

KING'S HIGH NEWS

WINTER 2022



'AS THE ROMANS'

**THE POWER OF
PERSISTENCE**

ART, SPORT,
DRAMA, MUSIC
AND MORE



Christmas at King's

A detailed pencil drawing of a person's face, focusing on the eyes. The eyes are looking slightly to the right. The drawing is done in a realistic style with fine lines and shading, particularly around the eyelashes and the iris. The background is a light, textured grey.

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HEAD MASTER'S INTRODUCTION

The Autumn Term is always very special and particularly busy as we move into the festive period. This brings with it great fun and joy and it has been a source of considerable pride to see our students involved in such a range of activities and events.

As I write the introduction to our latest edition of King's High News, it is remarkable to reflect on the last week alone. We welcomed the intellectual and writer, Professor AC Grayling, who spoke within our Encounters Series of talks; our students went to the Gladstone Library in Wales for a research and reading weekend; others headed off to see *The Nutcracker*, performed by the Royal Birmingham Ballet; our numerous Drama Clubs put on a Showcase Performance evening; we enjoyed the delights of the Year 7 disco, joint with Warwick School; and we held our annual Landor Association Carol Service at St Mary's in Warwick, during which the choirs of King's High and Warwick Prep School sang beautifully.

In fact, the week began in great style with us welcoming the High Sheriff of Warwickshire and other distinguished guests to formally open our new Roman Memorial Wall and to learn more about the ancient history of the site on which our new school stands. Mr Grier and his student team, alongside experts from Archaeology Warwickshire, offered fascinating insights into the ancient peoples who once lived on this site.

The words from a poem, 'As the Romans', by Rose in Year 12 were taken as the basis for the new memorial and it was a fitting coincidence that, the day following the opening of the Roman Memorial Wall, Rose went to London to be presented with the Whitbread Prize for outstanding contribution to the school and wider community by Lord Lexden in the House of Lords.

A particular highlight of the term was undoubtedly the Senior Production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' in the Bridge House Theatre. A very talented cast and crew from King's High and Warwick School took to the stage to deliver a truly memorable and stunning run of performances, enjoying standing ovations every night.

There have been a number of significant strategic developments this term. Notably, we announced the opening of a new boarding house for Sixth Form girls at Way House on the Myton Road from September 2023, bringing about a return to boarding for our school after a seventy year hiatus.

We also launched our two new Key Stage 4 Future Ready Courses, with over 40% of current Year 10 studying either our new King's High Global Changemaker Programme or our Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme. Meanwhile, our very first students have successfully completed our new Key Stage 3 Changemaker Award in Character, Skills and Wellbeing as we continue our work on educational innovation and character and skills development. Finally, we enjoyed our first ever joint house activities with Warwick School following the twinning of our houses to facilitate new joint opportunities and experiences.

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



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‘AS THE ROMANS’

We were delighted to welcome the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Mr David Kelham, to King’s High on 5 December to officially unveil the Roman memorial dedicated to the ancient remains discovered beneath our school site.

After an archaeology session with students from local primary schools, students, staff and guests braved the rain to see the unveiling of our memorial ‘As the Romans.’

In 2018, local archaeologists made the remarkable discovery of a 30ft Roman barn and other artefacts during the construction of King’s High. To celebrate the findings, Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson commissioned a site-specific sculpture by acclaimed artist, Liz Middleton, who worked closely with our pupils on this incredibly special project. Dr Burley says, ‘It was a great pleasure for us to welcome so many guests to King’s High to mark the formal opening of our Roman Memorial. It was a special occasion for us to thank

everyone who has contributed to the Roman project, as our students have worked with several leading archaeologists, historians, poets and artists as they have explored the extraordinary discovery of an ancient building on the site of our school.’

Joined by members of the Landor Association and local history groups, Liz Middleton’s wonderful inscription was unveiled by the High Sheriff and Dr Burley. Cast in silver steel in script inspired by tablets from Vindolanda and the archaeological finds uncovered on the school site, the sculpture features an extract from a poem by Rose in Lower Sixth. Liz Middleton selected Rose’s poem from the wonderful anthology, ‘A Growing World’, which was produced by



Sculptor, Liz Middleton with Dr Burley and the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Mr David Kelham

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Liz Middleton

‘It was a great pleasure for us to welcome so many guests to King’s High to mark the formal opening of our Roman Memorial, a striking and elegant art installation designed by the sculptor, Liz Middleton, using the words of a poem written by Rose in Lower Sixth.

It was a special occasion for us to thank everyone who has contributed to the Roman project as our students have worked with a number of leading archaeologists, historians, poets and artists as they have explored the extraordinary discovery of an ancient building on the site of our school.

The project has been running for four years and the Roman Memorial marks an important development for us. We are looking forward to sharing more widely across the community our insights into the ancient lives, families and people who inhabited the site on which our school now stands.’

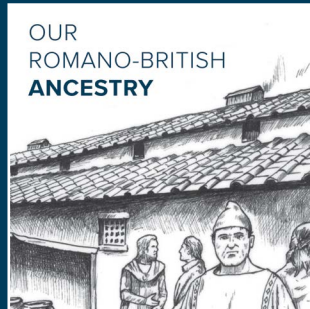
Dr Burley



Roman Finds



Mr Grier, Teacher of History



Professor Gregory Leadbetter during his poetry residency at King’s High. Rose recalls submitting the poem for the anthology at the time but says, ‘I was as surprised as everyone else when I learned it was going to be put on the school wall!’

The opening ceremony was a fantastic way to honour the ancient site on which King’s High stands and to recognise the work that went into the project from both Liz Middleton, and King’s High pupils. Liz Middleton outlined the inspiration for her work, accompanied by readings from King’s High pupils, Emma, Ivy and Isabella. The event culminated in the reading of two poems inspired by the discovery of the Roman building – Sediments by Rosie B and As the Romans by Rose. Liz Middleton said, ‘What a wonderful occasion it was, typical of what I have come to know of King’s spirit – full of warmth, effort, and lashings of hospitality. The student research and poetry was impressive, and the High Sheriff captured the moment’s significance in his generous and inspiring speech. What a privilege it has been to be part of this extraordinary story.’

Following the unveiling, the afternoon saw guests visit a display of the archaeological finds, guided by students who have been

investigating the Roman building over the last four years as part of the project led by our very own Mr Grier and the History Department. They then gave a fascinating presentation on the discovery before inviting questions for Caroline Rann of Archaeology Warwickshire and Dr Jerry Evans. The group have also produced a guidebook to the finds, containing four years of investigation, thought and inspiration.

Mr Grier adds ‘It was wonderful to see this important archaeological discovery celebrated and to share with guests our thoughts on what was happening on this site almost 2000 years ago. For many of the girls working on the project, this has been many years in the making. We are all delighted that the Roman presence on the site has been commemorated.’

The memorial’s official unveiling does not mark the end of this lengthy project however – in fact, it marks the beginning of an important development for the school. In sharing his plans for the future, Dr Burley commented, ‘We are looking forward to sharing more widely across the community our insights into the ancient lives, families and people who inhabited the site on which our school now stands.’



KING'S INSPIRES

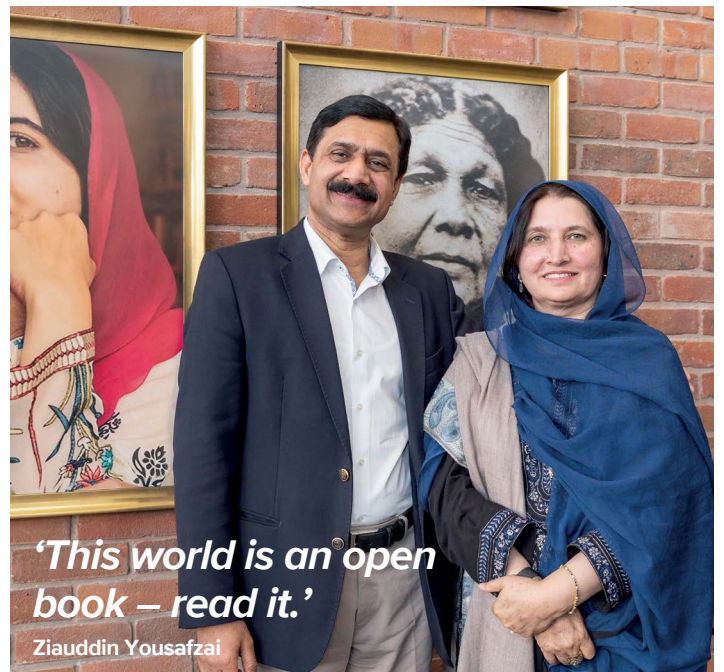


Now into our sixth year, our Inspire Programme for academic enrichment focuses on three key components: cultivating creativity, independent thinking, and curiosity about the world.

