

# Kirkham Grammar School

Headmaster's Letter to Parents

Summer 2010





# HEADMASTER'S INTRODUCTION



The end of every school year seems to arrive so quickly and no sooner have we overcome the last throes of winter than we are putting pen to paper for the newsletter. The year has been another busy one with our pupils widely involved in school life. The school's largest ever intake at 11+ appear to have settled in very well and already have made their mark in many ways. Educational policy continues to develop and this year we have had to subject our fourth year students to more public examination beyond their customary science modules. This has further disrupted the term and provided more pressure for youngsters who have to look forward to another three years of such external assessment.

I look forward optimistically to a time when the 'powers that be' recognise that there is such a thing as being over-examined. It makes one wonder how some countries in the world manage without a public examination system at all. Nonetheless we are hopeful that our students have prepared well and recent initiatives in revision practices in school have hopefully assisted in this process. So we look forward to results in August as we prepare for another hectic year.

We have no major building projects underway this summer but are undertaking a significant and much needed refurbishment of the Sixth Form Centre. A 'Bistro'-like facility named "Six Degrees" will be the centre of a completely renovated common room with 'Internet Café', new cloakroom facilities and a fully refurbished lounge area. We hope the 'coffee bar' atmosphere will be popular with the students and the presence of a staff member in the café area and varied food options will afford them greater flexibility in their lunch arrangements. We very much see our Sixth Form as the ideal stepping stone to University and feel this is an addition to our resources which help us in this goal.

Needless to say the Governors continue to review the strategic direction of the school and to plan further in the school's evolution in order to ensure that all the areas of our curriculum mirror the excellent facilities developed in recent years. The Friends' commitment to supporting us in our aspirations continues and they have recently identified support for the renewal of ICT facilities as a key area. More laptop facilities in the senior school and a refreshed ICT room in the junior school will result. Mrs Wareing and her team of Friends are an inspiration to us all, and their hard work in providing funds and entertainment for us deserves special mention. I thank all the committee members for their efforts in what has been a very hectic year.

The support of parents is very important to us in a more general sense. Our pupils benefit so much from your presence at concerts, sports fixtures, plays and other performances, and you all continue to attend in large numbers. This is such an important aspect of school life and while we continue to have to look at 'safeguarding' measures for visitors, it is important that all our parents feel welcome in school and we are continually looking at further means to improve communication with you all about school events and all school matters.

The summer term is in many ways a contrasting one whereby the first half is very pressurised with the build up to public and school examinations. As they finish and the follow up is completed we try to include more varied learning opportunities with educational visits



proliferating along with the regular sporting fixtures and adventure camps. This does mean the latter 2½ weeks of term are frantic but I still firmly believe that while there is a change in tempo and style there remains a focus on learning and development. So much that we cannot achieve in the midst of examination preparation can be tackled - anything from the recent visit of a survivor of the Concentration Camps to speak to the third year on the Holocaust; the First and Second Year visits in Geography and History study areas and other field trips which add so much to pupils' learning. Alongside this has been the further extension of the D of E Award and the excellent opportunities afforded with the Field Day at Halton. Most local 'championships' take place in this period and we also welcome visitors from Chernobyl to school. All in all, therefore, it is a very different school within this period but one which is still focused on our key objectives albeit in a rather different and at times frantic format!

The end of a school year is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to a full cohort of our pupils. The current Upper Sixth have much to be proud of, not the least of which is the fact that they represent the biggest Sixth Form year in the school's history. Their broad contribution to the life of the school has been sustained and we wish them well as they move on to a new chapter in their lives. They certainly seemed to enjoy the video of their 'former selves' as eleven year old on the video we showed them in Leavers Assembly!

We also say goodbye to some valued colleagues. From the Boarding House, Mrs Heyes, our Matron departs for pastures new. She has led the medical team and overseen our boarding girls' welfare for ten years. Throughout that time I have always been confident that systems would be thoroughly applied and that the pupils' welfare would be at the forefront of any decisions. Always honest and open, Mrs Heyes has helped hundreds of boarders through their time here and assisted them in their personal development. She has always held School House close to her heart

but will now relish new challenges as her own children move on to higher education and beyond. We wish her well.

From our teaching roll we lose Mr Adam Carter who joined us only last year to teach Physics. Mr Carter's domestic arrangements have changed since he arrived, necessitating a move, but, he has even in his short time with us, added to life at KGS with both his teaching and the exciting "Rocket Club". We hope he settles well into his new life in the south of the county.

Mrs Diane Airey leaves KGS to take over a department at Casterton School in Cumbria. Her contribution to KGS over 10 years has been immense. Developing Learning Support from a small backwater to a department at the forefront of school has been one of her key achievements. So many pupils and parents have benefited from her care and concern at difficult times and she has overseen all the administration of a burgeoning area of school life. Mrs Airey has also maintained a strong contribution to the Biology Department, teaching junior lessons in a thriving department. More recently as Head of Second Year, Mrs Airey has added to her portfolio with the oversight of the pastoral care of a significant proportion of the school. Many owe her a great deal and we wish her well in her new challenge in Cumbria.

Twenty years is a significant portion of one's life and Mrs Ainsworth has spent that period teaching French at KGS. Firm but fair, Mrs Ainsworth has always striven for high standards and battled to ensure the teaching of languages has a thorough grounding. Mrs Ainsworth has seen significant changes in the teaching of Modern Languages over these years and has taken them all with equanimity and very much in her stride. She has travelled significant distances each day to fulfil her role and will no doubt enjoy retirement particularly in avoiding the commuting involved in work. We wish Mrs Ainsworth a long and happy retirement.

Kirkham Grammar School will have to get used to life without Mrs Jane Taylor

for the first time in twenty six years. Mrs Taylor joined KGS in 1984 to teach PE and leaves as a Senior Manager and the architect of the school's highly regarded pastoral system. She has played a key role in early years in the development of school hockey, seeing results improve dramatically. In taking over the leadership of pastoral care she joined a staff room filled with well established and traditionally minded 'gentlemen', while she leaves with a teaching staff evenly divided between male and female in a fully co-educational school. She has always represented what is best about KGS, a willingness to go the extra mile; to look after the vulnerable and pursue the interests of individuals. She has worked tirelessly to ensure youngsters can concentrate on their work while enjoying the activities she spends so much time bringing to fruition. I am sure Mrs Taylor will continue to keep a close interest in life at KGS and we look forward to seeing her keeping in contact as she enjoys a restful retirement.

This year has seen significant additions to the KGS 'family' with a number of colleagues celebrating births. We have had news initially of Mr & Mrs Batty's new arrival, Alex, while more recently Mr & Mrs Whittle welcomed Joanne, and Mr & Mrs Wu their daughter, Eleanor. There must have been something in the water this year!

The summer also brings some significant name changes amongst staff with wedding bells ringing on a regular basis: Miss H Drew - Mrs Atkinson, Miss C Houghton - Mrs Pascoli, Miss L Harford - Mrs Whyman, and Miss L Taylor - Mrs Bowles.

To conclude, I wish all those connected with KGS an enjoyable summer and one in which we benefit from continued good weather, and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.







Captains of School  
Robert Malings & Lucy Fielding

# PREFECTS 2010-2011



Charlotte Dalzell



Ben Jones



Adam Whalley



Stephen Clough



Bobby Garlington



Kerry Emmett



Victoria Greensmith



Emily Pears-Ryding



Tiffany Connor



Jordan Nelson



Jack Rayson



Jonathan Davies



Conor Thompson



Amy Parkinson



Jake Wilson



Alex Edge



David Egelstaff



Matthew Ellis



Charlotte Gray



Catherine Moss



Alexander Lo



Lucy Anson



## Lucky number 13

The class of 2010 had a very special group of fifteen students who have attended KGS for 13 years. In their time at the school they have seen many changes, but it is as they prepare for the big step into the adult world that they will find the most challenge. A big thanks most go to them and their parents for their support and commitment to the school.

From left to right:  
Henry Redshaw, Anne Boardman, Ashley Jones, Harriet Watson, Emily Atherton, Toby Townsend, Victoria Willocks, Francesca Hughes, Benedict Fulford-Brown, Grace Ford, Helen Bailey, Rebecca Lewis, Miles Hopkins-Coman, Katie Gorman and Sam Greensmith.







**ENTERPRISING PUPILS PRODUCE THEIR OWN YEARBOOK**

Three Fifth Year pupils have marked their time at KGS by producing a Yearbook for their peers. The publication enabled the pupils to record their memories of school, together with a photographic record of all their friends. This project has been organised by Rachel Naughton, who has worked hard to bring us a fun and interesting Yearbook. She has received help from her fellow students Charlotte Lucas and Abigail Davies. The Yearbook includes photos of the Combined Cadet Forces, sports and other activities that have occurred over the past five years, as well as photographs taken specifically for the Yearbook. We're pleased to say it has received a lot of interest from the Fifth Year students and is a brilliant success. It will be something to look back on in years to come. Rachel Naughton is pictured above with her colleagues Abigail Davies and Charlotte Lucas.



**Chloe Walker wins Fylde's Got Talent**

Chloe Walker swept to victory at the Fylde's Got Talent 2010 final. The KGS pupil, who was runner-up last year, went one better with an outstanding performance at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham.

Chloe also performed at the Mayoral Ball and the Charity Variety Show in aid of Trinity Hospice at the Marine Hall Fleetwood in March.

As part of her prize, Chloe will be performing at the Lytham Proms with opera singer Lesley Garrett in August.

