Ukraine.

The original aim was to raise £5,000 to buy a second-hand ambulance, that would be delivered to a field hospital in Ukraine. Such was the generosity of our whole Foundation community – pupils, parents, staff, family, and friends - £10,000 was raised, which meant a second ambulance could be provided. The scheme was overseen by Andrew Velhosh, an educational consultant from Ukraine, who stopped his school work when Ukraine was invaded, to concentrate on coordinating medical aid for his country.

Pupils took delivery of the two ambulances – that were decommissioned from the NHS – outside Warwick School. After being refitted with blue lights and other necessary equipment, the ambulances were loaded with medical supplies, and set off for Ukraine.

With the help of the Embrace Me Foundation, who team with volunteers in Ukraine to co-ordinate urgent humanitarian assistance to orphanages, schools and hospitals, pupils were able to get updates, and track the ambulances' journey across Europe to Ukraine. Our pupils' mission was well supported by local media.

There have been numerous fund-raising events across our schools in the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation in support of the humanitarian effort for Ukraine, and this was the biggest to date. Our pupils say: 'A huge thank you to everyone who donated. We wanted to make this a powerful testimony of solidarity with all those suffering in Ukraine.

King's High pupils decided to donate all funds raised from their Wellbeing Fair at the Festival of Wellbeing to Medics to Medics Warwickshire. This team of three Warwickshire paramedics, who have worked together for more than 20 years, are raising money to fund lifesaving medical supplies – tourniquets, bandages and pain relief - to deliver to frontline medics.











KING'S INSPIRES

For five years, our Inspire Programme for academic enrichment has focused on three components: cultivating creativity, independent thinking, and curiosity about the world. Inspire's success can be seen in the numbers: The Inspire programme includes 32 academic and co-curricular societies, many of them student-run. Some 300 pupils from Years 7-13 attended Inspire trips this year. Add the *Encounters* programme of world-class speakers, competitions, and endless opportunities for creativity, and it makes for an exciting and enriching mix.

INSPIRE TRIPS

Students in Years 10-13 took part in an Inspire/King's Links trip to three prestigious universities in London: King's College, London, University College (UCL), London and the London School of Economics (LSE). They explored the campuses and met with King's High Old Girls currently studying there.

FORMULA 24

Friday afternoons have been buzzing in Design Technology. For our new Engines and Aviation project, pupils worked on an exciting challenge: to design, build and race a Formula 24 electric car. We are working alongside Greenpower Education Trust, whose IET Formula 24 Challenge inspires young people to get involved in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The aim, in time, is to recreate Old Warwickian, Christian Horner's Formula 1 success with Red Bull...



INSPIRE SPEAKERS

Our popular Inspire Speaker events are open to all. Dr Galvin (English, and Head of Independent Learning), gives an insight into our most recent event: *Uncovering the Untold Story of Women in Parliament*.

'On 2 April 1911, the Suffragette, Emily Wilding Davison (who went on to throw herself under the King's horse in the Derby), hid in Parliament. Her aim was to be recorded there on Census night. What she did not know was that 65 other women were also resident that night, living and working in Parliament. Dr Mari Takayanagi, Historian and Senior Archivist at the Parliamentary Archives, shared her research into the fascinating stories of women staff in the House of Commons and House of Lords. Alongside her work in the Houses of Parliament, Dr Takayanagi organises exhibitions and events around Parliamentary history, and she is a widely published historian of women's political history. We are delighted to be able to offer such a rich and varied programme of Inspire Speaker events

for our Foundation pupils.' As a PhD student, Dr Galvin's own research led to her becoming involved with Vote 100, the UK's celebration of the centenary of the first women granted the vote in the 1918 *Representation of the People Act.* Dr Galvin's work formed part of the *Voice and Vote* exhibition that ran in Westminster Hall, as part of the national celebrations.

KING'S MOTORING

Following the popular Compton Verney Inspire trip, Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils had a great day exploring the vehicles – historic and futuristic – at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. They raced cars, changed a wheel – and Rosetta got to sit in one of her favourite cars (Rover P5B)!





CHANGEMAKER AWARD

Alongside our Sixth Form Baccalareate, we have launched an exciting opportunity for each King's student in Key Stage 3 to take part in their own bespoke qualification. We know how much our students get involved in, and wanted to offer a chance to showcase their many achievements and commitments. This is a level 1 award that is accredited by EduQual and is unique to King's. It focuses on key skills – collaboration, imagination and independence – as well as encouraging students to think about community responsibility and future opportunities, with a particular emphasis on wellbeing.

QUEEN'S AWARD

We are delighted our partner charity, Kissing it Better won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for South Warwickshire in this Platinum Jubilee year. Sharing our delight, Jill Fraser of Kissing it Better said: 'Huge thanks to the pupils of King's High and Warwick School for the incredible support they offer patients, visitors, and staff in our NHS hospitals and Care Homes. Since 2011, they have lifted countless spirits in so many ways, and their efforts contributed so much to this award.'