We've seen an incredible programme of world-class speakers across our Inspire and Encounters programmes, including former Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State, Michael Heseltine, coupled with competitions and inspirational trips. Interest for our magical exploration of Harry Potter Studios this month proved to be so popular that we will offer even further opportunities next year. Read more at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/academicenrichment.

'A fascinating discussion about girls' education and human rights. Our whole community has been inspired.'

Dr Burley



'This world is an open book – read it.'

Ziauddin Yousafzai

MALALA'S FATHER

We were humbled to welcome Ziauddin and Toor Pekai Yousafzai, parents of Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Global Changemaker, Malala Yousafzai. As well as being a parent to one of the most famous social activists of our time, Mr Yousafzai himself embodies many of the values that we hold dear, including advocating tirelessly for girls' education and for the removal of many of the discriminatory policies around the world surrounding Women's Rights.

As the co-founder of the Malala Fund, he often finds himself in discussion with regimes around the world, including the Taliban, to advocate on behalf of young women. But, on this particular day, he found himself in our school library in conversation with the Inter-Faith Council, Universal Justice and The Council of Joy discussing many topics, including, the future of Afghanistan, the fear he faced on a daily basis in Pakistan as the Head of an all-girls school and the hope that we can feel when faced with adversity.

The students gained an incredible insight into what it really means to be a 'changemaker' and how we must not look away when the world gets hard. Mr. Yousafzai then went on to present his story to a packed Hall as part of the Inspire and Encounters series. The audience laughed and cried as he recounted how he wanted Malala to have her own name, at a time when girls were known only by their father's name and reflected on the wonderful irony that he is now known by hers, as Malala's Father.

Mr Yousafzai reminded us all of our place in the world and motivated us to campaign for change. He believes that education is the single greatest weapon in the fight for peace and equality. He also reminded us that 'as human beings our kindness is what distinguishes us from other creatures in the world' and inspired us to embrace this as we approach this mantra as we face the world.

Mrs Jewell

Religion and Philosophy Teacher

FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

The Power of Persistence was the theme for this year's Festival of Ideas. The week included a fabulous line up of events, and inspirational speakers, including a careers lunch with Nicola Brownbridge from National Grid, a professional development talk by the University of Sheffield, and motivational assembly with GB Women's Sevens and England Rugby ace, Meg Jones.

We saw Maths in Action lectures, Interfaith celebrations, a psychology event on 'How to Change Society', and a discussion on Women's Rights by our Hobbs Society. Year 7 students participated in a Science Persistence challenge using just spaghetti and marshmallows (with the winning group's structure measuring an impressive 92cm high!), and Year 8 got stuck into a quirky challenge, where, again, persistence was the name of the game.

'Make 1% improvement each day and see a 37% improvement over 365 days...simple really!'

Meg Jones







O CHRISTMAS TREE

King's High have been crowned overall winners in the magical Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Warwick, as voted for by Father Christmas and the Mayor of Warwick!

Our tree commemorates the life and service of her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and is adorned with golden orbs, ceramic corgis, crowns and banners to pay tribute to the Queen.

FLYING HIGH

King's High and Warwick cadets from the RAF section of the CCF took to the skies in November with their first flight of this academic year. Cadets stepped aboard the RAF's Grob Tutor aircraft for their sortie over Oxfordshire. Taking off from RAF Benson, cadets were given the opportunity to take control of the aircraft and, after a minute or two to get the hang of things, were quickly thrown in at the deep end with a few aerobatics! We look forward to many more trips to come, as the sessions available to our CCF sessions continue to increase.



Arianna



Eloise



Sophie



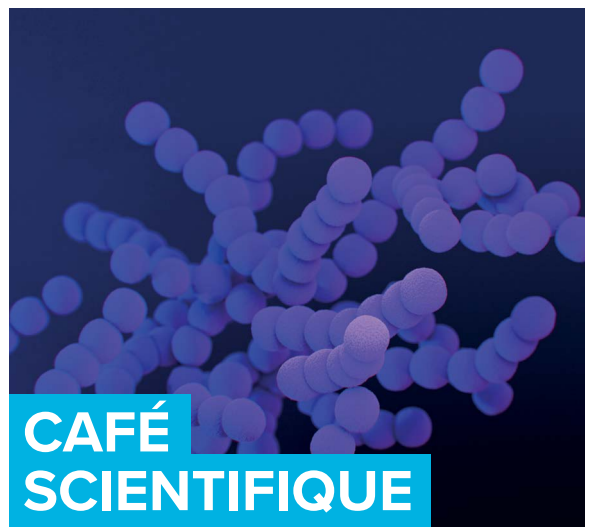
Kriti

HAVE FAITH



This term saw our first ever King's High Inter-Faith Celebration, where we had traditional Indian dancing and singing, along with readings from Buddhism, Christianity, Sikhism, Judaism and Paganism, and a beautiful recital from the Qur'an.

We also hosted the 'Big Questions' event panel where Year 9 asked questions to a panel of Faith experts on questions such as 'What does it mean to be human'. We also ran 'My Faith and Me' sessions, where members of our school community talk about their faiths.



CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

Our Café Scientifique newsletter 'Why study Science?' is a fascinating read. The society has been looking at various Science A Levels, and mixing them with other options. Read the full copy on kingshighwarwick.co.uk/news.

TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE 2023



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King's High School

We are delighted to feature in the coveted Tatler Schools Guide 2023. Here's what they had to say about King's High:

'We're a community of changemakers', says Head, Dr Stephen Burley, and pupils have history in breaking the mould. By the 1900s, girls here were learning botany, chemistry and Euclid, before choosing to go to university.

Now they are getting involved in an Environment Action Today club, taking modules in social justice and neuroscience as part of two new GCSE-equivalent 'Future-Ready' courses, and being crowned ISA national champions in football, hockey and netball.'

Having moved to a purpose-built site in 2019 (where Warwick School and Prep are also situated), King's High luxuriates in a state-of-the-art campus, with immaculate interiors and picture windows overlooking the expansive quad and playing fields.

It's an inspiring place to learn and the academics are top-notch, with Oxbridge and the Russell Group accepting many of the leavers, Sport is inclusive: the A teams may bring home the silverware, but every pupil finds a passion, from fencing to table tennis. One won gold with Team England Juniors at the cheerleading world championships in Florida.

Everyone has a go at drama (Sophie Turner, of Game of Thrones, is an old girl) and the recent junior production of Fantastic Mr Fox was just that.

Dr Burley is all over everything – one parent wonders if he sleeps under his desk – and he's always busy with new ideas. Recently, he's acquired a school dog called Parsnip, launched a programme for girls' rugby in partnership with Wasps and set up a beekeeping endeavour.

JUNIOR CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Our Junior Creative Writing Club have produced a superb Winter Anthology on the theme of Animals. Just one of the 150 clubs and activities on offer every week at King's High, our superb Junior Creative writers produce an anthology each term, and this one is certainly not to be missed.

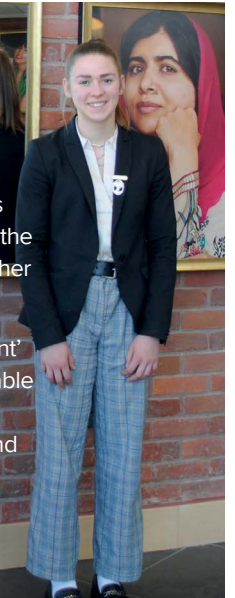
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ARMY OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to hear that Katy has been awarded an Army Officer Scholarship and has secured a place to train as an Army Officer at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, following her Sixth Form and university studies.