**Fifth Year End of Exams Celebration Bartle Hall – Thursday 24 May**

From limos to quad bikes, vintage vehicles and open topped sports cars the Fifth Years certainly arrived in style! In the beautiful setting of Bartle Hall the Class of 2010 did themselves proud. The transformation from school-uniformed Fifth Years, weary from a punishing exam schedule and hour upon hour of revision (I hope!) to glamorous, elegant, sophisticated young people never ceases to amaze us. After dinner, flowers were presented by Tom Leach to Mrs Taylor to wish her well for her forthcoming retirement and Rachel Naughton was presented with a gift from the Fifth Year as a token of appreciation for all her hard work as Editor-in-Chief of the fabulous Yearbook. In her speech Rachel was proud to announce that the money left over from the yearbooks, just over £100, was to be presented to Derian House. Finally enormous thanks must go to Mrs Suzanne Cheyne who is a powerhouse of organisational talent and whose personal touches continue to make this event a very special one.







**away**



First Year geography and history students enjoyed a full and rewarding away day out in Clitheroe. In the morning the pupils travelled to Clitheroe Castle to take part in workshops relating to castles and castle life. After lunch at Salthills Quarry they then undertook geographical activities. This is one of many away days that KGS pupils enjoy.







Four workshops at Clitheroe Castle were presented by a professional company who were as ever infectiously enthusiastic. Pupils were taken into the castle keep and were fascinated by tales of Kings of England and the varying fortunes of the Saxons and the Normans. The presentation here was particularly amusing and pupils were able to try on various pieces of armour. Next, there was a demonstration of medieval food and clothing. Pupils were encouraged to turn a chicken on a spit and try on some unusual pieces of clothing. Blacksmithing was the third workshop. Pupils watched whilst the blacksmith made a nail and an arrowhead. Finally, pupils enjoyed playing some medieval games. These included badminton, skittles and quoits.

After a visit to the castle shop, the pupils were beginning to get hungry. We took the short coach journey to Salthills Quarry where we had lunch in the sun. This was then the venue for the geographical part of the day. Firstly, we had a fossil hunt, always a popular activity. This area is one of the best in the country for finding crinoids or "sea lilies", 350 million year old fossils. The rest of the walk enabled an introduction to limestone, soils, biogeography and geology. Pupils were able to take home small samples of the fossils and hopefully had an insight into a broad range of different experiences throughout the day. The visit has become a firm favourite with both staff and pupils alike. We hope to return again next year.



Clitheroe Castle

HISTORY



In May 75 pupils took Lamda examinations in speech and drama. Fourteen pupils achieved a high grade Distinction pass and the following pupils gained their Bronze, Silver or Gold Medal –

**Acting Medals**

Chadwick Bentley	Bronze Medal
Kerry Emmett	Silver Medal
Lucy Fielding	Silver Medal
Jessica Hewitt-Dean	Silver Medal
Jacob Lewis-Leeson	Bronze Medal
Laura Mason	Bronze Medal
Elizabeth Maxfield	Bronze Medal
Catherine Moss	Silver Medal
Henry Redshaw	Bronze Medal
Hannah Smith	Gold Medal
Alice Toulmin	Bronze Medal
Alice Whitehead	Gold Medal
Lydia Wright	Bronze Medal

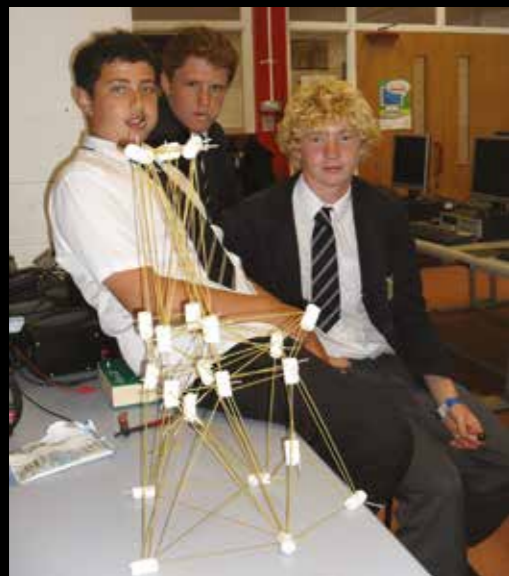
**Verse and Prose Speaking Medal**

Joshua Hoyles	Bronze Medal
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**Distinction Grade**

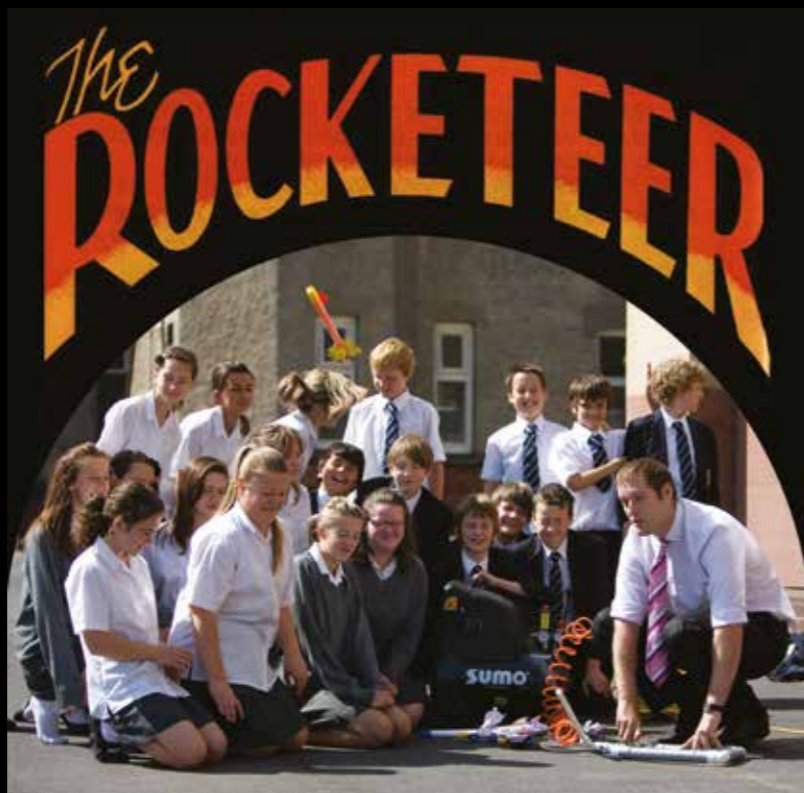
Charlotte Bell	Acting Grade 4
Elizabeth Brocklehurst	Verse & Prose Grade 4
Christy Bucklow	Verse & Prose Grade 4
Alicia Eland	Acting Grade 4
Lucy Fielding	Acting Silver Medal
Lewis Holden	Spoken English Grade 4
Laura Mason	Acting Bronze Medal
Eliza Parr	Verse & Prose Grade 4
Anna Southworth	Acting Grade 4
Chloe Taylor	Verse & Prose Grade 4
Robert Wallace	Verse & Prose Grade 4
Alice Whitehead	Acting Silver Medal
Charlotte Whittle	Duologue Acting Grade 4

Chad Bentley took and passed two examinations in one exam session!



**The Spaghetti Challenge**

Design & Technology students in 3Y were set the challenge to design and build a tower that could support the largest number of tennis balls as far off the ground as possible using a maximum of 100 pieces of dry spaghetti and a bag of marshmallows. Bonus points were awarded for the number of unused sticks of spaghetti and the number of unused (or uneaten) marshmallows at the end of the challenge! Pictured with their spaghetti tower is the winning team of Daniel Jones, Jack Pounds and Adam Murtza whose tower supported four tennis balls 40cm of the ground.



**PAPER, TAPE, COMPRESSED AIR ... LIFT-OFF!**

Mr Carter introduces flying model rockets to his Physics classes and teaches them the basics of forces and the response of a vehicle to external forces. Pupils worked in teams to design and build rockets that were launched using a compressed air system. Flight distances were measured to discover which team built the most aerodynamic rocket. 2X's "Flying Chicken" (picture below) designed and built by Ellie Jolleys, Lucy Meagh and Lucy Gardiner was one of the most creative designs. The above photograph shows the "Flying Chicken" a split second after Mr Carter released the pressurised air.



**d&ttrip**  
to the Morgan and Jaguar Factories



The Design and Technology GCSE and some Lower Sixth students went on a trip to the Jaguar and Morgan Factory on 21 April 2010. We had to be at school for 6:45 am in the morning for an extremely long coach journey to each factory. The Morgan factory is in Malvern, and the Jaguar factory is in Whitley. As there were so many of us, and we had to get both of the factories done in one day, we were split up into two groups, one group on each coach. At the Morgan Factory, we watched a DVD on the history of Morgan and its origins. Morgan has been kept in the families for just over 100 years, with just around 120 people working in the factory, which isn't a lot of people when all the cars are handmade. We had a tour around the factory and we saw how different parts of the car got made and then added onto the finished car; we also learnt some facts about the cars, like how it takes at least one year for the car to arrive to you, after ordering it. As we were there, we got to look at some finished cars, which were pretty snazzy.

After visiting the Morgan Factory, we then made our way over to the Jaguar factory whilst eating our lunch on the coach. Jaguar and Morgan are two completely different factories the Jaguar factory is huge, with robots making cars and producing over 1500 cars a day; Morgan is a relatively small factory which makes hand-made cars and produces about 25 cars each week.



At Jaguar, we had a tour guide taking us around and showing us how the different robots work and were programmed, and the process the cars go through to get the car in its finished state. At Jaguar, there are people that work there who have to do the dirty work that robots can't do, but as you can imagine they have to work extremely hard and quick. We also saw the new Jaguar that is coming out in May, the Jaguar XJ, which is where they are producing them at the moment.

After our tour of the factory, we went into an office-type room at Jaguar, where we learnt about the prototypes, and then we were put to the test when we had to build our own car out of Lego.

