



Dear All,

The photograph above is my favourite of the fantastic Oliver performance, which I had the pleasure of attending on the opening night earlier this term. It was great to see that all the hard work from cast members, supporting crew and staff was duly rewarded. They had been practising for months after school and also came in at the weekend for their first dress rehearsal. Well done to all! This term there have been many sporting, musical and educational events and I hope you enjoy reading all about them.

The snow days disrupted Parents' Evenings, Parent/Carer Forum, as well as learning and I thank you again for your patience during that time. Following feedback from the Parent/Carer Forum, we will have trialled a new system for Year 8 reports and Year 9 Parents' Evening this week.

The next Parent/Carer Forum will be held on 2nd May between 6:00 - 7:00pm in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC). Behaviour and Lunchtimes are the focus for the next meeting. Don't forget Parent Drop-in is available each Tuesday evening between 6:00 - 7:00pm. Please email [admin@kings.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@kings.patrust.org.uk) should you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

We are now approaching the revision season for all year groups, but particularly Year 11. There are many revision workshops taking place over Easter to support our students with their learning in preparation for their forthcoming examinations. We are considering how we share information with parents/carers regarding examination revision and each year group will receive an individual letter from their Year Achievement Leader next term.

Thank you for your support and co-operation this term and I hope you have an excellent Easter break.

Best wishes

Elaine Briggs  
Head of School

# What's been happening in School?

## Pontefract Food Bank Visit

The Year 11 Citizenship team have been fortunate enough to have a recent visit from Mrs Kathryn Jarvis, a volunteer from the Pontefract Food Bank.

Mrs Jarvis came to thank the class for their hard work organising the school non-uniform day which helped raise £840.67 for three different charities. £280 of this will be donated to the Pontefract Foodbank.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about the history of the charity and give them an insight into how the money the school raised will be spent. The Year 11's were incredibly thankful for this visit and it gave us all a real awareness of the hard work the charity does to help so many people living in our local area.



## Year 8 KS4 Options Evening

We are delighted that our Year 8 students have shown such a keen interest in the option process. We were particularly pleased to witness our the students responding positively to the options guidance assemblies. Their thoughtful questions and high levels of interactions in these assemblies showed beyond any doubt, that they are taking the options process very seriously. We would like to thank parents and carers for their support for our students, which was evident in the high turn out on the KS4 Information Evening. All Year 8 students managed to return the options form on time. Well done and thank you to all those involved.

## World Book Day 2018

World Book Day this year was delayed until Monday 5th March, due to the snow, but it didn't stop students and staff getting dressed up as their favourite characters. Here are some photos to show the effort that was made. Fantastic!



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## The New King's School Parliament



The King's School is proud to present the new student voice system: The King's School Parliament.

The Parliament will operate by a group from both KS3 (Year 7 and 8) and KS4 (Year 9 and 10). These students will work closely with members of staff and their peers to share who they are and what they believe in.

Well done to everyone who was successful in their application. These students all received Head of School's certificates and we look forward to their work beginning, hear hear!

In their first meeting, members of the Parliament have been busy working together to come up with their top five qualities of a successful student and an effective teacher.

Although there were many responses and ideas, the top five common themes for a successful student throughout all the groups involved were: attendance, enjoyment, good work ethic, confidence and resilience.

The top five responses for an effective teacher were not too dissimilar from this (with an addition of kindness and patience).

Alongside this, the group have also successfully appointed two Year 10 BTEC representatives and a group of four students who are going to be reaching out within the school to form an Environmental Committee – their first topic for discussion will be "Recycling at the King's School!"



## Year 10 Mock Interviews



On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February, all Year 10 students completed CVs and had a 20 minute mock interview, in preparation for their Work Experience next month and for college interviews which they will have to do in Year 11.

The interviewers came from the following businesses/organisations:

Wakefield College, Network Rail, Wakefield Learning Community, Wakefield District Housing, XPO Logistics, Jobcentre Plus, New College, TKMAXX and O2.

Students were given written feedback on their interviews, all of which was very positive and constructive.

Well done to all of our Year 10 students and huge thanks to the Interviewers for giving their time.



## Year 7 Workout Fundraiser for Lepra

On Monday 19th March, the whole of Year 7 took part in a workout in the sports hall, raising money for Lepra.