Every Friday, pupils from King's High and Warwick School volunteer with Kissing it Better, supporting the charity's work. Recent initiatives include celebrating International Nurses' Day, by sending handwritten cards and hampers of treats for patients and staff, and organising a mountain of soft toys - each with its own touching, hand-written note - for patients with dementia.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH





Many pupils enjoyed being out again for Duke of Edinburgh awards. King's High pupils have dedicated an enormous amount of time – 1,794 hours – to the DofE volunteering programme between April 2021-March 2022, with a social value of more than £8,000.

NEW HEAD GIRL TEAM



We are delighted to welcome Izzy (Head Girl), Phoebe, and Ivy (Deputy Head Girls) as our new Head Girl team for 2022-2023. As King's High Changemakers, we know they will all make their mark, and continue the great work done by Pirasha (Head Girl), Jemma (Deputy Head Girl), and Jenny (Senior Prefect), who oversaw the Changemakers programme, and the Changemakers Gallery.

RAG WEEK

With pupils everywhere facing their first public exams in three years, Rag Week provided a welcome opportunity to relax and have some fun. The usual array of creative costumes



included a Rasputin, aliens, a mid-life crisis, and a Covid test kit... Our Sixth Formers raised money for their chosen charity, Freedom4Girls. Their Leavers' Concert was poignant, touching and uplifting. We were treated to some outstanding performances and a wonderful Year Group song (and dance) at the end.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE **UK FINALS**



SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY



Term started muy bien, with a wonderful Spanish lunch, to celebrate the United Nations Spanish Language Day. Our pupils enjoyed Paella, Tortilla and a delicious Pastel de Limón y Aceite de Oliva (Lemon and Olive Oil Cake). '¡Gracias!' to our wonderful Catering team.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

We marked King's High's 143rd year with all the usual fanfare – and cake!. The historic first full House meeting took place, with the six Houses, named by our students: Austen, Earhart, Franklin, Seacole, Tubman, and Yousafzai.



Our Beekeepers have attended regular hive inspections. Charlotte, in Year 7, was lucky enough to spot the Queen Bee on her first ever visit to the apiary. (Clue – look for the red spot). Dr Burley was presented with the first King's High honey of the season

ENCOUNTERS

Our Encounters series – powerful talks for interesting times – continues. Talks are open to all Foundation pupils. This term featured Alex Burghart MP, former teacher of History at Warwick School, and Professor Adam Smith, Professor of US Politics & Political History at Oxford University. Dominic Sandbrook, one of the pre-eminent historians of his generation, asked the question: 'What History should we learn?'. Lord Blunkett, former Home Secretary in Tony Blair's Cabinet, gave a fascinating talk on his life and career in politics.

Green Collar Company competed in the Young Enterprise UK Finals – the second year running for our Young Enterprise teams – after winning the Coventry and Warwickshire, then West Midlands, rounds of Young Enterprise. It has been an exciting journey for Green Collar, whose sustainable greetings cards caught the judges' eyes at every stage, as they scooped numerous awards, including Marketing, and Sustainability. Alice, who leads the team with Josh from Warwick School, says: 'We were inspired by a passion for enhancing the environment around us. Our cards can be planted into the ground once finished with, blooming into a mix of wildflowers. It's a dynamic, forward-thinking solution to a market which contributes to significant waste. With the environment so topical, we hope to make a difference.' Their beautiful card designs - created by a local artist – proved very popular, and their remaining stock has been on sale in the Greenbean sustainable community shop in Warwick. Congratulations to Alice, Josh, Lauren, Gemma, Freddie, Sam, Will, Rajan, Ed, Toby and Freddie. We are very proud of all our young entrepreneurs. Team Orbis enjoyed great sales with their stylish jewellery, made from recycled aluminium cans and skateboard bearings, which won them awards for Technology and Innovation.





In partnership with Oxford University's Department of Physics. King's High hosted over 100 students from local schools for a 'Marie Curious' day, designed to fuel a passion for pursuing STEM subjects at a higher level. Dr Burley reports: 'A huge thank you to the team from Oxford for delivering an inspiring day of Physics, with stunning Practicals, to pupils from a wide range of local schools. What a great way to inspire girls towards STEM careers!'.



Rosie and Polly were winners in the Girls Schools Association's national Creative Writing competition. The theme – Dear Earth – was climate-based. Rosie came third in the Key Stage 4 and 5 competitions, and Polly won Highly Commended in the same competitions. Both were up against Sixth Form students, which makes their achievements even more amazing!

READING FOR PLEASURE

To celebrate International Harry Potter Day, we held a party in our Library. Like Hermione, we broke the rules just a little, with a picnic, music, games and some noise!. The Quidditch game, specially made by Design Technology, was very popular. Thank you to our wonderful school librarian, Mrs Burman, and everyone for such a fun occasion.