I think that all the students on the trip really enjoyed it and I would advise anybody who gets a chance to go on a similar trip to take the opportunity, because you learn and see a lot more than you would expect!

Callum Wilkinson





# A festival of **MUSIC**

The House Music Festival marks the culmination of the school musical life in the Spring Term. Once again there was a very large entry, with almost 500 performances being heard in the audition stages. Congratulations must go to the organisers of the entries from the four Houses and, in particular, to those Sixth Form students who undertook the training and conducting of the House Choirs. This year we introduced a separate House Choir Final in which the four Choirs sang for each other in the MPH, an event that I am sure will be repeated. Over 200 pupils sang in the Choirs, with Fylde House taking the plaudits. The Final was once again adjudicated by Mr Tim Barratt who teaches at the Royal Academy of Music. He selected Sam Donaldson, playing the E flat horn, as the worthy winner of the Solo section and a Sixth Form vocal quintet singing Panis Angelicus as the Ensemble winners. Together with other finalists these performers took part in an excellent Gala Concert that rounded off the term.

The Summer Term started with the Choir performing in the MPH with the Lytham St Annes Choral Society and orchestra in Britten's St Nicolas, in which the girls of the Choir

performed excellently as the semi chorus, and Karl Jenkins' Requiem. The opportunity to sing such music in a choir of over 120 voices with professional orchestral players is a very valuable experience for our musicians.

The Spring Concert is the time at which we say goodbye to, and send our good wishes with, the Upper Sixth musicians who have taken part in all the varied activities throughout their time in school. The Orchestra, Concert Band, String Group and Swing Band delighted the audience with a wide variety of different styles of music. The Choir sang some of the music from their earlier choral concert and we enjoyed solos from Melissa McCarthy (soprano) and Catherine Moss (clarinet) as well as a performance of Pie Jesu from a group of our leavers, Matthew Gladwell, Melissa McCarthy, Hannah Smith and Alice Whitehead, who were joined by Jonathan Davies of Lower Sixth.

Our Lower School musicians were invited to give a Concert at Freckleton Methodist Church and acquitted themselves excellently with a series of solo items plus string and brass ensembles. They were warmly congratulated by the organisers of the Concert and showed that there is a great deal of musical talent coming up through the lower years of KGS.







Earlier this term our Annual Adventure Training Camp was held, again, at Capel Curig, in North Wales. Good weather favoured the brave: and the cadets were all very brave to launch themselves off the cliffs on Anglesey into a very cold Irish Sea in a new pursuit called 'Coasteering'. Mountain biking and orienteering as well as the scramble up Tryfan were all good tests of both physical ability and character. The Adventure Training with cadets continues to be very popular and so many junior cadets have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions that Mr Callister has to do several more than usual. (These also dual as an award for the BTEC qualification for cadets when they are over 16).

Early May saw an informal visit from our Brigade Commander, Brig Bill Aldridge. After an excellent presentation from Alice and Abby, (our SNCOs), they showed him our Fourth Year cadets at work. He was most impressed with their enthusiasm at the tasks and also at the amount of fun to be had on a Thursday training afternoon.

We are obviously doing well as Col Williams, the School's Army Careers Advisor saw over 20 potentials that have shown an interest in a future in the armed forces. Similarly we were congratulated from the CVQO on our success with our BTEC students.

Recently the following NCOs have completed: Oly Chambers, Ben Pickbourn, Heather Cara and Jenny Miller (both with a Distinction). Gemma Halkett, Kath Heyes, Lucy Fielding, Jessica Hewitt-Dean and Katie Gorman have completed and are awaiting their results. Many other Upper Sixth pupils have partially completed and several of the Lower Sixth NCOs are awaiting their certification status: Stephen Clough, Vicky Greensmith, Alex Lister, Rob Malings and Jake Wilson should all receive their certificates early next term. All in all this add-on qualification is proving very popular and also highly successful for our Senior NCOs.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Fourth Year Field Day at Holcombe Moor Training Camp in June and, of course, Summer Camp in July where 55 cadets have signed up to enjoy the delights of sunny (?) Scotland and Barry Buddon Training Camp near Dundee. The RAF have been allocated RAF Valley, Anglesey, where Sqn Ldr Callister will, yet again, be Camp Commandant. Maybe there will be another chance to see a royal here as the other Prince (William Wales) is doing his helicopter SAR training there!

A final royal comment, Alice has also been invited to attend a Royal Garden Party in July. However, it coincides with our annual camp. What a decision to have to make?

Lt Col I.M. Scott  
Contingent Commander  
KGS CCF

## TACTICAL WEEKEND REPORT

07.00 hours, the first gruelling task begins, getting to school on time. After we arrived at school in full CCF uniform ready for the NCO's Tactical Weekend we loaded up the mini buses with camouflage cream, water and other essential items. After rifles and other items of kit had been loaned from stores, we set off to Weeton Barracks. At Weeton Barracks we had a full day of activities such as obstacle courses, leadership tasks, and Cam & Concealment. I think everyone fully enjoyed the day's exercises and learned a lot and everyone was in high spirits as we put our culinary skills to use with tranga stoves and 10-man ration packs. After 'bombing up' magazines and filling our webbing with the essential water, gloves and sweets we headed back to Weeton.

A harbour base was established and the enemy (largely resembling the Upper Sixth) tried several times to attack us, even sending Toby Townsend on a suicide run, which was promptly ended by Jack Ingham. After successfully capturing the enemy harbour base, we returned back to school and slept in our bivvies or around the log fire (credits go to Sam Donaldson).

Tom Leach (Fifth Year Cadet)



This has been yet another very busy time for cadets since the last newsletter. In the February half term three Lower Sixth NCOs took advantage of the Cadet Centre for Adventurous Training Ski Course held in Bavaria. Jake Wilson, Alex Lister and Jonny Davies all threw themselves into this activity with great gusto. So much so that Jonny managed to damage his shoulder and was in a sling for several weeks! Our RSM, Alice Whitehead enjoyed her trip to London, being selected nationally to represent cadets in our Brigade and her report appears elsewhere. Our tactical weekend was shortened and moved to Weeton as a result of MoD cutbacks, but again it proved very successful and useful for developing future, potential Junior NCOs. (see report that was written by LCpl Tom Leach). The Fourth Years enjoyed Halton-on-Lune Training Camp for their March Field Day and all cadets managed to live-fire the new A2 weapon and several very good marksmen were recorded.

During Easter Junior NCOs had the opportunity to apply for the Cadet Leadership Course run by 43 Bde. Sgts Stephen Clough and Rob Malings were both selected and, despite some illness, they both completed and enjoyed the very demanding course. At the time of writing we await the reports on their performance.







## LORD LIEUTENANT'S VISIT

On Monday 19 April Lord and Lady Shuttleworth, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, distributed the awards to volunteer services at Kirkham Grammar School Old Hall. Six worthy recipients received awards, including Lt Col Scott who gained his award for services to the Cadet Contingent at Kirkham Grammar School. In his address Lord Shuttleworth complimented Lt Col Scott on the success of the contingent and for his longstanding commitment to ensure the continued provision of wide ranging activities for young people. The School's Old Hall proved a worthy venue for such an auspicious occasion which was enjoyed by the families of all the recipients.

Congratulations to Lt Col Scott on this most prestigious award.



The launch of Cadet150 took place in London this February, with 30 Cadet Ambassadors from across the country representing the 4 Cadet Forces; Army Cadets, Air Training Corps, Sea Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force, taking part in many events to celebrate the launch of this fantastic organisation.

2010 marks the 150th anniversary of the Cadet movement in the UK. Cadet150 is helping to celebrate this year by raising public awareness of the Cadets and the fantastic opportunities it offers young people.

I was selected to take part in the launch of this organisation in London, as one of only seven CCF representatives. I was a member of the reserve team, so although I did not attend the reception with HM the Queen in the morning, I went on the London Eye, toured the Cabinet War Rooms, visited the MOD and had press photographs outside No 10 Downing Street. To our delight we were invited into the Cabinet Room at No 10, where we all enjoyed mints from the table. After a private tour of No 11 Downing Street we headed to the Houses of Parliament for a personal tour. Unfortunately we became the tourist attraction as dozens of tourists turned their cameras on us as we walked down White Hall in our Number 2 Service Dress!

The highlight of the launch was a reception at Lancaster House which, as well as raising public awareness, was focused on the Expedition to the Kingdom of Lesotho, an event organised by Cadet150, which I am lucky enough to be taking part in this July. Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the Prince of Lesotho, Jock Stirrup and many prominent figures of the UK Armed Forces attended the reception and we all got an opportunity to meet and talk to some of the most inspirational and influential leaders in the UK.

I would like to thank Captain Stuart for selecting me to take part in one of the most memorable days of the Cadet Forces in the UK.

RSM Alice Whithead

PS Alice took part in a training weekend over Easter and a certain royal popped in to see how it was going on. HRH Prince Harry, whose charity is to be visited in Lesotho, enjoyed the day with the trainees and he gained many admirers from the females attending the course!



Since the last Headmaster's Newsletter, the DoE participants have been very busy working towards the different components of their Awards, as always the record books are a delight to read and demonstrate an amazing array of activities.