Sally White (Lepra Community Fundraiser) emailed school to say "You will be pleased to know that your students have collected a grand total of £762.41 - a fantastic effort!"

7ZT was the form group that raised the most money (£242) Well done!

King's are proud to have been working with Lepra for over 10 years. Money raised helps to treat leprosy, fight prejudice and provide health education.



# What's been happening in School?

## Year 9 Reward Trip

A small group of Year 9 students attended an activity weekend at YMCA Lakeside centre; the students were chosen based on their superb start to Year 9. The King's School were joined by 9 other schools from across England. For the student's first challenge they had to get the whole team over a 10ft wall. The students tackled the wall well, with great communication and teamwork leading to success. The students also took part in a raft race, an obstacle course and then enjoyed swinging through the trees in a harness whilst trying to hit targets to earn points. With the day's activities over, all that was left was the night walk. The map skills learnt in Geography came in handy while the students navigated their way around the area in search for hidden checkpoints to gain more points. Despite missing the final challenge on Sunday morning The King's School came third. Overall an amazing weekend enjoyed by all and we look forward to running the trip again next academic year.



## Malawi Donation of School Jumpers

A former student of The King's School, Steven Rhodes, represents an organisation called Friends of Mulanje Orphans (FOMO) which is a community based orphan care programme supporting over 3,500 children through a network of 14 centres in the Mulanje district of Malawi. This charitable organisation has built and runs an Independent Secondary School which 400 students attend and they provide school uniform to all these children.

Steven recently collected 85 sleeveless school jumpers from The King's School and took them to Malawi where they were used as school uniform for their students.



Steven Rhodes was delighted to undertake this work and Mary Woodworth, who is the Founder of FOMO, Mission Director and UK Treasurer is pictured taking receipt of the jumpers.

## GCSE Food Exam Success

Year 11 worked really hard on their three hour Food & Nutrition GCSE and with very successful results. A big well done and good luck for the written part of the exam, later on this year.



## £100 Donation for Crypt Factor

8PLH were tasked with raising money for St. George's Crypt, they approached local businesses to ask for donations and were pleased that Pontefract based Logic Insurance (01977 806666) kindly donated £100 to the charity.

Craig Dinnewell (Director) is pictured with the £100 cheque.



## Richard McCann - Inspirational & Motivational Speaker - Visits TKS

A local inspiration came to The King's School on Monday 12th March to give Year 11 students a valuable and motivational speech about how to have the "punch" and resilience to overcome life's obstacles and diversities and succeed.

Brodie Battye had the courage to participate in the session and was rewarded with a signed copy of his first book "Just A Boy".

Feedback from the students was very positive, with most saying that they now feel more prepared for their GCSE exams, as well as some feeling more confident and less stressed about life in general.

A huge thank you to Richard for visiting us!



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## The King's School's Production of

# OLIVER!

The King's School performance of 'Oliver' was a huge success. The performances were highly popular with large audiences enjoying the show. This year's cast of students from Year 7 to 11 was extremely talented and their commitment and dedication was unprecedented, which in turn earned them a well deserved standing ovation on the final evening's performance.

The 'Oliver' experience doesn't end there for some of our students, as a large majority of the cast will be performing six songs from the production on stage at Disneyland, Paris in May.

To see more fantastic photos from the production, please visit the school's website and look in the 'Gallery'.



## The King's School Catering Service

A new Kiosk was launched on Monday 18 February. This is located in the DT Quad alongside the new outdoor furniture and is proving to be very popular with students who are enjoying the burgers, hot dogs, hot baguettes and many other grab and go food products such as noodle pots, nice pots, burrito's & hot wraps. When the weather gets warmer, the kiosk will be selling ice cream products and slush puppies.

In the last term of school there will be American and Caribbean themed days, and, weather permitting, possibly a BBQ day.

*"In the 6 months that Chartwell's have been the catering provider, we have seen a positive reaction to the food offers available. Working together with the School Nutritional Action Group (SNAG), we have adapted and changed the menus and the way we provide the service. This has resulted in a speedier lunch service and a bigger uptake in the food provided"*

Andy Moore, Chef Manager

During the Easter holidays a new cashless catering system will be installed. The new system means that students will be able to move through the queue even quicker.