WARWICKSHIRE WINNER



Elisia (Year 10) won First Prize in her age group in the Warwickshire Climate Alliance and Warwickshire Open Studios Art competition, A Creative Response to Climate Change. Elisia's work was displayed alongside other winning artwork at Learnington Library. Elisia showed her creative talent back in Year 7. After she learned how to use the laser cutter in Design Technology lessons, she raised money for the Key Stage 3 charities by making wooden bookmarks to sell to pupils and staff for Mother's Day. She tested her own prototype, programmed the Computer Aided Design, set up the laser cutter, and marketed her product. Demand was so high, she was kept busy in DT during lunchtimes and after school, and raised a large amount for charity.



KING'S GARDENING

Caroline Gilbert reports: 'The Gardening Club started from scratch in September – and the first year has exceeded our expectations. We have supplied the kitchen with peas, onions, lettuce and radish as well as an array of fresh herbs. (The onions were spectacular!). Potatoes, lettuce, courgettes, squash, tomatoes and strawberries are all going strong and the kitchen will hopefully start to get produce from these in the next few weeks. In the greenhouse we have runner beans, parsnips and pumpkins which will be planted out this summer for harvesting in Autumn... so locally grown, seasonal veg will be on the menu all year round. It has been a terrific nine months, once we created defences against the local rabbit population!' KS3 Science Club also enjoyed pond-dipping in the Forest School garden.



Mya (Year 7) and Ms Drew featured together on BBC's The One Show for National Thank a Teacher Day. Mya sent in a video clip, thanking Ms Drew for her 'inspirational Geography teaching', which The One Show used in a film, celebrating pupils and their teachers. The whole school embraced National Thank a Teacher Day. Pupils sent literally hundreds of letters and emails to show their appreciation for their hardworking teachers, many delivering their messages in person. Dr Burley says: 'It was a real day of gratitude in our school community. It was fantastic to see how grateful our students are for our staff's tremendous care, support and expertise.'



and Kingsley, and local schools, including Market Bosworth School, Coundon Court, Bablake and King Henry VIII.

Since 2017, our Ambassadors have played an important role in promoting equality, anti-bullying and Wellbeing at King's, and across the Foundation schools. Two pupils have gone on to enjoy amazing opportunities through joining the Diana Award National Youth Board, working alongside MPs and celebrities, appearing on the national news, and interviewing Prince William! Rose featured in a programme Channel 4 made for the Platinum Jubilee about the Diana Award's work. We are really pleased to have been back up and running fully during the Summer Term.

KING'S PERFORMING

ge 3 (KS3) Drama clubs worked hard for many weeks to present an informal showcase of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Pupils ted various characters and their large es, along with creative ideas inspired by non-naturalistic theatre, specifically Bertolt cht's techniques. The show featured: Act 1 – rmed by Tuesday Comedy club. Character introduction songs – Performed by Thursday's Musical Theatre Club. Act 2 – Performed by Monday's KS3 Club. 'Twenty years later' sketch – Performed by Wednesday's KS3 Club.



Our LAMDA teaching at King's High is exceptional, as exam results show. The most recent, once again, were all Distinctions and Merits, with 144 pupils achieving an astonishing 107 Distinctions and 37 Merits between them.

'The level of opportunity and encouragement given to pupils at King's High means that involvement in the Arts is high across the school, and not just limited to a select elite few.' – King's High, Winner: Excellence and Innovation in Performing Arts (Music and Drama), Independent Schools Association UK Awards.

GOLDEN TICKET



SUMMER ENCHANTMENT: JUNIOR PRODUCTION

What a truly stunning Junior Production! Spiteful Sisters and Disney's Aladdin were incredible, and it was wonderful to see the remarkable skill, talent and teamwork on display. Many congratulations to all the cast and crew, and everyone involved in what felt like a West End production.









SPOTLIGHT ON DRAMA CLUBS

Our ever-expanding Drama Clubs are hugely popular, and provide opportunities for everyone, whatever their interests, on or backstage. Clubs include our Key Stage 3 clubs, Comedy club, Musical Theatre club, Improv troupe, and ACT – Aspiring Creatives in Theatre.

Students in lunchtime Drama Clubs have been devising! They have been creating their own pieces through a variety of stimuli, linked to the theme 'Summer'. Musical

Theatre club chose Hairspray's 'You can't stop the beat' as their routine, and have been inspiring with their motivation and positive energy.

The Theatre Studies group have done wonderful work, putting together costume, props, and the set for The Spiteful Sisters and Disney's Aladdin.

The Improv troupe (King's High and Warwick School) are getting more confident, comical and creative each week. As one of our troupers says: 'Improv is a fast thinking, dynamic and hilarious way to spend a Friday afternoon. It's the highlight of my week.

In Aspiring Creatives in Theatre (ACT), students have been learning about effective stage make up, and enjoyed an online session with the RSC.





KING'S ART

Art at King's High is beautiful, inventive and bold. Pupils are encouraged to explore boundaries. One A Level pupil explored Synaesthesia (experiencing colour through music); another based her work on the theory of artistic destruction, shredding and burning her work to produce extraordinary pieces. King's High was proud to take part in Warwickshire Open Studios for the first time. We opened our purpose-built studio doors and welcomed visitors for a stunning GCSE and A Level Fine Art Exhibition. From Hockney-inspired watercolour landscapes, to ceramics, colour theory, lino prints, Mono printing, and Sketchbook work, we hope you enjoy this celebration of our pupils' Artwork.