Dr Burley called it an 'outstanding achievement' and 'hugely impressive', citing the commendable skills and character Katy has demonstrated to be awarded such a prestigious opportunity and we couldn't agree more. Required attributes include high intellect, developed fitness, a strong personality and leadership potential. Congratulations, Katy!



BONDING DAY

Our Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed their bonding day at the start of term! A Just Dance session kicked off the day and our new starters got into the groove with some high energy tracks, followed by a range of fun, outdoor team building events. We hope you've all had a marvellous first term at King's High!



KING'S CHICKS



Affectionately known as 'Cluckingham Palace', our new chicken coop is eagerly awaiting the arrival of our flock of mixed-breed chickens in the new year. Students will also be given the opportunity to learn more about how to care for them on our chicken course!

SIXTH FORM TERRACE



Tatler called it an 'uber-cool roof garden' and our Sixth Formers are thoroughly enjoying their new terrace. It's a wonderful space in which to socialise and relax. Our students can enjoy the sunshine and views in warm weather, and steaming mugs of hot chocolate on those cooler days!

ROSE IS NAMED ISA WHITBREAD PRIZE 2022 WINNER

We are so proud of Rose, who has been recognised as the winner of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Whitbread Memorial Prize for 2022.

The ISA Whitbread Prize celebrates academic excellence in Year 11 exams as well as outstanding contributions to the school and wider community.

Rose, in Lower Sixth, earned 10 GCSEs this summer – nine of which were at grades 9 and 8. Rose also plays a pivotal role as an anti-bullying ambassador, is a leading figure in championing underrepresented voices and continues to be involved in all of our King's High productions.

Rose's role as an anti-bullying ambassador has led to some once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, including meeting representatives from the Royal Family. This provided a platform to discuss issues facing young black people and youth in the UK. Her spoken word poem was used to open the whole event which is a truly remarkable achievement. Beyond that, Rose has continued to reiterate the importance of being an upstander against bullying through school assemblies and has appeared as an ambassador for the Diana Award during Anti-Bullying Week on Sky News and ITV.

'We are so proud of Rose and are thrilled to have this opportunity to celebrate her tremendous work to forge positive change and to make a real difference in the community.'

Dr Burley



"It is an honour for ISA to recognise Rose as our winner of the Whitbread Prize 2022. She has demonstrated a passion for inspiring an inclusive, equitable and diverse mindset at King's High with her interest in encouraging a deeper understanding of parts of history that can be overlooked. Rose is a beacon of the school's values and is clearly counted upon as a trusted figure by her fellow pupils with her well-documented engagement in anti-bullying initiatives. It is evident that she embodies the changemaker spirit that King's High aim to inspire."

Rudolf Elliott Lockhart, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Schools Association



LORD LIEUTENANT'S CADET



Cadet Sergeant, Maya accompanied His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Warwickshire, Tim Cox at the Fusilier Association Service at St Mary's, Warwick in October.

As the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, Upper Sixth student Maya was selected in recognition of her outstanding example and devotion to duty.

KING'S REMEMBERS



King's High marked Remembrance Day with a moving ceremony. The Combined Cadet Force conducted a poignant parade, Polly played the Last Post and Head Master, Dr Burley read Robert Laurence Binyon's poem, 'For the Fallen'.



THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

This term, we were proud to host 'Becoming a Creative Thinking School' at King's High, and it was wonderful to share ideas and discussion with fellow teachers on the future of education. A King's High education combines two main strands. We pride ourselves on the excellence of our staff and the outstanding progress students make as a result of inspirational teaching. We also place emphasis on the importance of students growing as independent thinkers who are curious about the world around them. As a Centre for Creative Thinking, we are at the forefront of reflecting on how best to prepare young people for the exciting future that lies ahead of them. Do read more at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/creativethinking.

PARSNIP TURNS ONE



The star of our cover, Parsnip, celebrated her first birthday in September. Since joining the team, she has brought smiles to the faces of our students and staff alike. Research shows that our four-legged friends can reduce stress and have a positive impact on anxiety, such as heart rate

and blood pressure. It's no surprise that she has gained an immediate fan base. Happy Birthday, Parsnip!

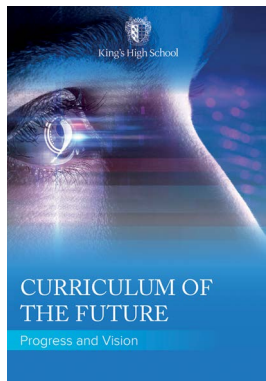
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS



Congratulations to sisters Rosie and Isabelle, who have achieved black belts in mixed martial arts, showing confidence and courage, and putting the Power of Persistence into action!

FUTURE READY

The King's High Future Ready courses are in full swing! Our GCSE students can opt to complete an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Programme or a Changemaker Programme. Both provide cutting edge content which will enable our Changemakers to gain knowledge in subjects that will equip them for a bright future, fostering curiosity and creativity. Find out more at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/curriculum



GERMAN CLUB



Our German Club students made glowing lanterns this term to celebrate Martinstag, St Martin's Day, even listening to traditional songs as they crafted!



CONFERENCE 2022

CHANGE, CHALLENGE, AND CHOICES



'CHANGE, CHALLENGE AND CHOICES'

This term, we celebrated the wonderful work of Dr Galvin and our brilliant writers with our inaugural Conference Publication, 'Change, Challenge and Choices'.

Even Parsnip came along to congratulate everyone!

REGIONAL DEBATE



Our Lower Sixth French students participated in the Sixth Form Regional Debate competition in Amersham. This was King's High's first ever appearance in this debate and Rose and Carla made it through to the final where they narrowly missed out on first place to an Upper Sixth team from Dr Challoner's Grammar School. A brilliant effort of which we're very proud!

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT



Over the last twenty years, King's High has raised over £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to everyone for making such a difference.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Our Young Enterprise company, 'Snatched Apparel' recently held their first sale of Vintage Clothing Mystery Boxes. They have been working hard on creating the boxes all term. The event, which was accompanied by live music from our Sixth Formers, was a huge success and enjoyed by students from both King's High and Warwick School. You can follow Snatched Apparel on Instagram @snatched22.

COMMUNITY

As part of Independent School Council's Partnership Week in November, we were proud to celebrate King's High's special links with Evergreen School in Warwick. On Fridays, our pupils visit Evergreen to participate in various activities and it is deeply rewarding. We are also grateful for the autism training that Evergreen will deliver for our staff, and for their invaluable knowledge of enablement and inclusion.

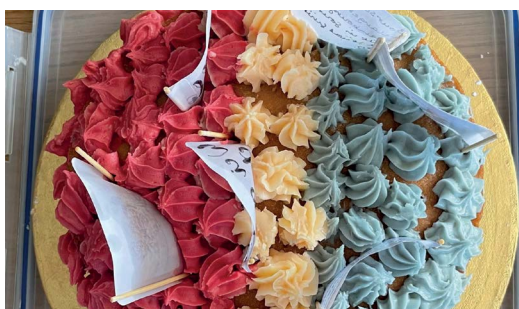
Our pupils also love volunteering at Coten End and Westgate primary schools our school dog, Parsnip, also goes on frequent wellbeing visits to Westgate! And we've been able to run some Saturday School Maths and English sessions for their Year 5 pupils as well.

ISA AWARDS



As winner of last year's ISA Senior School of the Year Award, along with the Award for Excellence and Innovation in Performing Arts, we were delighted to once again be recognised as Finalists this year in no less than three categories: Senior School of the Year, Innovation in Independent Education, and Outstanding Sport.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Congratulations to our European Day of Languages winners! Mim depicted the Luxembourg flag on her cake and Charlotte and Arabella's cupcakes represented various European countries. Well done to our highly commended entries as well, and of course all those who took part!