Please note that as part of the transitional arrangements you will **not** be able to top up your on-line account on 11 April 2018. Normal service will be resumed the following day.

# Sporting Success

## Year 8 Storm Athletics Event

On 7th February, The King's School held a Sports Hall Athletics Event for Year 8 Students across the district. There were some fantastic performances by the athletes and both boys and girls were dominant in the five field events. The girls finished in second place overall, after just missing out by one point. The boys celebrated winning eight out of the eleven races and finished in first place overall. They will now represent Wakefield in the West Yorkshire Youth Games!



## Year 7 Through to Football National Final



Mr Turner took the Year 7 5-a-side team to a tournament in Manchester. The team continued their fantastic footballing run with a victory, which means they are through to the National Tournament in Birmingham. A big congratulations goes to all the boys involved: Reuben Ellam, Dom Brian, Harry Charlotte, Alfie Charlotte, Toby Copley, Frayza Benton

and Adam Barnes and Riley Bennett, who helped the team in previous rounds. Good Luck in Birmingham, boys!

## Year 7 Netball Tournament



The Year 7 girls came runners-up in the Pontefract and Castleford netball tournament this

term. The girls had a strong start

beating Minsthorpe Community College, Freeston Academy and Castleford Academy with Lauren Fox and Evie Cook defending well throughout. Abbie Gelder, Rhea O'Leary, Macie Deravairere and Isabelle Amery passed and moved well in centre court and attackers Lacey Panayiotou, Lily Thompson and Charli Carlton made some fantastic shots in the attacking circle.

## Year 10 Reach the Yorkshire Cup Final

With a 20-0 win over Ermysted's Grammar School, Year 10 find themselves fighting for victory in the final of the Yorkshire Cup. The King's side were outstanding defensively and drove any signs of attacking play from the opposition away. Early on, it was the Ermysted's side that had most possession, but they failed to take advantage of this and make it count. King's however, were dangerous in possession, but know they have to adapt their game and play with more width in the final. Can the boys lift the trophy for the fourth year in a row?

### Try scorers:

Ben Walker  
Taylor Hardwick  
Jack Bower  
Sam Gilbert.

### Men of the Match:

Kai Slatter,  
Tom Goldthorpe  
Taylor Hardwick  
Sam Gilbert.



# Sporting Success

## Year 9 English Schools Basketball Yorkshire Region Champions

In a clash between the two schools at the top of the English Schools Yorkshire Region League, the boys once again held their nerve in a very close and tense game to go clear at the top of the league. Awesome defence from Max Copley, Sam Limb and James Goodall alongside top rebounding from Tom Goldthorpe, Edward Calvert, set the platform for Ryan Barlow, Oliver Sheard and Joe Hackney to score valuable points in a very high scoring game. The overall score was 92-89 to The King's School.

### Men of the match:

Joe Hackney - Scoring machine

Max Copley - Excellent defence on star player

Ryan Barlow - Finished close to the rim with a cool head



## Year 11 Through to Last Sixteen

Year 11 travelled to Newcastle to play Heaton Manor School in the last thirty two of National Schools Basketball Competition. The King's School had a slow start and found themselves 23-12 down at the end of the first quarter. King's soon stepped up their intensity and got back in the game through some great rebounding and aggressive defence from Jude Scott and Kian Shaw. Still down by twelve points at half time, three awesome baskets from Kian Shaw bought the boys well and truly back in the game. This was closely followed by Harvey Marks scoring 4 baskets in two minutes, closing the gap to 5 points. With ten seconds to go, Murray Bingham scored a superb three pointer. With one second on the clock, Scott set a screen for Bingham to get free and Alex Woffenden inbounded the ball to Murray... NOTHING BUT NET! Kings won by 1 point making the score 66-65. Men of the Match: Murray Bingham (1st). Harvey Marks (2nd), Jude Scott (3rd).



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## Year 7 Indoor Athletics Champions

Year 7 took part in their first indoor athletics fixture. There were some exceptional performances and results across both field and track events, which resulted in The King's School beating Castleford Academy, St Wilfred's High School and De Lacy Academy. The students were a credit to the PE department and the girls were crowned Wakefield Schools Indoor Athletics Champions!





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