Colour Theory – work in progress – Y7



Lino print – work in progress – Y8





Ellen and Rebecca

Jessica and Annie





Nancy



Zara

Mindful Colour Blending – Y8



'The Artist's Eye' oil on wooden panel – Y11 – Livvy





Hockney Inspired Watercolour Landscapes – Y9

Ceramic tiles – Y8

Celine





Ellen





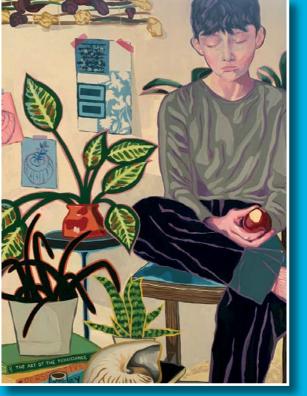
Lily





Jessica

Personal Investigation – Upper Sixth – Eve







Arianna



Carly



Рорру



Hermione



Mono printing – Y8







Fallen Fruit – Upper Sixth – Isabel











'Vanitas' Sketchbook – Upper Sixth – Eve



KING'S MUSIC







KEY STAGE 3 CONCERT

A gorgeous evening featured a wonderfully varied programme of music, from Bach and Purcell, to Herbie Hancock. The full Orchestra opened in style, with Holst's Jupiter and the theme from Mission Impossible, before the mood switched, with Erica's heart-breaking Trumpet solo, Tell Me It's Not True from Blood Brothers. There were wonderful performances from the Recorder Group, Baroque Soloists, Junior Chamber Choir, Key Stage 3 Choir, the Blue Lagoon Jazz Band, and King's High Saxophone Group, and virtuoso performances from soloists Hannah (Voice), Laura (Violin), Arianna (Cello), Jessica (Flute), Victoria, Krista and Amélie, and Jasmine (Piano). The evening ended with the Blue Lagoon Jazz Band, who sent everyone home with a spring in their step.



SUMMER MUSIC

Summer saw a succession of concerts: May's Organ Recital and Strings Concert, a swinging Jazz, Rock & Pop Concert in the Music School, and two wonderful concerts from our partners, the Orchestra of the Swan. Their Family Concert, Peter and the Wolf was narrated by Zeb Soanes, the reassuring voice of BBC Radio 4's Shipping Forecast. Foundation pupils and students from local schools created an orchestra from scratch for *Finlandia in* a Day. It was very exciting to hear Gemma, our Northgate Organ Scholar, perform on the Lady Susi Jeans Organ in our Sixth Form recital. As King's High News went to press, rehearsals were in full swing for the Foundation Symphony Orchestra Concert in Warwick Hall.

SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert showcased our wonderful bands and ensembles, as well as our King's High Young Musician winners, Alex and Lulu. Unity Brass opened with I Should Be So Lucky. There were solos from Lauren (Flute), Alex (Voice, Winner of The Young Musician, Senior Competition), Lulu (Orchestral Percussion Winner of the Young Musician, Junior Competition,) and Caitlin (Harp). We enjoyed performances from Percussion Ensemble, King's High School Big Band, A-Strings, Double Reed Ensemble, Wind Quintet, Foundation Chamber Choir, Clarinet Ensemble, and Senior Chamber Choir rounded off the evening with a gorgeous rendition of Say A Little Prayer.





WORLD PREMIERE

d Jessica performed in a concert of new piano music by

composer, Robert Ramskill at Draper's Hall, in front of Coventry's Lord Mayor, as part of the Coventry City of Culture celebrations. This was the world premiere of a new set of educational pieces – each one played by a different student from around the region. In the afternoon, 24 Preludes for Piano was performed by professional pianists, including Foundation Music teachers, Cecilia Xi and Darren Leaper.



KING'S SPORT

Sarah Parkinson-Mills, Director of Sport, reports: 'To say the 2021-2022 has been a busy one for Sport at King's High would be an understatement. Over half of the school have played in a competitive fixture at some point this year and there have been over 350 fixtures played. We have been treated to the inaugural joint King's High and Warwick Prep Dance Showcase; an evening to enjoy the range of different dance disciplines enjoyed by pupils at both schools. 2021-2022 has also seen the growth and development of additional sports with training and fixtures in Badminton, Skiing, Football, and more recently, Rugby.

This year we have enjoyed being able to enter competitions as an ISA School member. This has culminated in King's High taking 10 National titles or Runners Up across 4 different sports and we have seen Individual National Champions crowned in Table Tennis, Tennis, Athletics, Cross Country, and Skiing as well.

Our night of celebration in May at the Sports Awards evening was an occasion to reflect all that has been achieved this year, in the presence of GB Hockey Olympian, Leah Wilkinson. Sports teams from King's won or finished Runners Up in all County Hockey competitions, all but one Netball competition, and qualified for 16 different National Finals across a variety of sports this season.

Aside from the outstanding successes on a County, Regional and National level, the engagement in sport has flourished. Our newest members of the school community in Year 7 are testament to this, with over 80 girls attending Netball training and matches.