KING'S ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

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2022	17 OCT Enigma Project (Soy Games) (KHS)	14 AUG White Water Rafting (Nottingham)
19 DEC Canoeing & Indoor Climbing (KHS)	15 AUG Highland Games (KHS)	
2023	15 AUG Mountain Biking (Cancock Chase)	17 AUG Command Tasks (KHS)
11 FEB Mountain Biking (Cancock Chase)	17 AUG Command Tasks (KHS)	18 AUG Orienteering (Warwick)
14 APR Go Ape (Coventry)		
29 MAY - 2 JUN Portland (Dorset) Trip Year 8 Kayaking, Canoeing & Rowing, Canoeing, Coastal Pathways, Beach walking, Football games, Forest hike, Beach beach walk, Muddy putters, Ball building, O'Day Centre visit.		

If you would like to attend any of the activities or require further information please contact Mr Beverley at m.beverley@kingshighwarwick.co.uk

From Devon to Iceland, and India to New York, we have an incredible line up of trips already under way at King's High. We also have a wide range of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Expeditions planned, along with CCF trips.

Our Adventure Programme has also got off to an amazing start under the expert guidance of Mr Beverley, with the Enigma Project, canoeing and indoor climbing so far, and many more adventures to come!

'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.' – Lao Tzu

Trips 2022-2023

2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	
18-22 Oct Wales visit to Jersey Dept: Sport Years: 9-10	20-22 Jan Duke of Edinburgh Dept: Foundation Summary: Chawston Years: 9-13	20-22 Feb 12-201 Dept: Physics Years: 10-12	20-24 Feb History Field in Barcelona Dept: Sport Years: 8-9	2-8 March Geography & travel expedition to Chawston Dept: Geography Years: 10-11	29 May-1 Apr Landscape Trip to Paris Dept: French Years: 9-10	6-11 Apr New York - visit with Warwick School Dept: Drama Years: 10-13	TBC-27/29 May-31 May/1 June 17-2023 Dept: French Years: 10-12
TBC Summer Bunford Dept: Year 9 Years: 9	3-4 July Culter Wood Activity Centre Dept: Year 7 Years: 7	TBC 8/9-22/23 July 1818 Dept: Sixth Form Years: 12	TBC Oct Dept: Geography Years: 10-11	21-29 Oct Latin American Expedition to South America Dept: Spanish Years: 10-11	TBC Oct half term Madrid 18-19 New York visit with Warwick School Dept: Music Years: 2-11	TBC Dec Cologny Christmas Markets Dept: Drama Years: 8	



'Courage, character and confidence were on display as our students took part in thunderball and minefield challenges in our Adventure Programme!' – Dr Burley

KISSING IT BETTER



As part of our co-curricular Friday programme, our students volunteer with the healthcare charity, Kissing it Better and have been offering incredible support to patients, visitors and staff across local NHS hospitals and Care Homes since 2011. It has been wonderful to be back in person this year! We also love these thoughtful Remembrance Day and Christmas bracelets made by Lucy at King's High for the charity.

THE BEE'S KNEES



Beekeeping is just one of the many clubs and activities at King's High designed to discover gifts and talents, develop interests and passions, and promote health and wellbeing. Well done to all our beekeepers for all their hard work this year – over 100 jars of honey is a school record!

KING'S HIGH WILDLIFE FAIR

It was a close call but, following the results of our successful King's High Wildlife Fair, we will shortly be adopting a rather apt Snow Leopard from WWF. Sparsely distributed across 12 countries in central Asia and the Himalayas, the Snow Leopard is usually found in high, rugged mountain landscapes.



A TASTE OF SPAIN



Our Lower Sixth students studying Spanish cooked a delicious selection of tapas to celebrate the first month of their A Level Spanish course. On the menu were Tortilla Española and Champiñones al ajillo – to name but a couple. ¡Sabroso!



KING'S CATERING SCOOPS COVETED ACCOLADE

Many congratulations to our superb Catering team, led by Head Chef, Christophe Charpentier and Front of House and Hospitality Manager, Kate Mousakitis, who were Finalists in the Independent Schools of the Year 2022 Award for Healthy Eating. From this term's German inspired menu and Mexican day, in conjunction with our wonderful Modern Foreign Languages department, to open events and Inspire talks, it's a well-deserved accolade. Events aside, they make each and every day special for students and staff alike with their incredible standards and attention to detail. Find out more at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/cateringblog.



KHAPS

Affectionately known as 'KHAPS', our parent and teacher association provides a wide range of opportunities for parents to get actively involved in King's High life through both social and fundraising events. Its aim is to promote close co-operation between home and school for the advantage and welfare of our students. All money raised goes directly back to the school in the form of donations for awards, equipment and support for the students' charity projects. Read more at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/khaps.



KING'S MUSIC

This term has been an eventful and exciting one for Music at King's High. Joining the department as Director of Music in September, it has been wonderful to see and hear the vast array of music making going on every day, from concerts and recitals, through to Tuesday morning singing in assembly!

This term's concerts have been a real highlight. The Year 7 concert in October was an excellent first musical outing for the year group with some high-energy singing, solo performances and a performance from 7H on their Instrumental Scheme instruments they had been learning for just three weeks. We have also been treated to a range of piano, woodwind and brass performances in our Horizons concerts on Thursdays and are very proud of our Upper Sixth A Level Music students who have all given concert recitals this term. We wish them all the best with their upcoming interviews and auditions.

It has been a great pleasure to work with some of our choirs this term. The Foundation Service at the beginning of September was a real success, with a massed anthem featuring choirs from across the Foundation of Mathias' Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord. Further congratulations to the Senior Chamber Choir students who performed with the Leamington Spa Bach Choir on Saturday 12 November, and to all those involved in our end-of-term carol services!

Many of our senior students were involved in the joint senior production of Jesus Christ Superstar with Warwick School. I was incredibly proud of all students involved – each performance was hugely powerful and moving. The students in the band rose to the challenge of the difficult orchestral score and being split across two raised platforms, too!

Recently, we have had a busy week of ABRSM and Trinity music exams – well done to all students who entered this term (results incoming soon). Well done also to Tamsin in 7H who has been accepted into the National Children's Orchestra on Oboe. Walking down the corridors of the music building, it is wonderful to hear students working hard in their music lessons. Thank you to all our visiting music teachers for their support for our students so far this term.

Looking ahead to the 2023, we very much look forward to the Orchestra of the Swan concert on 12 January, our Orchestra in Residence, and to our Jazz, Rock and Pop concert in the Bridge House Theatre on 12 February. There are plenty of informal concerts and performance opportunities planned, too!

Wishing you all the best for a joyous Christmas break,

Adam Albrighton
Director of Music



KING'S SCHOOL OF ROCK

Our specialist Drums Teacher, Mr Jones, has an impressive track record in pioneering our rock bands at King's High, and TheNeWblack is no exception. Mr Jones explains further:

"TheNeWblack formed in February with five students, Hannah, Gabriella, Lara, Seya and Emma. Hannah, who played bass guitar, asked Gabriella and Emma to sing, Seya to play the guitar and Lara to play drums.

Lara then approached me to see whether I may be able to help them, and of course I was extremely happy and said yes immediately! Enthusiastically gathering in my music room, we took some time to choose the band name, where everything was on the table for discussion, from The Plumbers, to the Air Balloons! Eventually, we decided on TheNeWblack. The students attended every practice session and it was lovely to see them come together and form such an amazing group.

They initially chose to play *Don't Speak* by No Doubt. After long rehearsals, the song came together, and they felt ready to do their first ever performance! Many nerves later, they played in the King's High Auditorium, and had lots of fun performing with friends, family and others there to support them.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments, we lost Emma, but TheNeWblack carries on. Seya loves the band Nothing But Thieves, which influenced the students to play *Trip Switch* on YouTube and they loved it, so that's their work in progress currently. They performed both pieces brilliantly at the recent Winter Concert.

I feel very proud of how far TheNeWblack has come, and they've been a wonderful asset to the music department!"