We undertook one expedition during the Easter break, which was certainly a challenging experience for both the participants and the staff:

## DoE Expedition to the North Lakes Easter 2010

Four staff and 32 pupils set off for the Northern Lakes at the start of the Easter break to carry out a DoE expedition and once again adventure found us. When we arrived at our campsite at Braithwaite near Keswick the omens were not good. Snow still gripped to the higher fells, many of the bridges in the area had collapsed from the floods that had ravaged the area before Christmas and a strong cold wind blew in rain from the North. That said we all got stuck in and before long the tents and the all important cup of tea announced we had arrived and settled in. The day after was a training day for the Bronze groups who travelled from Bassenthwaite lake into Keswick. This was a gentle introduction to map-reading and navigating as a team and all they had was a light sprinkling of rain to contend with. The Silver groups began their expedition and were dispatched to Buttermere via the Newlands fells and had a much harder day. Once on the fells the combination of strong winds, heavy rain, and thick mists meant they arrived at Buttermere very wet and very tired. The next day the weather turned most foul. With torrential rain and strong winds from the north and a forecast for the rain to turn to sleet then snow we quickly changed the planned routes to make the day safer. Our planned campsites had become swamps and many of the paths next to rivers and streams or across bridges were dangerous as the sheer amount of water flooded adjacent banks and roads. We ended the third day somewhat apprehensive of what would come next. We all had a very early start on the fourth day. This was because the rain had indeed turned to snow and the combination of strong winds and heavy snow caused a number of tents to be crushed by the growing weight of drifting snow. The staff tent as ever did not



survive the night. It was clear that it was time for us to leave and once again the composure and maturity of our pupils was a revelation. Despite the snow, the winds, the lack of sleep or breakfast they all got stuck in and within an hour we had packed up and set off back to school. Once again adventure found us and all our pupils will not forget the experience.

Mr Callister has three more expeditions planned over the coming months, including a Gold expedition in August, with twelve students taking on the challenge of navigating round the Welsh mountains. Many of our students will have completed their Awards after these expeditions and we look forward to them gaining their Certificates.

We would like to congratulate the following on achieving their Awards since the last Newsletter:

### Bronze Award:

Jacob Lewis-Lesson, Arun Nantheesan, Jack Ingham, Joe Wareing, Matthew Donaldson, Gemma Coleman, Ashley Bradshaw, Charlotte Lewis, Rosie Spedding, Amy Lawler, Ben Jones, Will Roper, Tom Charter, Precious Nwaokomah, Laura Mason

### Silver Award:

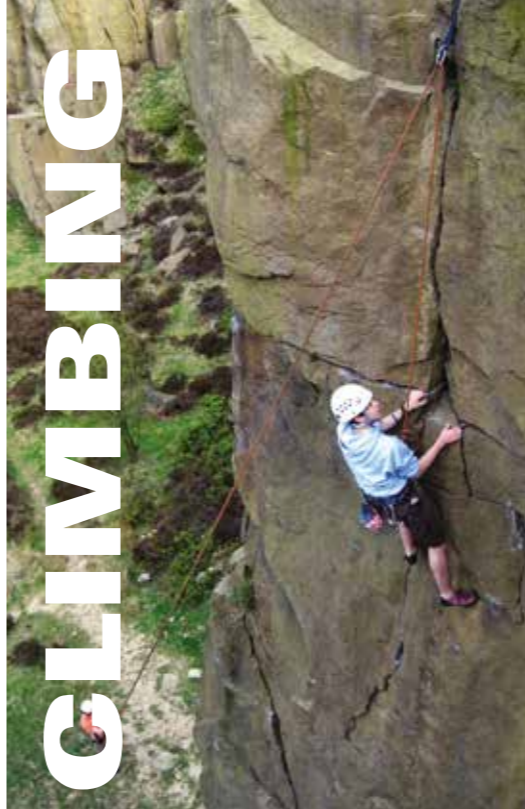
Lucy Fielding, Josh Keay, Mark Graham, Sam Greensmith, Jessica Hewitt-Dean, Jonathan Davies, Georgia Cheyne

### Gold Award:

Toby Townsend

In September the DoE record book system is switching to an online record system called eDoE. Described as an exciting online system that will revolutionise the way DoE activity is recorded, Mrs Sutcliffe is hoping the participants will enjoy uploading their evidence of their achievements in electronic form, from photos and videos to blogs and pdfs.

Good luck to all those going on expedition and many thanks to all the staff who make them happen.



The Climbing Club has been very active this spring and summer, the excellent sunny weather in the summer term providing plenty of opportunities to climb on the gritstone quarries in the East Lancashire hills. Troy Quarry, Anglezarke, Wilton and Denham were all visited, as well as the indoor climbing walls in Preston and Blackpool. The core of the membership is in the Fourth and the Upper Sixth Forms and so although the club is oversubscribed at present, there should be room to take new members next September, to replace those who have left school. Helen Bailey, Daniel Chow, Anne Boardman and James Bamber are all moving on and their good humoured enthusiasm (not to mention their taste in music) will be missed next year. Helen, as one of the two officers of the club, has made a big contribution to the success of the club this year.



## VICKY PETERS MEMORIAL MATCH

Once again the morning proved to be a lovely occasion with students past and present reuniting in Vicky's honour.

The atmosphere on the sideline and on the pavilion balcony was vibrant as people listened intently to each other's news and talked excitedly about any new ventures. The sound of laughter carried across the turf as people enjoyed catching up and reminiscing about 'old times'.

The old girls turned out in style and this year were a real force to be reckoned with. The team consisted of a large number of first and second team club hockey players. As expected their sheer physical strength and obvious experience proved to be very difficult for the KGS side to contend with. In the first half the old girls powered through and dominated the game completely. However, in the second half our 1st XI rose to the challenge and made a real

game of it, dominating for much of the second half.

The old girls were victorious, though as always, the result was irrelevant; it was the manner and the spirit in which the game was played which was all important.

'Vicky P' epitomised everything that KGS hockey is about - grit, commitment, determination, passion and a loyalty that becomes embedded in the character of the player. She was navy, gold and white to the core and on Saturday the twenty four players that battled it out on the pitch proved every inch that they too are, and always will be, KGS through and through.

Thank you to everyone who turned out in such poor weather and a special thank you to Mike, Jane and Paul Peters for their presence and support on yet another highly enjoyable morning.



## TONY LEWIS MBE

Tony Lewis (top right) a pupil at Kirkham Grammar School from 1953-1961 has received the MBE. Tony and his colleague Frank Duckworth have got the award for services to cricket, being the inventors of the Duckworth/Lewis method for resetting targets in rain-interrupted one-day cricket matches.



## SOUTHERN REUNION DINNER

The 2010 Southern Reunion Dinner was held at Lady Margaret Hall in Oxford on 27 March. This year 18 guests enjoyed a pre dinner chat where drinks and canapés were served, prior to the formal dinner which was enjoyed by all. As is customary, the Headmaster gave a brief informal speech which outlined the position of the school and the developments which have been planned for the coming year.

Mr C Malings (President of the OKA) Mrs Y Malings, Mrs S Walker, Mr P Mysercough (Captain of School 1952), Mr F W Sayer (Immediate Past President of the OKA)





# WELCOME PARADE



KGS pupils along with thousands of Kirkham residents came out to honour the soldiers of the 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment as they paraded through the town. The troops recently returned to Weeton Barracks after a successful tour of war-torn Afghanistan. A small squad of our cadets formed a guard of honour at Kirkham Community Centre.



# photography portfolio



The A Level photography highlighted some first class work and imaginative themes that produced very good photography. Work ranged from portrait work by Seb Luker (above), Hayley Forrester (below bottom left, girl with a mirror) to Vicky Willocks' figure in the landscape (below).



## ART FIELD TRIP

The Upper Sixth artists and photographers were lucky once again with the weather as they embarked on their two day Art & Design field trip. The field trip is part of the preparation for their Unit 4 Examination. Day one was spent on the River Wyre stopping off at Skippool Creek, the old disused railway by the ICI works, and the old wrecks (far right) at Fleetwood, with time to explore the surrounding area (photo left Joe Hargeaves).

On the second day they went further afield driving up to the North Lakes, working at Corus Limestone Works (photo above by Matt Gladwell), Shap, Castlerigg Stone Circle and Derwent Water, a variety of stops that gave all concerned an opportunity to do some good sketchbook work and photography done. The field trip is just one of the many out-of-studio trips that the artists and photographers are able to go on.

Forthcoming trips in the Autumn Term include the annual Clothes Show Live trip, the Lower Sixth field trip and the New York trip





# Diary

'A' Level Results  
Thursday, 19 August

GCSE Results  
Tuesday, 24 August

1st Year Induction Day  
8.50 am, Tuesday, 7 September

New School Year begins  
8.50 am, Wednesday, 8 September

Senior School Annual Prizegiving and  
Speech Day  
7.15 for 7.30 pm, Thursday 23 September  
at the Guild Hall, Preston

Friends of KGS AGM  
Tuesday, 5 October

Open Afternoon  
Sunday, 10 October

New Parents Welcome Evening  
Wednesday, 13 October

Old Kirkhamians' Association AGM  
& Northern Reunion Dinner  
Saturday, 16 October

Open Evening  
Monday, 8 November

Friends of KGS Winter Ball  
at Ribby Hall, Wrea Green  
Saturday, 20 November

Friends of KGS Christmas Fair  
Friday, 3 December

"Young" OKA Reunion  
at the Grapes, Wrea Green  
Monday, 20 December

Senior School Entrance Exam  
Saturday, 22 January 2011



## Second Year Geographers Visit to Ingleton Falls

The Second Year Geography Field Trip to Ingleton Falls and White Scar Caves has become a favourite amongst both staff and pupils alike. It usually heralds the end of term. Due to "trip congestion" in the last weeks of term, it was decided to take the trip somewhat earlier. It turned out to be a good move. The woods of Swilla Glen were even prettier than ever, resplendent in the rich green of wild garlic and hart's tongue fern and the weather was kind to us for early May.

The aim of the trip is to educate and enthuse our Second Year geographers to the wonders of the Yorkshire Dales and the spectacular limestone scenery of this most wonderful place. On two days, a total of over 100 pupils walked the two or so miles up Swilla Glen to view Pecca Falls, Hollybush Spout and the spectacular Thornton Force. We then crossed the stepping stones and moved on to the caves.