It has been an exciting year for Sport and one that we hope to build on again for the next academic year. We look forward to welcoming new members to our community, enjoying more training, matches and experiences with our teams, and continuing to be a school where the pupils challenge stereotypes and stigma through their sports ambition.'

Seame Cauch's An



SPORTS AWARDS



Trophies, Coach's awards, medals and colours were presented for the following: Netball, Hockey, Tennis, Cross Country, Athletics, Gymnastics, Cricket, Football, Skiing, Equestrian, Swimming and Waterpolo.

Sports Team of the Year – U14 Regional Tennis

This was the most competitive award in recent years. Over 1,000 pupils and staff voted for the six shortlisted teams, and the result was so close, that with less than 24 hours before the event, there were only 20 votes between U14 Tennis and U16 Netball!

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Year Group Awards

Key Stage 3 Award – Ottelia and Mae Key Stage 4 Award – Freya Key Stage 5 Award – Ailie and Catherine The Best trophy for Lower School Sport – Isabella

The John Francis Middle award for Middle School Sport – Gemma

The KHAPS award for Senior School Sport – Maddi

ISA ATHLETICS NATIONAL FINAL – ON THE PODIUM





Gold for Nancy in the 1500m

Gold for Imogen in the Year 7 Javelin





Gold for Annabel in the Year 7 200m

Gold for Maddie in the Year 10/11 Silver for Imogen in the 800m 800m

SPORT INDIVIDUAL



WALES CYMR

Pippa qualified for the National Swimming Championships in the 100m Butterfly

Izzie received her first international cap for Squash, representing Wales against Germany



Mollie won Player's Player with Wasps Netball Academy



Gemma won British Riding Club Champion (Junior Elementary Dressage)



Silver for Caitlin in the Year 8/9 200m





Gold for the Year 7 Relay Team





Maisie won the Warwickshire Schools Golf Championships, and represented Warwickshire Ladies County Golf Association, winning two of her three matches for Warwickshire



Imogen won Silver in the WJ16 Coxed Fours at the National Schools Regatta

TOP TEAMS



The talent and teamwork in the Under 16 Netball squad has been astounding this year, and through hard work and determination, success has come in many competitions for them. This is a combination of two Year Groups coming together to form a formidable squad, winning the County tournament, followed by the Regional tournament, where they came from a 5 goal deficit at half time, showing resilience and self belief to win the competition, placing them as the best school in the Midlands and gualifying for the National School Finals. The last time this was achieved at King's High was six years ago, showing how hard it is to qualify for. Here they played the best schools in the country and came in the top ten, a massive achievement, especially as the majority are a year young! This squad didn't finish there – they also reached the guarter finals of the national Sisters n Sport competition and they gained a Bronze medal in the ISA National Finals in Nottingham. This team have achieved so much this year but are already working hard to become better netballers and team players for next season, by coming to extra Strength and Conditioning sessions and taking on board nutrition advice. The future is looking bright.



What a fantastic year for Junior Cross Country. At the County Round of the Cross-Country Cup we filled the podium (Immie 1st, Nancy 2nd and Martha 3rd), with Tiggy, Abbie and Emma completing a fantastic team performance, with all finishing in the top 8, achieving an unbeatable score of 12 points, and gualifying for the Regional Round. The Regional Round hosted the top 12 teams from the region, and once again strong runs by the whole team ensured we finished First Team, and gualified for the National Cross Country final, as well as Immie winning the race and Nancy finishing 3rd. At the National Finals, we finished a creditable 13th nationally from 619 schools – a fantastic achievement. Special mention must go to Immie who finished 4th out of a field of 156 runners. In the ISA Regional Cross Country the Junior team had 5 runners in the top 10 (Immie 1st, Nancy 2nd and Annabel 4th) and became ISA Regional Champions. At the ISA finals they represented the West Midlands Region. Immie won to become ISA National Champion and Nancy took Bronze medal, and the team were National Runners Up. Four members of the Junior Team represented Warwickshire at the National Schools Cross Country Finals, achieving 5th place for Warwickshire.



The Inter (Year 9/10) Team also qualified for the National Cross Country Cup Final. They finished third team in the County round with Maddie finishing third overall. In the regional round they finished third to qualify for the final. A strong team performance in the final saw them finish 13th out of 27 teams, and all runners finishing in the top half of a 150 strong field of runners. In the ISA Cross Country the Year 8 and 9 girls combined to make a team and ran well on a course that consisted of two stream crossings, with Mae taking home a bronze medal, and Tiggy and Ellie, 7th and 9th, also qualifying for National Finals. Martha and Florence finished off a superb team performance. Overall the team finished runners up, and four runners were selected to run in the ISA finals as part of the West Midlands.