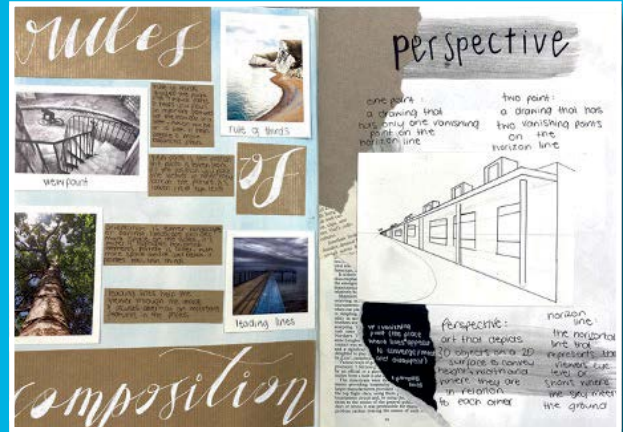
KING'S ART

Cultural Pattern Research – Y8



Charlotte

Perspective Sketch book – Y9



Emily



Esha



Claudia



Ava



Charlotte

Upside Down Drawings – Y7



Florence



Maren



Olivia



Livvy – Lower Sixth



Abbie – Upper Sixth

Ceramics in action!





THE WONDER OF SYNAESTHESIA

Our stunning cover artwork – and this amazing alphabet – was created by Mimi, in Upper Sixth, who has synaesthesia – a perceptual phenomenon where one of the senses is experienced through another. Mimi explains further.

'I am currently working on my component one project with the title of 'Synaesthesia'. In my case, I associate a specific colour to each letter of the alphabet, number, day of the week, shapes and even countries! I wanted to develop my project to allow the viewer to experience in some way what it feels like to have synaesthesia.

Whilst researching my project, I discovered Rachel Spelling, an artist best known for painting onto Farrow and Ball paint charts. As soon as I saw her detailed work, I knew I had to incorporate that concept into my project.

To link Spelling's artwork to my Synaesthesia, I had to think of a way to combine the colours of the paint chart to the letters of the alphabet

as I see them. I began to think of objects, animals and foods that were the 'same colour' as the letter they began with. For example, I see the letter A as red, therefore I could paint a red apple onto the red paint chart. I see B as dark brown, therefore I painted a bear onto that specific brown colour on the paint chart. I continued to do this for each letter of the alphabet. Once I had chosen each object I would paint, I sketched the illustrations out onto the chart and painted them using gouache. I loved adding tiny elements of detail into each illustration.

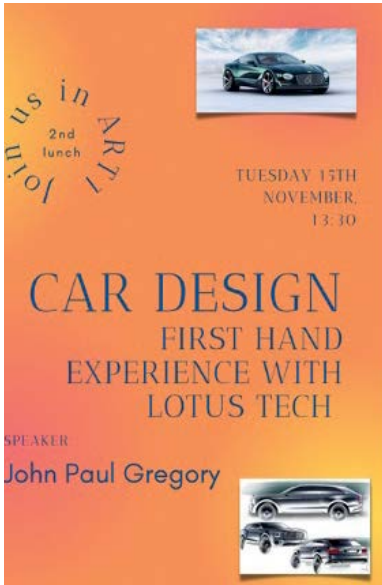
After completing each illustration, I cut them out and stuck them onto white card, from A – Z, in the order of the alphabet. Underneath each image, I painted the letter of the alphabet that corresponds with the illustration and then wrote the name of the object beside it. My personal favourite is the letter P, which I see as a pale pink. The picture I have used is a piglet; I love the personal element of the entire piece, which highlights with dramatic effect the wonder of Synaesthesia!

DA VINCI SOCIETY

This term, the Da Vinci Society held a number of exciting events offered to the students from all key stages. We began with a talk run by two of our A Level students, Hannah and Tash, who discussed hyper-realism and the artists inspired by this movement. This was extremely interesting, and they introduced Kate Brinkworth and Diego Fazio to many of the students.

We followed this with a talk by John Gregory, who introduced us to his job in automotive design, where he uses his artistic abilities to design Lotus vehicles. This benefitted many of the students, especially the ones who are interested in going into the motor vehicle industry as a career. Meanwhile, Livvy and Izzy discussed the history of portraiture with the students, which was also incredibly fascinating.

They talked about many artists such as Vincent van Gogh and Frida Kahlo, who have created incredible portraits over time, which were very familiar to the students. For Christmas, the Da Vinci Society hosted a festive event whereby students were invited to create Christmas decorations using different mediums to celebrate the season. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the younger students, as they got an opportunity to experiment with various art materials. Da Vinci has offered so many exciting events and strives to offer even more next term!



Maisie
Chairman, Da Vinci Society

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Georgia



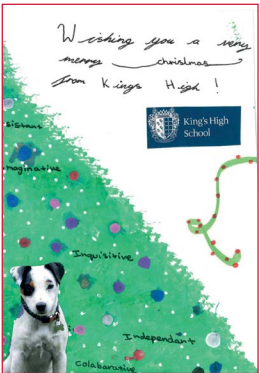
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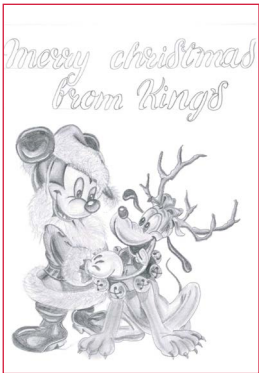
Abbey-Rose



Alice



Clara



Florence



Kate



Remi

We've received some wonderful entries to our Christmas Card competition and have thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the fabulous, festive designs! Here is a small selection to whet your appetite. Well done to everyone who entered!

KING'S SPORT



It has been a busy and bumper start to the academic school year for sport at King's High. Busy preseason hockey and netball sessions soon gave way to no less than 10 hockey fixtures on the first weekend of term in September and there has been no looking back.

Highlights in netball have included local league netball fixtures for the U15B and U14B squads, as well as the U16B team finishing as runners up in the Emerging Schools netball tournament. Over 100 students have attended senior training on a Monday night which has been a pleasure to see.

The U12 teams are developing well and the A team have, so far, progressed through three rounds of the National Netball cup that they are competing in. The U14 and U16 Netball A squads finished as runners up in their County tournaments and both qualified for the County Triangulars, in which they will compete in the coming weeks.

The U19 team have shown real unity, and have been true role models, for the younger years already. Highlights of their term so far have included incredibly competitive National cup matches, where they were crowned County Champions.

They too have qualified for the County's Triangular, and we wish them good luck.

In hockey, it has been wonderful to see so many students engaging with the sport. Highlights include many fixtures for the U12ABCDEF teams, through to excellent performances from our 1st XI in their various National Cup competitions.

The U13 teams have all enjoyed fixtures against local sides whilst the A team have progressed to the next round of the Independent School Cup with their most recent victory away in Worcester. The U14 team were crowned County champions along with the U16 Indoor team. Both then progressed impressively through the Midlands Zones to take their places at Midlands Finals. Finally, the U15A team took the ISA National title on the Olympic pitch at Lee Valley Hockey Stadium in London.



The first term has also seen success in the swimming pool where we were crowned ISA Midlands Champions, and the U16 team took Bronze at the Stowe Relays.

Stand out performances have come from the Junior and Inter Cross Country teams who were both crowned County Champions. They went on to race at the Midlands Finals with the Juniors finishing as Midlands champions and the Intermediate team as runners up. They qualify for the National Finals, a really outstanding achievement for all involved. There has also been individual success for many of our runners who qualified to represent Warwickshire this term.

King's High skiing has gone from strength to strength since it began only a couple of years ago. Training as a Foundation team, the students have been committed to their sessions throughout and this paid off with an individual bronze medal and team U14 ISA National title at the recent ISA finals in Hemel Hempstead. This built on successes already achieved by this talented group of skiers, who had recently qualified for the ESSKIA National Finals and British Schools Finals. We look forward to continuing to watch the sport grow across the Foundation in the coming years.