The expert guides showed us around White Scar Caves, entertaining the pupils with tales of witches' fingers and the devil's tongue. A wonderful day was had by all.



## KIRKHAM LION HEARTS

A talented team of Second and Third Year swimmers took part in the well-established 'Lions Swimarathon' on Sunday 21 March. KGS's team of eight swimmers, led by Macauley Murgatroyd, swam an impressive 134 lengths in relay in their allocated 50 minutes, raising money for the Fylde Lions Club's chosen charities. The core of the team swam last year where they managed to raise the most money in their age group. Hopefully they will do as well this year as they have over £200 in pledges to collect in during the next few days.

The team was well supported by both friends and family who sponsored all eight swimmers to swim as many lengths as possible. This event, which took place at Palatine Leisure Pool, is just one small part of the year group's efforts to raise money for different charities over the school year.

### Team Members:

Macauley Murgatroyd  
Imogen Pierce  
Megan Butterworth  
Adam Murtza  
Maddie White  
Fenella Gabrysch  
Rebecca Old  
Joe Cooke (2nd year)



## Zoo Lectures on Animal Classification

The Lower Sixth Biologists visited Blackpool Zoo as part of their Unit 2, AS studies. The zoo collection of confiscated animal furs served as examples of human influence on population diversity, the tiger being used as a case study. All the Lower Sixth Biologists worked competitively to complete their observation booklet on Classification, particularly Jon Evans who raced around the zoo trying to collect the most information so he could win the 'cuddly toy' prize. Jonny Davies practised his wildlife photography skills with close ups of gorillas and monkeys and even snapping 'zoo' seagulls! The feeding-time displays were also popular entertainment, with the newly established penguin colony getting the most attention.



## Biology Field Trip

Brilliant sunshine and long balmy evenings led to a content field study group. Spending many hours outside collecting data was enjoyable and productive. The investigations on algal productivity in Malham Tarn and Dog's Mercury distribution in the Beech woodland gave an insight into the type of work covered in A2 Biology.

The mark, release, recapture method of estimating population size was attempted by using Longworth traps which catch mice and voles without harming them. Although the first night yielded no captives, on the second night Ben and Catherine had the very unusual result of 2 mice in the same trap. The mice must have been close together when they entered the tunnel into the trap before the trap door closed.

Using fishing nets to sample freshwater invertebrate populations was probably the most popular activity. We identified an amazing number of different species in Gordale beck although some accidental mixing of carnivores and herbivores in the holding tray may have affected the population numbers!

## BPW Public Speaking Competition

In February, KGS took part in the second round of the 2010 BPW Public Speaking Competition in Clitheroe. The event was attended by schools from all over the North West, who provided tough competition for the team. Taking part were: Hannah Smith, (in the Chair), Lucy Fielding, (Speaker) and Jodi Gaston-Ross (giving the Vote of Thanks).

The standard of the individual speeches was exceptionally high and diverse, ranging from Conservation of Animals to the Importance of History. Lucy spoke persuasively on the subject 'To Be or Not To Be?', addressing the issue of whether Shakespeare is relevant in today's world. She spoke confidently and with passion.

Both Jodi and Hannah were taking part in the competition for the first time, and proved themselves talented members of the team.

Following a delicious lunch provided by the hotel and a tense wait while the adjudicators deliberated, Lucy was unanimously voted 'Best Speaker'. The team was pleased to add yet another cup to the KGS trophy collection.



## CRICKET PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment of the Cricket Pavilion commenced during the Easter Holidays. The first phase of the project was to make the building waterproof and a new roof and timbers were put in place. The pavilion clock has been given a facelift and shutters are now in situ to protect the clock when the building is not in use and the outside of the building has been freshly painted. The Old Kirkhamians' Association gave a generous donation which has enabled the first phase to be completed and much of the cosmetic work has been undertaken by the school caretaking team. The inside work and upgrade will be completed as soon as possible.



## SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE  
for the following Summer Activities.  
For further information please contact  
Mrs C Nicholson on 01772 684462

David Shaw Tennis Camp  
12-23 July 2010

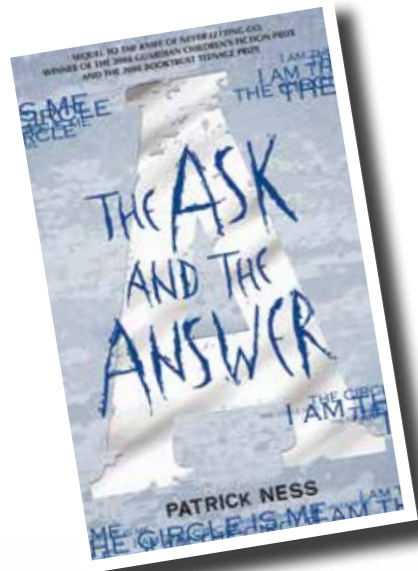
Kings Sport Camp  
2-20 August 2010

The Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy  
26-31 July 2010

The International Netball Roadshow  
27-29 July 2010



# Library News



## SUPERLAMBANANA

It took up residence for a week as part of our World Book Day celebrations and its arrival caused much amusement for the Sixth Form pupils who were in the Library when it appeared. It was lent to KGS by T J Morris, the owners of Home Bargains, and pupils and staff were encouraged to support the fundraising efforts by entering our Name the Lambanana competition [10p a go] and aying 50p to sit on it and have a photo taken. There were a large number of visitors and almost £90 was added to the money we had already raised: the magnificent sum of £150 was sent to Book Aid International. Much laughter was heard as staff and pupils took advantage of the opportunity to sit on it and have photos taken. Our Headmaster entered into the spirit of the event and was only too happy to make a donation and have his photograph taken.

The 'competition' to choose a name resulted in a huge entry. The Headmaster's PA, Mrs Seed, made the draw and the winning name was LAMB CHOP, suggested by Tiffany Toomey in Year 8. The most popular name was RINGO (we are not sure if this referred to the famous Liverpudlian or to one of our staff!) and the cleverest name was LADY BAA BAA which was suggested by Danny Chow and Stephen Clough, two of our Sixth Form students.



## PUPIL LIBRARIAN EVENT

Three pupils from KGS participated in a Pupil Librarian Conference on Wednesday 16 June which was organised by the Lancashire branch of the School Library Association. Toby Davidson, Lizzy Jenkinson and Macauley Murgatroyd were able to take part because of their sterling work with the Carnegie Award shadowing. Ms Claire Wilson, Librarian at St Wilfrid's High School & Technology College, Blackburn, kindly hosted the event which attracted fifty pupils from thirteen schools across Lancashire.

Ms Wilson welcomed us all to the event and refreshments were served, giving everyone an opportunity to meet other people and look around the excellent library. They then took part in a 'Speed Dating' event with a difference – it involved books, not people! Each pupil was given a short amount of time to sell their favourite book to their 'opposite partner', who then reciprocated. They then changed partners. A vote was taken at the end and the most popular book was "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne. A prize was awarded to the pupil who had chosen this book and did so well 'selling' it to everyone else!

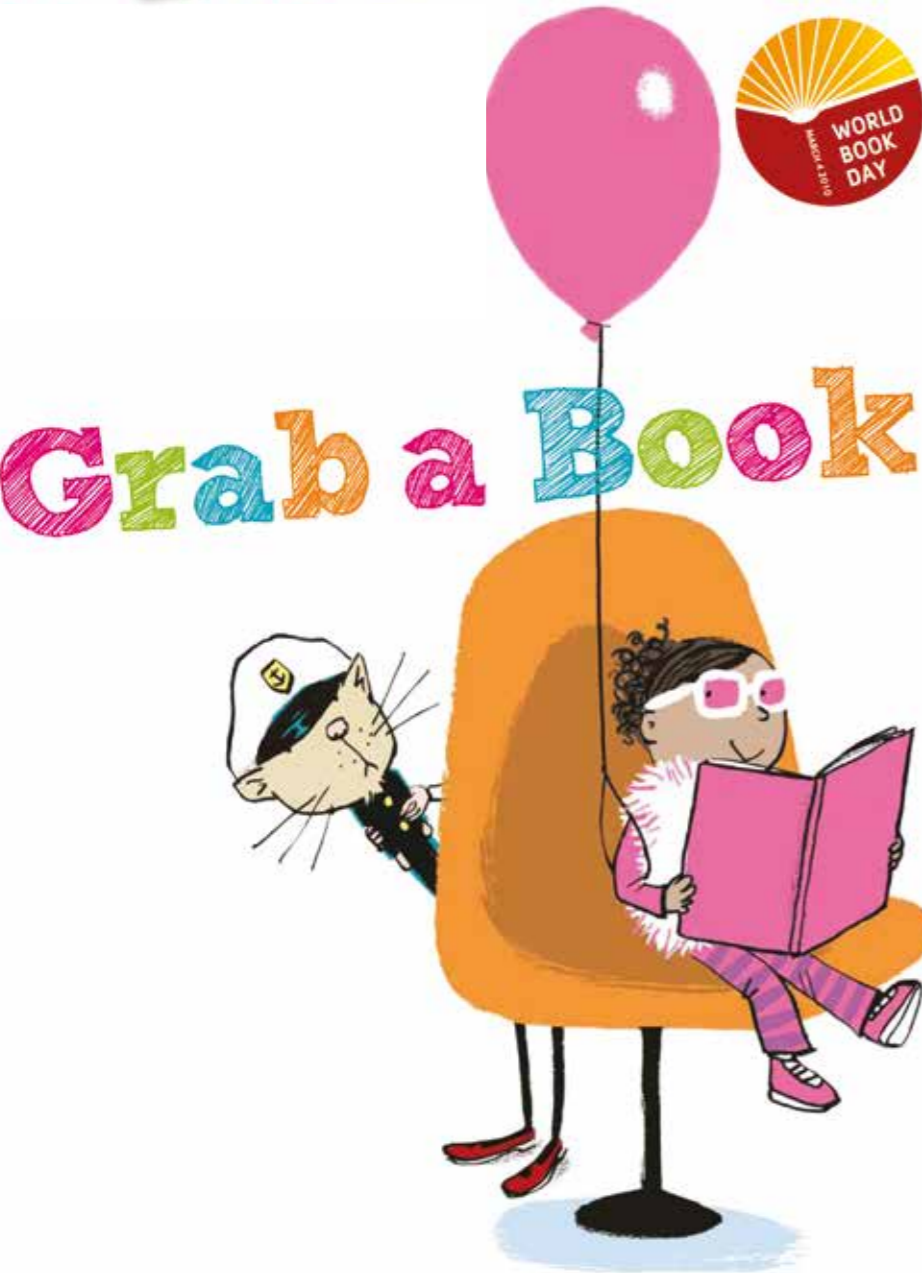
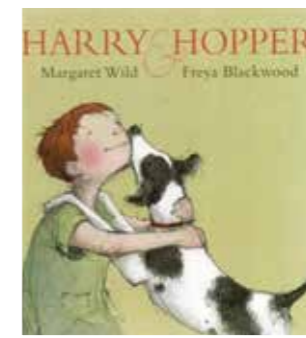
After an excellent lunch, during which our pupils were able to chat to those from other schools, we took advantage of the wonderful weather, and participated in some hilarious team building games on the astroturf. I joined in and enjoyed the activities, which ended with a tug-of-war, in which a fair degree of cheating was spotted!