The U14 Tennis team had a fantastic last year. Having progressed through their County round of the National Schools competition, they went on to win their knock-out stages matches in fine form, not dropping a set. At the LTA Regional Youth Finals they defeated their first opposition with ease and took the final match to a championship tie-break play off which they lost 8-10, narrowly missing out on one of only 4 places in the National Finals. This left them in second place in the Region, and joint fifth nationally, the highest placing a King's team has ever achieved. Despite only being in Year 8, the girls also represented the school in the First Tennis team, both in friendlies, and with Ottelia and Maddie winning the second pair event at the Midlands Girls School Tournament.



The U13 Hockey team (which includes three Year 7 pupils) performed unbelievably well this year, winning the national Independent Schools Plate final. In a well contested final they beat a strong Wimbledon team 2-1 as well as chalking up some fantastic results against strong opposition, including Queens School and Cheadle Hulme. This is the first time that a team from King's has won the ISHC National Plate.



Posting the fastest times in the Midlands in the qualifying round in both the Medley and Freestyle relays was a great result. Only the quickest 20 teams are invited to attend the National Finals and the freestyle time put the team 21st nationally. As first reserve, they were offered a place when another school could not attend. In the finals the team swam really well, beating their qualifying time in a long course pool to finish 11th nationally. Well done to the team of Pippa, Poppy, Lixu and Sophie, who also competed at Abingdon Swimming Gala.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Our U13 and U15 teams took the Singles and Doubles titles in both age groups at the Independent Schools Association's National Championships. In the U13, Ellie won the Singles, and Ellie and Saran won the Doubles. In the U15, Holly won the Singles and Marina and Maddie won the Doubles. We were proud to host the 110th Midlands Girls' School tennis competition. Ottelia and Maddy won the Second Pair competition, and Bella and Holly were Third in the First Pairs.

EQUESTRIAN: HICKSTEAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

King's equestrians had a great year. We had a whole Foundation team competing in the National Inter-Schools (NSEA) Championships at Hickstead. Sophia, Purdie (who went clear), Lily and Freddie represented our schools in the 70/75 Eventer Challenge. Equine Co-Ordinator, Sam Hadley says: 'It was a fabulous two days for everyone, and a lovely team spirit.'



TEAM ENGLAND

Isabella competed for England at Royal Windsor Horse Show in the Daks Home International Mounted Games. It was an exhilarating four days, topped by a nail-biting final where England just missed out to Wales, to finish Runners Up.



BRITISH EVENTING

Arabella flew for King's High and British Eventing in Scotland. Alongside success in the Schools Showjumping at Floors Castle, where Arabella scored a First, Second and Fourth (and also won the Jumping with Style class for King's High), Arabella competed in the British



Eventing Under 18 section and came First – at the tender age of 12! We look forward to great things to come!

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY



WALK FOR UKRAINE

Over 40 pupils and staff from King's High and Warwick School walked over 20 miles to raise funds to buy ambulances for Ukraine. Two students from each Year Group between Years 9 and Upper Sixth were selected to represent all their fellow pupils in the Walk For Ukraine. The walk began from Warwick School, and followed Shakespeare's Avon Way to Baddesley Clinton, then on to Kenilworth, via the Heart of England Way, before finishing back in Warwick.



LOCAL EFFORT

The Courier reported how brother and sister, Betsy (Year 7), and Billy (Warwick Junior School), raised over £300 for Unicef's appeal to help young victims of Ukraine. They ran a stall outside their home in Leamington, serving homemade cakes and real lemonade to passers-by.



TRAINING **TEACHERS**

To help counter the national shortage in Maths and Physics teachers, the Foundation has long been involved with the National Mathematics & Physics (NMAP) School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme. King's High and Warwick School, who jointly run the Warwick Regional Hub of this national programme, were delighted the National Mathematics & Physics SCITT was successful in its application for accreditation for the delivery of Initial Teacher Training from September 2024 onwards. We look forward to continuing to work with Wycombe High School on this venture.



GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

King's High and Warwick School hosted their first joint Global Universities Fair. There were talks on Ivy League colleges, sports scholarships, liberal arts courses, and European universities. It was an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to find out more about the breadth of post-A Level options.



ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN



The Foundation's partnership with the Orchestra of the Swan took flight this year. Alongside a dazzling Family Concert, *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by Zeb Soanes (the voice of The Shipping Forecast), the Orchestra ran education workshops within the Foundation, and a Junior Masterclass. Over 40 pupils from King's High joined pupils from secondary schools across Warwickshire for an exciting event the Orchestra of the Swan ran in association with Warwickshire Music Hub. Finlandia in a Day created an orchestra from scratch. After a day of rehearsal and workshops, the young musicians came together for a performance in Warwick Hall

WARWICK – A SINGING TOWN

We were proud to host our partner organisation, Warwick – A Singing Town for their Sing for Ukraine event at Warwick Hall. Over 100 local singers joined in what was a very moving event.





The Foundation celebrated our first year of partnership with Warwick – A Singing Town. This unique singing project is leading the way in raising awareness of the extraordinary benefits of singing on health and wellbeing. A dedicated team of Choral Entrepreneurs sing with over 1,600 children in Warwick primary schools every week. Jeremy Dibb, the Research

and Delivery Lead for Warwick – A Singing Town, says: 'It is wonderful to celebrate the achievements of the first year of the project.