Football at King's High started with one practice and two matches three years ago. Under the watchful eye of Mr Beverley, the U12,

U13, U14 and U15 teams have all enjoyed competitive local fixtures this term as well as National Cup competitions. The U13 team produced the most recent impressive result, winning 6-1 to continue through to the next round of the knock out stages. Earlier this term the U13 and U15 teams travelled to Ascot to compete in the ISA National Finals. The U13 team took the title without conceding a goal and the U15 team finished as runners up in a nail-biting penalty shootout.

Our fencing, gymnastics and equestrian athletes too have enjoyed recent successes this term with many highlights including individual qualification to regional and national level competitions in both sports.

It has undoubtedly been a busy and very successful sporting year already with a tremendous number of students representing the school, some for the very first time and some embarking on their last year as a King's High student in the Senior teams. It's such a pleasure to work with such talented and dedicated pupils and we look forward to many more exciting sporting endeavours, including King's High's first competitive rugby fixture, the dance showcase, golf fixtures and the continuation of many of our teams on their cup runs this academic year. Keep up to date with all the latest Sporting News at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/sportsblog.



WONDERFUL WATERPOLO

After being selected to the U17 Great Britain water polo squad of 22 at the start of 2022 following numerous rounds of trials (at 15), Isabella has gone on to achieve further success this summer.

Just before Isabella started year 11 at the start of September, she was nominated by King's High, and subsequently selected by the English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA), to take part in the annual Duke of Cambridge Cup event which sees the best 35 girls in her age group selected from across the country to compete in a tournament against each other, held in Manchester earlier this year.

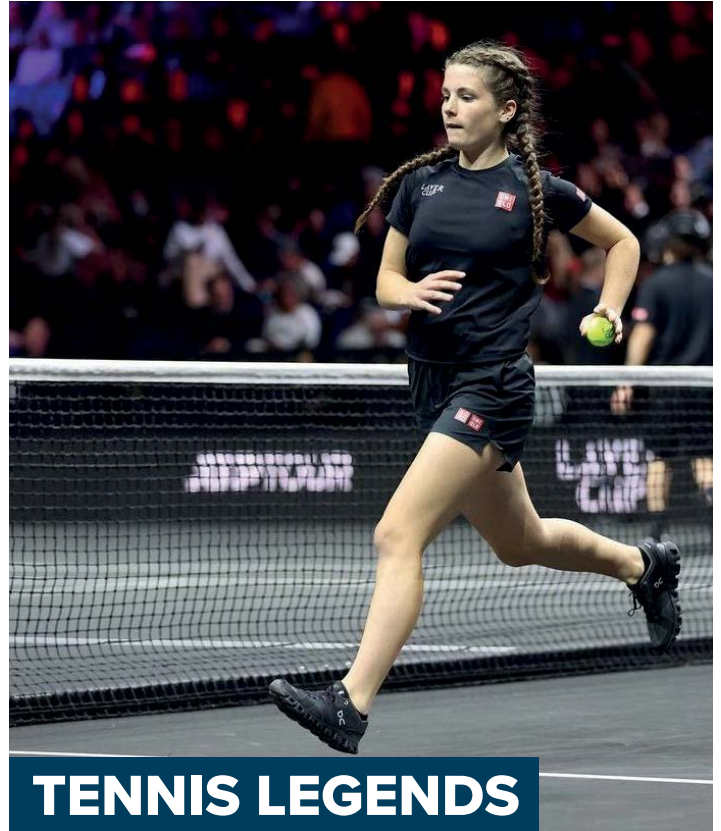
Following that event, Isabella achieved selection into a 13 strong England ESSA Water polo team that travelled to Szentes in Hungary during the last week of October for a period of intensive training, culminating in a 3-day tournament against international schools teams.

Isabella says: "I am very proud to be selected to this team and to represent my country following the nomination by King's High, who continue to be a big supporter. The opportunity to travel and compete with my teammates will be great, and I am really looking forward to it."



TERRIFIC TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis sensation, Mia competed in the Butterfly 1-star tournament, competing in the U15 girls' singles. She was in top form and defeated her opponents in straight games, propelling her to the semi-final and a tougher match where she was victorious 3-1. In the final, Mia was opposed by England number 44, where Mia raced into a 2-0 lead, before being pegged back to all square, and then going on to win the fifth set 11-4. Well done, Mia!



TENNIS LEGENDS

In June this year, Roger Federer released a video on social media inviting applicants between the ages of 12 and 16 to come to trials to be a ball kid for the Laver Cup. King's High pupil, Ottelia decided to apply and was one of the fortunate few to be invited to a 90-minute trial at the Olympic Park in London. Over the course of one weekend numerous trials were run, with approximately 100 individuals at each trial being put through their paces, all under the watchful eye of the assessors. From here Ottelia would go on to be one of only 12 girls and 24 ball kids to be selected for the Laver Cup. We sat down with Ottelia, who told us all about what it was like to trial, train and go on to share a court with some of the greatest names in tennis.

Ottelia: "With such a large number of applicants the chance of being successful was slim, so I was absolutely delighted when I received an email confirming I had been selected!"

"Over the next few months, I attended multiple training sessions, each one in London, each one 4 hours long, teaching us how to be ball kids. All 24 of us came from different backgrounds and were different ages, but what we all had in common was tennis."

"The weekend of the actual Laver Cup was an absolutely amazing experience! Practice day on the Thursday was nerve racking as it was the first time we had done it with a crowd (20,000 spectators in the O2) but it was incredible to see the big four – Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray – all on court together for the first and only time. That's 66 Grand Slams on one court at one time!"

"The next three days of the actual event was hard work – the days were long, but it was brilliant fun. We worked in teams of 6 and had set positions; I was a centre – responsible for running the net. It was amazing to meet and talk to some of the best tennis players in the world. It was also a real privilege to be on court for Roger Federer's last ever match. I was also on court when Team World won the Laver Cup for the very first time and picked up the very last ball hit in the competition. Overall, it was an amazing experience, truly inspirational. I made some great friends as well as some fantastic memories!"

EQUESTRIAN NEWS



Arabella has gone from strength to strength in a successful summer and first half-term of competing.

In just a matter of weeks of riding horse, Rosie, Arabella managed to win her Pony Club area qualifier, earning her a spot at the National Championships! Children from all over the UK came to compete in the event, where Arabella secured a 2nd place win. Not only did she achieve a personal best dressage score of 23, but she also jumped two faultless rounds.

In between competitions, Arabella represented the central team at the Youth Championships, achieving 3rd place at Bishops Burton College. She also picked up the reins on a new pony called Phantom, winning 2nd place at their first event together after just a handful of rides! Arabella also competed with horse, Mabel, in the BE100 Under 18 at West Wiltshire, securing 5th place finishing on her dressage score.

This summer also saw Arabella qualify both ponies, Rosie and Mabel for a three-day event at Bitcon, which was held in the old-fashioned long format, involving roads and track, steeplechase and other elements before the cross-country. Taking place in the October half-term – Arabella worked hard to remember two courses and all the timing elements that can be quite complicated, performing well in awful, wet conditions. Rosie was lying in the top ten on the final day of the event, but sadly had a pole in the showjumping, taking her to 21st place out of 96. Meanwhile, Mabel jumped herself from fourth to third in the 100open section amongst professionals and adults.

With no chance of slowing down, Arabella returned home on the Sunday evening after the event, only to be back out and off to Cheshire on Tuesday to attend a pony premier show, The English Home Pony. Arabella and Mabel jumped well all week for numerous placings, qualifying on the final day for the novice championship. She rode first in the jump off, setting a very fast time and winning the class. There's just no stopping Arabella!



MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Our dedicated Equine Co-ordinator is Sara Copley. Sara supports all equine-related activities and also, she admits, 'hopefully helps to make a few dreams come true.' Sara explains:

'I have been riding ponies and horses from a young age, firstly at Pony Club, then both showjumping and dressage at my local club, before joining British Showjumping and moving up the levels to eventually compete at international competitions at home and abroad.

As a King's High alumna, I know what it takes, for pupils and parents caring for ponies/horses alongside a training and competition schedule and the high educational commitment expected. In fact, I have recently signed up to undertake a part time Masters in Sports Coaching at Gloucester University, so I am still experiencing the same!