Every pupil was given a 'goody bag' containing books, stationery and other items, as well as a Certificate of Attendance.

## CARNEGIE AWARD

The Carnegie Medal in Literature was established in the UK in 1936 in honour of Scottish philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. It is awarded to an outstanding book for children and young adult readers. Eight books were on this year's shortlist and our judging took place on 21 June, three days before the official result was announced. Over ice creams in the French Café seventeen pupils debated the merits of each book and the scores were added up. The final result was a win, for the second successive year, for Patrick Ness. His book "The Ask and the Answer" is the second in a trilogy and his first book was voted the winner by all the shadowing groups taking part last year; our group were very disappointed when it was not chosen by the official judges. This year's official winner were:

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (CLIP Carnegie Medal 2010)  
Harry & Hopper by Freya Blackwood (CLIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2010)



# WORLD BOOK DAY

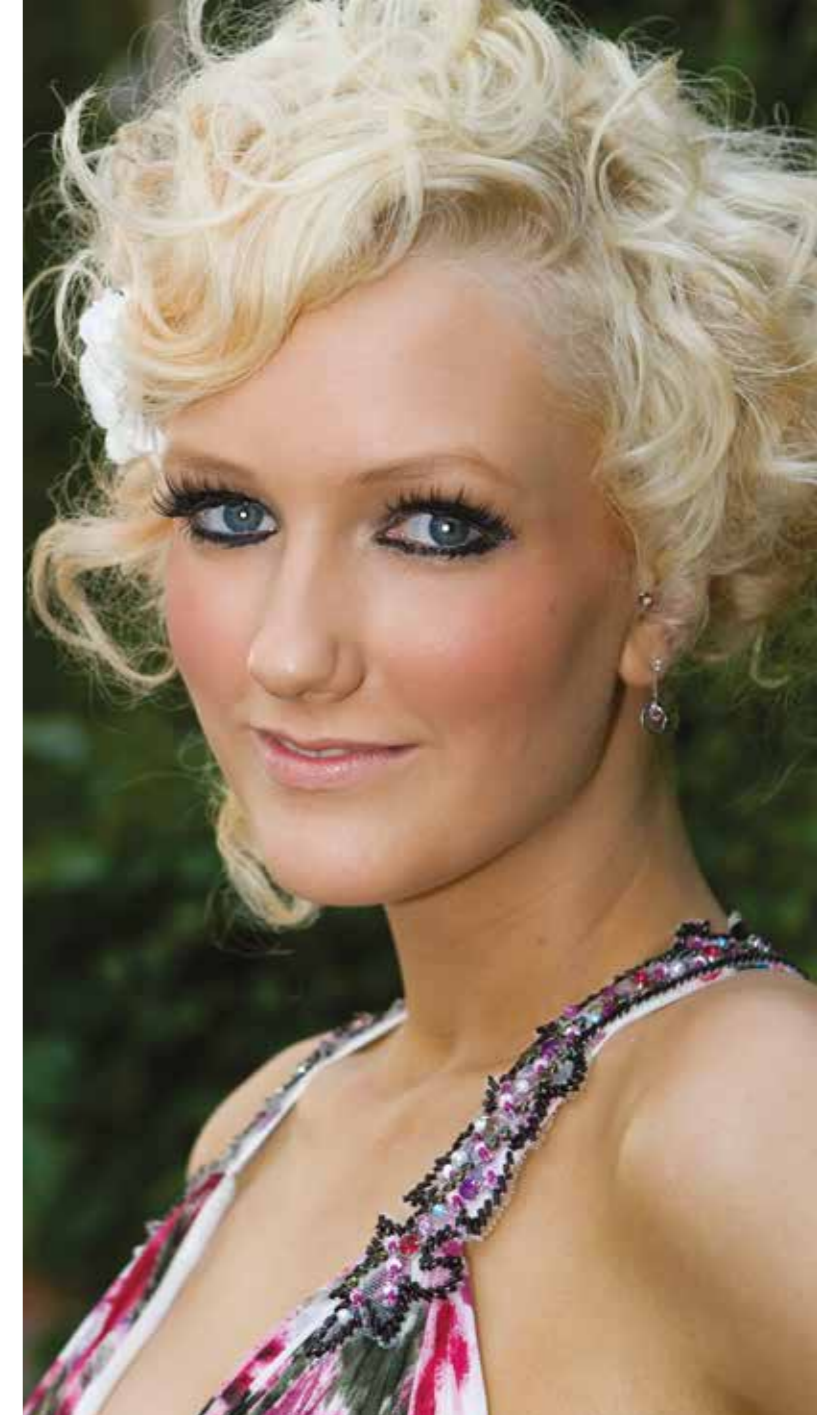
World Book Day this year at KGS went very well – there was a good variety of stories, some of which were then borrowed by the pupils. The book to cause the most interest was "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. Collins, a former television writer, has written of a thrilling, twisted world where the chosen victims [two from each of the twelve districts of a fractured United States] have to fight for their lives - while playing to the cameras and trying to win sponsorship deals. Themes of government control, "big brother," and personal independence are explored amidst a thrilling adventure which appeals to science fiction, survival, and adventure readers. On the recommendation of some Year 11 fans I read an extract – and you could hear a pin drop in the Library! The reading generated a long waiting-list for this, as well as the subsequent books in the trilogy. It has garnered many awards and sparked a 'Twilight' type following.

We traditionally use World Book Day to generate funds for Book Aid International, which sends books to young people in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. Fundraising this year was boosted through fines, donations, the sale of donated and withdrawn books and the visit of a very special guest .... a Superlambanana!





Sixth Form Leavers Ball 2010







## BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS



'Blue Remembered Hills' was originally a television play by Dennis Potter (1979). The GCSE Drama students produce and perform the play in the school woods, to much acclaim from an audience of parents, staff and pupils. The story revolves around a summer's afternoon in a remote country setting (in the West Country) - according to the script in 1943. A group of seven, seven year olds are playing in the forest. The play opens with Willie, eating an apple and pretending to pilot a war plane, when he encounters, falling from a tree as a parachutist, Peter. After a fight over Willie's apple - in which Peter attempts to show how powerful a bully he can be - the two eventually spot a squirrel and chase and corner it up a tree. They are joined by John and Raymond, and the group of lads attempt to force the squirrel down the tree and manage to trap and kill it.

Meanwhile, in a barn nearby Donald Duck is playing with Angela and Audrey. As they engage in their fantasy game of Mummies and Daddies (and later, on Audrey's insistence, Doctors and Nurses) we see how vulnerable a child Donald is as he suffers some vicious teasing from the two girls.







# HOTEL DELL'ARTE



This year's A2 Theatre Studies production was aptly named Hotel dell'Arte. The group drew on the historical roots of comedy, the Commedia dell'Arte. These were highly trained troupes of actors who travelled first in Italy and then around Europe. All the stock characters were well known to their audiences, a bit like our familiarity with soap stars or celebrities. The skill of the actors was how funny they made their characters.

The A2 group all adopted two Commedia characters, one high status and one low status and put them into the comic melting pot of a wedding reception. Stephanie de Carpentier's nose is worth a mention. Her character, Pulcinella, was the starting point of Mr Punch the puppet. He was aggressive and chicken-like in his movements with a huge hooked nose; Steph really made good use of this information in her outstanding characterisation. Alice Whitehead's nose is also based in theatrical history. Alice played a Zanni or servant character. In traditional Commedia many of the characters wore masks which highlighted their personality; with a Zanni the longer the nose, the more stupid the servant. Alice successfully adapted this tradition by distilling it into just a nose rather than a whole face mask.

The whole company was excellent and received high marks which reflected the amount of time and thought they put into this highly amusing piece. They also drew from the classic comedy of Fawlty Towers and straight forward clowning. A super performance enjoyed by all.





# ski TRIP 10

Les Deux Alpes



The Ski Trip 2010 to Les Deux Alpes was an excellent trip. It was enjoyed by pupils from Second to Fourth Year. The trip, which included 40 pupils and 5 staff, was an action packed week for all. As we ascended up the mountain towards the Le Provencal Hotel you could see the excitement light up on all our faces as we anticipated what the week would bring.