Warwick – A Singing Town is sponsored by Warwick Independent Schools Foundation with funding provided by the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust. Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson says: 'Coupled with the launch of the first ever Warwick Choral Festival, Warwick – A Singing Town is a wonderful testament to the importance and value of singing in our schools, for our health, and in our community.

LANDOR ASSOCIATION

JUBILEE TEA PARTY

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Over thirty Old Girls, who had been at school in the Coronation year of 1953, and their guests, came into school for the Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party. Red white and blue clothing was entirely optional, but totally encouraged. Entering the dining hall, which had been bedecked in patriotic bunting, the party heard The Greatest Hits of 1953 to set the mood. Head Chef Christophe Charpentier had prepared a menu fit for a Queen, including Coronation Chicken, smoked salmon and cream cheese sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and the award-winning Jubilee Lemon Trifle. Old Girls' Secretary Polly Beidas updated her 1950s forebears on how the school had changed since 1953, with no hats or streaming, but a plethora of male teachers and new subjects like Philosophy, Psychology, DT, Drama and Business. Birthday girl Sally Wootton (nee Thompson) was serenaded with 'Happy Birthday to You'. She was one of three pairs of sisters present, the others being the Spooners and the Trindalls. Head Master Dr Burley told the gathering about the school in 2022, leaving everyone in awe of

their modern counterparts' education and opportunities. A toast to the queen was proposed. Shirley Reading (nee Cashmore) added her own popular toast to 'absent friends', and the youngster of the party, Felicity Bunker (nee Akers) proposed a vote of thanks to the school. The party ended with the school song 'Jerusalem', now in its 98th year in that role. Afterwards, Dr Burley, Mrs Beidas and prefects Annie, Dani, Eve and Lizzie gave tours of the Banbury Road site. Many guests had not seen the new school before, and were rightly impressed. The tour included four dressmaker's dummies wearing the four different King's High uniforms of the past century, showcasing the new uniform which will be introduced next term. The Old Girls went home with King's High 'Goody Bags', containing, among other publications, a special souvenir brochure of people's memories of the Coronation Year. There are Old Girls in our ranks who were at school for the previous Coronation of King George VI in 1937, but alas none who remember the one before that (King George V in 1911).

LANDOR BOOK GROUP

Four Landor Book Groups have been running via Zoom for over a year, meeting monthly to discuss books ranging from reimagined classical myths. non-fiction memoirs, historical fiction, horror / sci-fi to comedy. Members take it in turn to recommend books and host meetings. Altogether, across all four groups, 42 different books have been read, debated, praised or (figuratively) torn to pieces. Spaces are available in the Blue Group which meets online every month at 11am on Tuesday. If you would like to be part of the Blue Group, please email Polly Beidas at p.beidas@kingshighwarwick.co.uk

1960s DECADE DAY

Thirty Old Girls enjoyed a day of nostalgia at the 1960s Decade Day. All seemed highly impressed with the fabulous facilities of the new Banbury Road site, and enjoyed meeting the newly-elected prefects who acted as their tour guides, and Dr Burley. Our guests enjoyed a wonderful three course Old Girls and pupils enjoying the Jubilee Tea Party lunch. Professional musician Joan Taylor kindly accompanied the guests on the keyboard as they sang Happy Birthday to former History teacher Helen Lenygon, who was due to celebrate her 80th birthday the following week. Miss Lenygon received a beautiful floral arrangement from the OGA, and CALL FOR GOLDEN eschewed a lift home, preferring to parade through the streets with her flowers so that everyone could see her. Guests included former PE teacher Janet REUNION Coupar (now Mrs Wilson) and erstwhile Chemistry teacher Thelma Lewis (now Mrs Dawkes). OGA Secretary and 1970s 'interloper' Polly Beidas welcomed the guests, some of whom had travelled from great distances, including the The Class of 1972 is invited to a day of nostalgia and renewed Hebrides and even Tasmania. Dr Burley gave an insight into King's High six friendships on Saturday, 5 November. Booking forms will be decades on, telling the guests about the pupils building an aircraft and a racing sent out in late summer. We do, however, need your help to find people who attended from 1965 – 1972 who have lost car, Wellbeing fortnight, our school dog Parsnip, Friday Live (our 'open mic' event in the Quad) and the popular visits of Mr Whippy and his ice cream van contact with school. If you can help, please email Polly Beidas on Friday lunchtimes. A rousing chorus of the school song 'Jerusalem' ended (OGA Secretary) on p.beidas@kingshighwarwick.co.uk marking your email 'Class of 1972'. Thank you. proceedings, again accompanied by the talented Joan Taylor.