During my time at King's, I enjoyed hockey and netball, but my first love was my pony; riding after school and competing at weekends was all a part of my routine. I studied History and Politics at Warwick University with my horses, which were stabled at a local professional showjumping yard, and the routine continued. With university completed, I embarked on a gap year. Rather than travelling the world, I volunteered to do full-time riding and training on a professional showjumping yard. Following this, I was lucky enough to train in The Netherlands based with a member of the UK's showjumping team at the Rio Olympics and subsequently competed in Belgium as a part of the British Showjumping 'Step Up To Gold Programme'. Standing in an arena whilst the National Anthem is played is the best feeling, even though I came third and another British rider came first! Since then, I have been pursuing a career as a freelance coach, achieving BSCC Level 3 coaching qualification and accreditation as a Centre 10 Advanced Coach.


I hope to bring my learning and experience to help pupils gain the very best experience they can with their ponies/horses and to support them as they strive to grow, achieve, and have fun. I have met girls at the Equestrian Club and had contact with parents through the registration process for NSEA competitions. I will hopefully get to know more pupils and parents as we move forward, supporting individual riders, helping the school build competition squads, offering training opportunities and extending the reach of equine opportunities to all that are interested.

If you have your own pony/horse or an interest in anything equestrian, please come along to the Equestrian Club on Wednesday lunchtimes or contact me at s.copley@kingshighwarwick.co.uk.



A dramatic scene featuring a person on a cross, silhouetted against a bright, hazy background. The person is holding a horizontal beam. In the foreground, the silhouettes of an audience are visible, looking towards the scene. The overall atmosphere is somber and theatrical.

KING'S DRAMA



'What a huge privilege...to see such stunning talent and teamwork. A truly memorable, moving and striking production – many congratulations to all involved!'

Dr Burley

Wow! What a term it's been in Drama. Old Girl, Katie Burrows, talked auditions with our students and how she managed to secure her place on the Musical Theatre programme at leading Drama School, Mountview. Lunchtime Drama clubs delved into an array of Musical Theatre, Movement and Drama Techniques, and we saw bespoke lighting workshops and stagecraft masterclasses. Members of the clubs performed a snapshot of their work to parents in an informal showcase which included comedy sketches, scripted duologues and physical theatre.

We explored the world of mime, digital theatre and puppetry, used flashbacks and flash forward, and enjoyed a special effects makeup tutorial. A real highlight was discovering more about Bollywood from Danny and Ahmareen Sura, who even found the time for a mini-improvisation session with our students!

Meanwhile, Miguel Hernando Torres Umba, a company member of the renowned theatre company Gecko, brought physical theatre to our Sixth Formers. Gecko's theatre relies on breath and fast movement to inspire their superb productions, which have an international reputation. It was an outstanding workshop led by a performer of the highest quality.

Our GCSE students enjoyed a trip to London to see the spooky classic 'The Woman In Black' and the Year 11 students performed their powerful and thought-provoking devised pieces.

And finally, our Upper School Musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, was – quite simply – exceptional. More on that from Mrs Wild in her review of this breathtaking production. Keep up to date with Drama News at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/dramablog.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Our senior production this year was the much-loved classic musical, Jesus Christ Superstar. Directed by Mike Perry from Warwick School and Jessie Wild from King's High, it was a complete powerhouse of a production with audiences being moved to give standing ovations every night.

The emotional content of the show proved to be as challenging as the incredible songs, but the cast were outstanding. Anabel (Jesus) moved audiences to tears every night with her note-perfect rendition of Gethsemane and Hope had people on the edge of their seats as she tore through the chilling suicide of Judas.

Rose bought a new sympathy to Pilate and his dilemma, with her astonishing stage presence, and Amelie managed somehow to lighten the mood with her wonderful portrayal of Herod, backed by her 'golden boys (Charlie and Oscar). Lottie (Mary) and Sam (Peter) added much needed heart within the tragic moments with their crystal-clear vocals and Tommy (Simon) led the zealous gospel moments with glee and magnetism.

The ensemble cast put their heart and soul into every single moment of the show and their directors could not be prouder of them all. In a huge production such as this, it is easy to forget all the work that goes on behind the scenes and our crew worked their socks off – led by the highly professional Matt from Warwick School.

The production was the first for King's High's new Director of Music, Adam Albrighton, and he led the musical direction with such dynamism. The band, made up chiefly of Foundation pupils, was astonishing. Audience feedback was quite overwhelming with people commenting that they were 'absolutely blown away by Jesus Christ Superstar on Saturday evening. It was evident from the opening number that the cast had been nurtured throughout the process to give the best of themselves. The confidence, clarity and commitment from every individual was magnetic'.

Mrs Wild

Director of Drama

Richard Nicholson, Principal, added that the production was 'Exceptional. Consummate performances – profound, moving, and with such emotional depth. 'Well done' doesn't really cut it.'



SIXTH FORM BOARDING

We are delighted that, from September 2023, we will offer opportunities for boarding to our Sixth Form students at King's High, on either a full basis, or weekly – allowing students to return home at weekends.

Way House, where the students will reside, is at the heart of the Foundation campus and is currently undergoing a full refurbishment programme ahead of September, to create an outstanding boarding environment. This beautiful, heritage building, with high ceilings and large windows, will provide modern accommodation with a 'home from home' atmosphere for up to 16 King's High boarders.

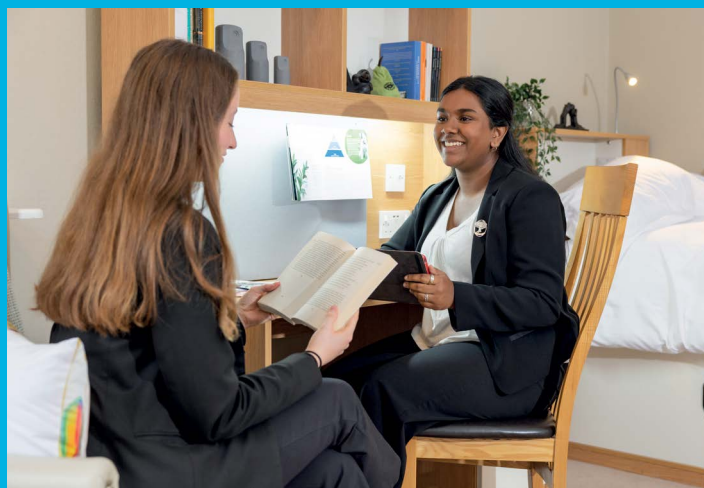
There's a wide range of regular trips and events planned, and of course boarders have full use of the facilities, including the pool. Our unique boarding experience combines our 'best of both worlds' single-sex academic teaching with co-curricular and social activities, alongside our boarders at Warwick School.

Pastoral care will be second to none, run by an experienced team under the expert guidance of David Bull, our Foundation Head of Boarding.

If you're interested in looking into boarding options for your daughter, do join us at our forthcoming event in January – details to follow. If you'd like an informal chat in the meantime, please contact David Bull on d.bull@warwick-school.org or 01926 776400. And you can take a closer look at our boarding information at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/boarding-at-kings-high.

Boarding Activities include

- Cinema trips
- Theatre trips
- Shopping (Bicester Village, Birmingham city centre, London)
- Ten pin bowling
- Music concerts
- Local Christmas markets
- Escape rooms
- Paintballing
- Indoor skydiving
- Horse riding
- Kayaking
- High wires
- Golf
- Sports events (netball, ice hockey, football, basketball)



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been another busy and productive term, with vast amounts to celebrate and reflect on with pride in each of our schools.

This time of year is packed with Christmas festivities across our Foundation, and each reflects the character and personality of the different schools. A particular highlight is the relatively new, but now annual, Landor Association Carol Service, which brings together the communities – past and present – of Warwick Prep and King’s High. I find events such as this particularly moving, as they are a tangible expression of the deep and enduring relationships we build across the generations, and across the schools. There is much strength to be drawn from these Foundation family occasions; they help to remind us of the service our schools have given to so many, and of the service so many give to our schools. We are all part of this living tradition, bringing to it our own gifts and talents.