On arrival at the hotel we were greeted with a delicious meal as usual and a comfy bed for the week, not that much sleep took place that night as no one could stop thinking of what the week would bring.

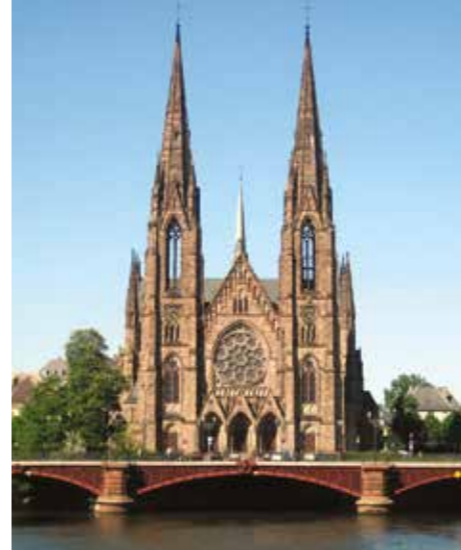
Throughout the week a range of activities were undertaken by everyone, even the hotel staff

joined the Team Kirkham's fun. Activities from the Town Challenge, to Quiz Night, to Ice Skating, to the disco at Club Avalanche and the bowling at Le Strike. This was as well as four hours of intense but rewarding skiing on the alpes and extreme snow park. We all managed to come back in one piece - well almost everyone!

We would like to thank all the staff who organised this trip, especially Mr Whalley, the Team Leader.

Words cannot really describe this experience; it was an opportunity that definitely should not be missed.

Olivia Duxbury, Lydia Gascoigne & Julia Glynn



## MODERN LANGUAGES TRIP

After a long coach journey we arrived in the small, picturesque town of Kippenheim in south west Germany. We received a warm welcome from the hotel manager and his staff who gave us the first of many delicious traditional German meals before we moved into our rooms in preparation for the next day of our German adventure.

On our first full day we visited the historic French town of Strasbourg after a short journey across the border. We saw the main sights in the Alsatian capital including its ancient cathedral; followed by a river cruise on the River Ill. Whilst there, we also sampled the high street and its many shops. Our day in Freiburg followed where we toured the grand cathedral and its bustling market where we bought unique, hand-crafted German souvenirs to take home, having used our knowledge of languages to talk to the stall owner of course!

Sunday, many will argue, was the most exhilarating day of the whole trip as we visited Germany's biggest theme park, Europa Park. Here, some of the bravest on the trip ventured onto Silver Star, the tallest rollercoaster in Europe, which we can both say was a truly amazing experience. The other rides were not missed, with each area of the park split into themes of different European countries. We returned to enjoy our evening meal and a disco provided by the hotel.

The following day we had an interesting visit to a French castle and visited Monkey Mountain, where we were able to feed the monkeys and watch them in their natural habitat. We later went bowling where Ciaran proved to be a natural, scoring many strikes. That night we had to reluctantly pack our bags and get an early night before starting our journey home.

All in all, we can say without any reservation that everyone loved the trip. It provided many with a fantastic first experience of Germany and was a great opportunity to practice languages colloquially in both Germany and France. Many thanks to all staff involved, and not forgetting our bus drivers who were presented with gifts on our last night. A brilliant trip and a definite must-do in the future.

Lewis Holden (4X) Ciaran Wood (4G)



## SIXTH FORM CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

Plans have been approved and preparation is well underway for the 'Sixth Form Refurbishment' which is due to commence at the end of summer term. The project will be carried out in two phases, the first phase being the introduction of the 6° Café Bar which will be available to all Sixth Form students on their return to school in September 2010 and will enable them to purchase, a variety of speciality hot drinks and a choice of hot and cold snacks... The Café Bar will be open for business on results day in August. This redevelopment will include new lounge facilities and internet connectivity on the ground floor.

Phase two will see the refurbishment of the current study facilities on the first floor and will provide enhanced study, reference and quiet areas.



KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
6° PROPOSALS



"... Don't want to go hooome, this is the best trip I've ever been on!"

Tangerine took over the national stadium, Wembley, as Ian Holloway's Blackpool Football Club achieved a task that must have seemed impossible when he took over the job at the beginning of the season. KGS staff, pupils and parents joined 35,000 fellow fans on this trip of a lifetime as they witnessed their team gain promotion to the Premiership.







# TENNIS



# Rising STARS





### Henry Tomlinson

Henry is a rising star of English Golf. Recently he has won the County U18 title and qualified for the Faldo Series Grand Final in Northern Ireland. He is hopeful that he will meet Nick Faldo at this prestigious event.

As Lancashire Champion he has represented the County in the U18 Four Counties Tournament and will go on this summer to play in the England U18 Championship (Carris Trophy); the British Boys' Championship and the English Amateur Championship.

With such a busy schedule it is difficult to understand how Henry has managed to complete his A-levels but his prospects are bright and he will go on to take up a golf scholarship at university for three years. Already appearing on the Open Circuit, Henry is a member of Royal Lytham and St Annes and plays on an impressive handicap of +1. We look forward to hearing of his continued progress!

### Lucy Mellor-Bates

Fourth Year pupil, Lucy Mellor-Bates has had a busy time in her third year playing golf, including winning her first Ladies trophy.

Lucy, who is a member of Lytham Green Drive, has collected several prizes for competitions played both at Green Drive and other golf courses in Lancashire. A major success for Lucy has been winning the Junior Summer Order of Merit which consists of 25 golfers, mainly aged 16-18 yrs who play a series of competitions from April through to September.

Lucy has been selected for the Lancashire Girls Training Squad and has been on a winter training programme since last November; says Lucy "It was great to be asked to join the Lancashire squad, the only thing that bothered me at the time was that we were right in the middle of the hockey season; I couldn't miss that, and what bothered me even more was; how was I going to tell Mr Sampey?- thankfully it all sorted out okay, I would have hated having to choose - nightmare!".



### Toby Roberts

Fourth Year pupil Toby is a member of Lancaster and Royal Lytham Golf Clubs. He is currently playing off a handicap of 5 and he has been selected to play for Lancashire U15's. Last year he won the Penwortham and Knott End Junior Open and also the North Area Schools Championship. He came runner-up in the U15 County Championships in Manchester.

Toby started playing golf when he was 11 and was given a handicap of 36. This year Toby has already come 2nd in the Lancaster Seniors Club Championship which is one of his biggest achievements.

Toby has been attending Lancashire Squad training throughout the winter at Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club and was selected for the team out of a squad of 12 where only 4 were chosen.

In future years it is Toby's ambition to attend an American University and to try and make a success on the PGA tour.



To raise some valuable funds for the Grenada Cricket Tour, Sean Wilkinson and a group of assistants set about organising a Golf Day to be held at Knott End GC on Friday 21 May.

Generously supported by a range of sponsors who offered prizes the day ran superbly. A total of ten teams took part and enjoyed an afternoon's golf in fantastic weather. 1st prize was won by the "Gun Dogs 3", 2nd prize was won by the "Eaton Group", and 3rd prize was won by the Lee Townsend Team. The Longest Drive competition was won by Eric Lawson while the Nearest the Pin was won by A P Wright. These prizes were awarded as the players finished off a superb meal, followed by a raffle that contained some fantastic prizes.

From all involved in the tour a huge vote of thanks must be extended to Sean. The day raised somewhere in the region of £3000. It is hoped that this can become a valuable annual event to raise money for future tours from the school.

Below is a list of sponsors who gave generously for this event:-

Wallwork Nelson and Johnson Chartered Accountants  
 Guy's Thatched Hamlet  
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 Edwin Doran  
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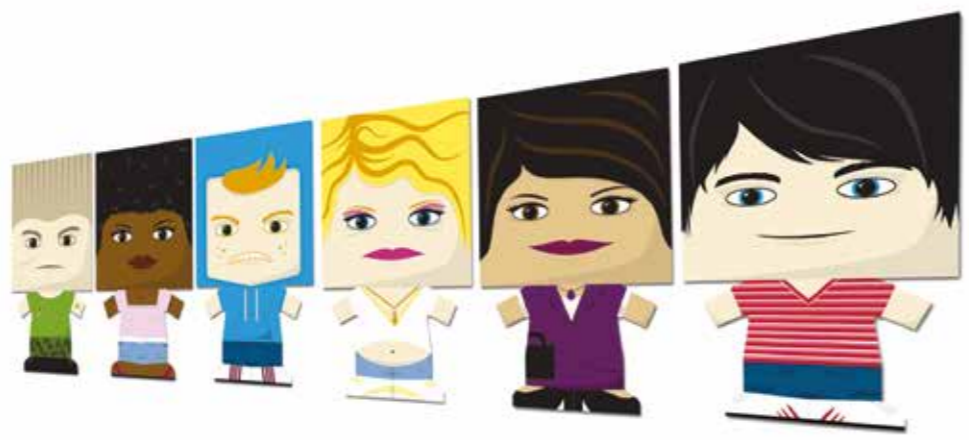
In an exciting project Mr Painter (Art Department and Cricket Coach) was asked to produce an original artwork that could be sold at auction. This fine painting depicts a typical game during the 2009 season, involving the 1st XI in their annual match against the MCC. Adam Galley, a prominent member of the senior squad, is captured executing a classic off-drive.

The painting was put up for auction on e-bay in a 7-day auction. We thank all that were interested and placed a bid. The final winning bid was £680 which was a great final amount. This money helped make a difference to the Grenada Tour which you can follow on Mr Duncan's blog.