FOUNDERS AND BENEFACTORS

Polly Beidas reports: 'This year we were lucky enough to hold our annual Service to Commemorate Founders and Benefactors on the exact date of the school's 143rd birthday, Friday 29 April 2022. All members of the school were treated to Chef Louise's individual birthday cakes, while Landor Fellows and Governors were quests of Dr Burley, at a delicious buffet lunch. The school then processed to the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick, and a service led by Rev. Vaughan Roberts. The vocal and musical talents of King's High and Warwick Prep were showcased with a programme of fanfares and hymns. Readings included a 'dialogue' between the Victorian establishment and a progressive female educator about teaching



girls in 1879 and beyond, and an appreciation of Old Girl, Dr Jean Constantine, after whom our Biology Lab is to be named. Outgoing Landor Association President Clare Sawdon revealed her successor to be David Stevens, and three new Landor Association Fellows. Soprano, Broadcaster and Old Girl, Catherine Bott; former Prep



Headmistress, Elizabeth Prichard, and former Deputy Head Caroline Renton were announced. Artefacts pertaining to the seventy year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, including a New Testament presented to all pupils in 1953, a Coronation Crown and the *llex* magazine from Coronation year, were carried to the altar to be blessed.'

FUTURE FWD

FUTURE FWD is a practical, future-focused, creative conference, with young people at its core. Hosted at the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, it includes educational practitioners, leaders, and entrepreneurs, in education, business and industry.



Richard Nicholson, Principal of the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, reports: 'As we know, our schools are always seeking the right ways to develop the education offered to our pupils. Over recent • Student-centred 'town hall' discussions years, this has resulted in innovative approaches to the curriculum, pastoral provision, and wellbeing.

This summer, Warwick Independent Schools Foundation hosts a conference – Future Fwd – which brings together educators and employers – with the aim of exploring new opportunities to equip young people for the future. It is a creative conference, engaging with pupils from Generations Y and Alpha, and where delegates have an active role in helping to shape a future-ready education.

I am delighted that the University of Warwick and Warwickshire College Group are our lead partners, and that the conference is also supported by Tes.'

The conference explores five channels relating to education for enabling NextGen: Curriculum & Learning, Arts & Culture, Entrepreneurship & Enterprise, Tech & Gaming, Industry & Business.

Monday 4 July at the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation campus:

- Opening event
- Interview with NextGen representatives
- Five speaker streams:
 - 1. Entrepreneurship & Enterprise forces for change
- 2. Arts & Culture the importance of arts in schools and the workplace
- 3. Industry & Business of the future
- 4. Tech & Gaming and virtual learning post-Covid
- 5. Curriculum & Learning
- The day ended with an evening reception at Warwick Castle

Tuesday 5 July at the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation campus:

- 1. Year 12 Future Fwd Jubilee Conference, designed by Kim Wyatt, involves a range of talks from different subject specialisms and future-forward workplaces. Pupils will work collaboratively on projects, inspired by these topics:
- The Future of Artificial Intelligence
- Global Borders
- Global Health
- The Future of Arts Spaces
- 2. Round-table facilitated discussions 'next steps' leading to tangible takeaways for delegates.

If you would like to find out more, please visit futurefwd.org

Keynote Speakers Include:

Prof. AC Grayling CBE, Founder and Principal New College of the Humanities Dave Coplin, Chief Envisioning Officer, The Envisioneers Rachel Sandby-Thomas CB, Registrar, University of Warwick Celia Fraser, Insights and Analytics Lead, Capital Group Prof. Chris White, Director of Industrial Policy and Insight Centre, MTC Srivaas Venkataramanan, Consultant Jodh Dhesi, CEO, The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham Kirsty von Malaisé, Principal, King Edward VI High School for Girls Prof Rupert Wegerif, Professor of Education, University of Cambridge Prof Tina Kiefer, Pro-Dean Widening Participation, Warwick Business School Peter Husband, Chief Operating Officer & Group Principal, Warwickshire College & University Centre Matt Kidson, Director of Sport, Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Prof Jonathan Wheals, Chief Engineer – Innovation, Ricardo Marianne Pickles, Head of Assessment Development, Cambridge Assessment Simon Toyne, Executive Director of Music, David Ross Education Trust Jacqui O'Hanlon MBE, Director of Learning and National Partnerships, Royal Shakespeare Company Will Fairbairn, Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company Prof Simon Barnes, Professor of Practice (Entrepreneurship & Innovation Group), Warwick Business School Nick Evans, Headteacher, Evergreen School Prof Neil Mercer, Director, Oracy Cambridge Jeremy Dibb, Research and Delivery Lead, Warwick – A Singing Town Dr. Lucy Gill-Simmen, Director of Education Strategy, Royal Holloway, London Henry Godfrey, Founder, Authentic-Accessories Angela Joyce, Chief Executive, Warwickshire College & University Centre Neil Sheldon, Chair, Teaching Statistics Trust Dr Bo Kelstyn, Associate Professor, University of Warwick Alexei Hamblin, Founder, River God Martin Dury, Head of Future Skills, The Manufacturing Technology Centre Dr Phil Seal, Deputy Head (Academic), King's High School, Warwick Richard Tawn, Art Director, Electric Square Kim Wyatt, Deputy Head (Teaching and Learning), Warwick School Keith Ayling, Singer-Songwriter, Music Teachers Association Prof Séamus Higson, Department of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, University of Cambridge

Crispin Woodhead, Chief Executive, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment





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