Earlier this year, I wrote to our community about the appointment of a Foundation Director of Safeguarding. I’m delighted to say that Rebecca Jessup joined the Foundation team in September. Formerly the Education Safeguarding Lead for Dudley Metropolitan Council, Ms Jessup brings significant new skills to our critical safeguarding responsibilities.

We are always looking for how we can find meaningful ways for our pupils across our schools to work together – the added benefit of being part of a group of schools. A particular aspect of collaboration we are keen to develop is Music. We have recently appointed an Executive Music Lead, who will develop a Foundation music strand, building on the excellent Foundation Orchestra, work with Orchestra of the Swan and other residency programmes, and support our community partnership programmes. As you can imagine, such a unique post generated a great deal of interest and following an exhaustive search process, Stuart Thompson will take up this role in September 2023. Mr Thompson is currently the Senior Deputy Head at Loughborough High School, having previously been Director of Music at Leeds Cathedral, and Caterham School before moving into school leadership. He remains active as a musician, and is an award-winning composer. We look forward to welcoming him to the Foundation.

These two appointments are part of a broader Foundation strategy, which has been developed with focus groups from across our community – parents, pupils, alums – and staff, senior leaders, and the Governors. It includes a new visual identity for the charity which is our Foundation, and to bring renewed clarity to its purpose: which is, through its schools and educational programmes, ‘enabling transformation through the power of education’. You will see this legend and the new logo complementing the individual school identities and when the voice is that of the overarching charity, rather than a school. I look forward to sharing the broader strategy with you in more detail in the New Year.

In the meantime, I would like to thank each of you for your support and the trust you place in us for the education of your children.

I wish you all the happiest of Christmases and a peaceful 2023.

Richard Nicholson
Foundation Principal



We were proud to host the Association for Character Education Conference 2022 at Warwick Hall. An inspirational day full of exciting discussion!

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL



His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Tim Cox, visited the Combined Cadet Force in order to present The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to seven of our CCF staff for their service to the cadet forces. He also took the opportunity to promote some of the cadets and toured the afternoon's activities, speaking to a large number of cadets. A huge well done to everyone!

WARWICKSHIRE YOUTH CHOIRS

Warwickshire Youth Choirs welcomed children from the Foundation to a singing workshop at King's High School in October. There will be a second free singing workshop and Concert running on Saturday 17 December for Key Stage 2 children, should your daughter have younger siblings within the Foundation.



Canticum, the choir for all members of the Foundation community, past and present, relaunched this term with 'The Best of British' workshop. This was followed by the Canticum Christmas Concert, in Warwick Hall, where Foundation families and friends enjoyed performances of festive favourites including Vaughan-Williams' 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols'.

A NEW LOOK FOR WARWICK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Warwick Schools Foundation



Enabling transformation through the power of education

Following an extensive consultation process, and complementing our individual school identities, we are pleased to unveil the new visual identity of Warwick Schools Foundation – Enabling transformation through the power of education.

LANDOR ASSOCIATION 'THE ILEX 2022'

We are delighted to share the latest edition of The Ilex magazine, summarising the activities of King's High and Warwick Prep over the 2021-2022 academic year. Many former pupils and staff remember The Ilex magazine as King's High's school publication from 1912 to 2014. In 2020 we relaunched a new-style Ilex as the magazine of the Landor Association, including features from pupils, staff, governors and parents past and present – the whole Landor community of King's High and Warwick Prep School. We hope you enjoy Issue No. 133 of the Ilex, the third in its new form landorassociation.co.uk/ilex2022.



LANDOR ASSOCIATION

GOLDEN REUNION AND ALL THE THREES

Old Girls who left King's High after taking their A Levels fifty years ago in 1972 met up for a Golden Reunion at the Banbury Road site in November. Sixth Form guides showed the visitors the wonderful Banbury Road buildings after tea and coffee, and many of them met Head Master Dr Stephen Burley for the first time. It was delightful to have guest of honour and former English teacher Mrs Gillian Hall and her daughter Cordelia with us. Dog lovers in the party also had the opportunity to meet the school therapy dog, Parsnip, and her 'handler' Miss Reed; gentle Parsnip is a far cry from Delta, Miss Hare's vicious poodle, who the Old Girls remembered well from their schooldays. The group had a wonderful three course lunch, lovingly prepared by the school's catering department, and every second person moved their seats between courses so everyone could talk to everyone else.

For next year's reunion, we are not just inviting people fifty years on from A Levels, but are planning to have an 'All the Threes' event on Saturday 24 June. This means that if you took your A Levels (or would have taken them) in a year ending in a 3, you will be invited to this reunion. For those of you who left eighty years ago after their Higher School Certificate in 1943, it will be your Oak Reunion. 1953's leavers will be having a Platinum Reunion and 1963's leavers will have a Diamond Reunion. It will be a Golden Reunion for the A Level students of 1973, and a Ruby Reunion for those from 1983. We shall also be inviting the A Level candidates from 1993 for their Pearl Reunion, those from 2003 for their China Reunion and those from 2013 for their Tin Reunion. Further information and a booking form will be available in the Spring. Remember, the year ending in a 3 refers to the year when you took your A Levels or Higher School Certificate, and not the year you started at King's High.



FELIX DIES TIBI NATALIS, MISS TURLEY!

Happy birthday to you, Miss Turley! Many Old Girls will remember being taught Latin by Miss Dorothy Turley between 1956 and 1992. Last month Miss Turley celebrated her ninetieth birthday. We wrote to everyone who'd done Classics for A Level when Miss Turley was teaching, letting them know about their former Magister's birthday. Birthday cards for Miss Turley were sent to school from all over the world, and more than thirty were delivered to her on the day, along with a bouquet of flowers from the school. She had already had many other birthday cards. A lot of her former pupils wanted her to know how important Latin had been in their lives and careers. Gratias tibi valde, Miss Turley.



LANDOR LECTURE WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023

The Landor Association is thrilled to announce details of its seventh Landor Lecture which takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 25 January, 2023. Our guest speaker will be King's High Old Girl and award winning thespian, Gemma Whelan. Gemma is well known for her television roles in Game of Thrones, Upstart Crow, Killing Eve and Gentleman Jack, among others. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance; please email Landor Association Administrator Polly Beidas on p.beidas@kingshighwarwick.co.uk for a booking form.



NEW NAMES ON BENEFACTORS' PATHWAY



Several new stones have been laid on the Benefactor's Pathway to commemorate members of our community, including some of our recent King's High Class of 2022 leavers and two new stones in honour of former members of staff. Funds raised from sponsorship of these stones support school projects and bursaries. If you are interested in having your family name engraved on a stone, please email development@warwickschools.co.uk.

ONLINE MENTORING

Warwick Foundation Connect

Our Warwick Foundation Connect platform has powerful mentoring tools to make it easy for members of our community to connect, network and offer support to one another. Our mentors use their knowledge and experience to help recent school leavers develop new skills and build larger networks. The scheme has proved to be very popular, with almost 1,000 people on the platform who are willing to offer their connections, expertise, and support to others. We are very privileged to have such a vibrant and generous community that supports one another at every stage of their careers and lives. If you would like mentoring or are happy to offer mentoring, please register at warwickfoundationconnect.com.


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CAROL SERVICE

LANDOR ASSOCIATION CAROL SERVICE

Our recent Landor Association Carol Service at St Mary's, Warwick, was both joyous and uplifting. A real celebration of Christmas for our whole community. There were rousing carols, and poetry and readings from Rose, Isabel, Freya, Ottelia, Charlotte, and Warwick Prep's Ruby and Sally, along with Mr David Stevens, President of the Landor Association, Mrs Dodsworth and Dr Burley.

We heard solo performances from Anna at Warwick Prep who sang Once in Royal David's City, and Charlotte in Upper Sixth who sang Adeste Fideles, with music from the Foundation Chamber Choir, King's High Senior Chamber Choir and Junior Chamber Choir, and Warwick Preparatory Senior Choir. There was also a collection for the Mayor of Warwick's Christmas Fund and St Mary's Church.



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