<http://grenadatour2010.blogspot.com/>





We've all heard of the Magnificent Seven and the Fantastic Four, but how many of us know how the Savvy Six might impact on our lives? Young people from KGS investigated the lifestyles of characters such as Tania the single mum, Finley the student and Maya the university graduate, learning how to identify illegal money lenders and avoid getting into their clutches, and understanding safe borrowing options such as Credit Unions.

All of this is part of a financial literacy resource developed by Trading Standards and partnering with Barclays, which is ensuring that over 9000 young people get to attend workshops across the North of England. The initiative aims to bring fun and interactive learning to 16-25 year olds, helping them to overcome the hurdles faced by many young people when they begin to engage with the financial sector.

Jim Potts, Lancashire's Chief Trading Standards Officer, said: "At Trading Standards a large proportion of the complaints we receive relate to credit agreements. What is clear is that many of those consumers would have made different choices if they'd had more information and knowledge about what products were on the market. This is why it is so important that Trading Standards are active in the community, educating young people about the safe choices available."

Rachel Herbinson, Barclays' Community Investment Manager for the North West said: "We all know that money management can be a very dry subject but this resource is something that is fun and exciting and to see the way young people engage with each other is absolutely fantastic."

Mrs Hargreaves said: "Young people are bombarded with many different credit options and this initiative is vital in ensuring Trading Standards equips young people with the knowledge to make an informed financial choice."

Barclays Money Skills is being delivered to housing associations, prisons, young offenders institutions, children's centres, local community groups and schools and colleges across the North of England. If you would like to get involved please contact the team by email at [moneyskills@wyis.org.uk](mailto:moneyskills@wyis.org.uk) or phone 0113 344 1688, or visit the website at [www.ts.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.ts.wyjs.org.uk).



The sun shines on the righteous or so they say. Well I am not too sure about that but it certainly shone on KGS on Sunday 23 May for our annual Fun Day. It was wonderful to take advantage of our beautiful grounds and have all the stalls and activities out on the field. The children all seemed to enjoy the variety of games, inflatables, donkey rides and the wonderful Birds of Prey display, whilst the parents took advantage of the BBQ, cake stall and most definitely the Pimms Tent. Once again we had a very hard working team planning the Fun Day but of course it can only be a success if parents and children come along and support us. Thankfully, you did and we raised over £2,000 at this event. It was fantastic to see new faces coming along to help run a stall and we are always very welcoming to any parents who would like to help or join the committee.

course dinner and then all that dancing to the Motown Trio 'Simply Soul' and DJ Haz, the evening seemed to come to an end far too soon. Thank you to everyone who came along to what is definitely the highlight of the year for us as a committee. If you have never been, there is something so special about spending the evening with old friends and new, in such unique surroundings.

Throughout the year the Friends have been hosting Ladies Lunches at various venues in the Fylde. The idea was to hold one a term starting last December.

I am pleased to say that this has been an outstanding success and over £800 has been raised in just three lunches. I know that the dates are eagerly put into our diaries, especially when the likes of Lathams of Broughton are bringing along their cakes for us to sample. My thanks must go to Yvonne Malings and Sam Wilson for co-ordinating these lunches.

May I finally wish you all a healthy and happy summer and hope to see you at various Friends events in the future.

Lorraine Wareing  
Chairman



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KGS Sixth Form Business Studies students recently visited HTI (Halsall Toys International) in Fleetwood for an in-depth look at Britain's biggest privately-owned toy manufacturer. Accompanied by Mr John Hutt, the Managing Director and owner of HTI, the students were given a guided tour around the extensive showrooms and warehouse facilities and were able to see, first hand, the broad product portfolio of licensed and generic ranges across a wide category of toys. Halsall's product portfolio of popular high-profile licenses includes top brands such as Toy Story, Peppa Pig, Winnie the Pooh, Bob the Builder, Postman Pat, Fireman Sam, Silver Cross, Mamas & Papas, Barbie, JCB, Hello Kitty, The X Factor, The Simpsons and many more.

The UK Market Leader in dolls prams and pushchairs, the no.1 Supplier of role-play toys and a leading manufacturer of wheeled and outdoor toys, not to mention Europe's biggest supplier of everyday toys, the students were able to gain a valuable insight into how a big player in the toy industry does business!







It has been another busy term for Preston, Fylde, Kirkham and School Houses with fourteen competitions in eight weeks and it is a credit to the school that all the members of the Houses treat the events with enthusiasm and always give their best. The Juniors have had two new events this term, the First Year Maths Tournament and the Second Year Maths Tournament, both being well attended and very competitive.

The House Music Festival has dominated this term with more than 400 entries. The House Choirs performed a 'sing off' in front of a school audience which Fylde won. The individual trophy, 'The Rosemary Greaves Prize' went to Sam Donaldson of School House who played the tenor horn. The weather at the start of the term decimated the cross country events but thanks to the co-operation of all the competitors we have managed to finally catch up. The dominance of Preston in this event was thwarted this year but they continued to have success with the Senior Boys coming home in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions.

The winners are:

Senior Girls Cross Country	Kirkham
Senior Boys Cross Country	Preston
Intermediate Boys Cross Country	Fylde
Intermediate Girls Cross Country	Fylde
Junior Boys Cross Country	Preston
Junior Girls Cross Country	Kirkham
Music	Kirkham
Shooting	Fylde
Senior Hockey	Fylde
First Year Maths	Kirkham
Second Year Maths	Preston
Intermediate Rugby	Preston



The standings in the overall Whitby Cup are:

4th position with 50 points.	School
3rd position with 58 points	Kirkham
2nd position with 61 points	Fylde
1st position with 62 points	Preston

Due to many house events being completed at the end of term we are unable to have a full results table. A complete report will appear in next term's Kirkhamian.



## u19 invitation

Kirkham Grammar School was proud to host some of the best hockey schools in England and Scotland on Saturday 13 March at their Annual Invitation Tournament. Millfield School, Somerset, U19 British Colleges, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, Pocklington School and Sedbergh School, Cumbria all entered the tournament and provided an excellent level of competition.

and British Colleges. The team battled well and defended stoutly against the highly skilled team from Millfield. The match was 0-0 with two minutes to go but unfortunately two sloppy defensive errors led to a 2-0 defeat.

The day was enjoyed by all, the atmosphere both on and off the pitch was first class and the supporters on the sideline mingled and supported the girls throughout. On the pitch there were many shining fixtures with the highest standard of umpiring. All in all the day was a great success.

KGS's final game was against the powerful British Colleges team and provided a tense and thrilling encounter. KGS played with real commitment, determination and sheer desire. The KGS team closed the opposition down quickly against a big team and took the game to them; the final result was a creditable 0-0.

KGS started slowly and nervously against Sedbergh but were still unfortunate to draw 1-1 in this early morning encounter.

The KGS team therefore ended the tournament with only one defeat which was very pleasing for such a young team.

The school's next fixture was the Scottish National Champions, George Watson's College. KGS played with real determination and dominated the game for long periods. A strong performance ending in a 0-0 draw.

Everybody was delighted that Mrs J Taylor agreed to present the trophies and medals at the dinner. It was Mrs Taylor who introduced hockey to KGS in 1985. This year our new visitors George Watson's College were runners up and the mighty Millfield were crowned winners. Vicky Greensmith was awarded the prize for top goal scorer of the tournament.

Pocklington were the next fixture faced by KGS who commanded from the first whistle and won 3-0. The afternoon session promised to be even tougher with matches against the mighty Millfield





The summer term has seen us enjoy a long period of sunny and dry weather with pupils able to enjoy the full array of summer sports. Cricket, athletics and tennis have been the mainstay of school and house sport with some exciting fixtures and a large number of pupils participating.

Pride of place must once again go to the Girls Athletics Squad who have reached the National Finals in Newcastle with two teams this year. Both Junior and Senior teams overcame local and regional opponents to reach this level, an outstanding team performance. Individually the girls also saw a large number of their athletes compete in the County Finals representing Fylde and Wyre. Rachel Williamson gained England Schools' entry qualification in the Triple Jump while Nicole Wainwright in the Long Jump won her event and the County title. Six girls took second place - Alex Hastie (High Jump); Beth Kenny (Discus); Lindsay O'Brien (Javelin) while Emily Carpenter (Discus); Imogen Jones (1500) and Katie Ingham were third. Even more recently we have learnt of the success of the U12, U13 and U14 teams in the Fylde Championships where they have retained their trophies. An outstanding achievement. Clear evidence that athletics at school is very strong thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Glover, Mr Sampey and their colleagues.

The boys are not to be outdone, however, for although their teams have not quite gained entry to the National level the Intermediate team did win the local event only to lose out to powerful Merseyside rivals in the Regional Finals. Individually

the boys boast three County Champions with Ben Everson gaining England Schools' qualification in the 1500m while Adam Whalley and Dan Jones were victorious in the Javelin. Dan also gained selection for the County team. The boys also sent teams to the major meeting at Salt Ayre in Morecambe where three teams took second position to Lancaster Royal Grammar School and Morecambe High School in a tough competition. Given that in all these events our teams are often set against opponents with three times as many pupils this performance is all the more praiseworthy.

On the cricket field our fortunes have been more mixed. The 1st XI has competed well but only recently have they shaken off the inability to sustain an innings consistently. Good wins against King Edward & Queen Mary, Cowley and Giggleswick have been marred by collapses resulting in defeats to less prestigious opponents. The annual MCC fixture brought an excellent performance with a good bowling performance being followed by a determined batting display resulting in a hard earned draw. Since then the team have recorded good wins against Rossall and Bury Grammar School with some excellent performances including winning the Rossall 20:20 Competition. At Under 15 level progress has been good from limited opportunities, with both Marcus Mollinga and George Brookes recording centuries. George scored his century in a game of over 400 runs, a rare sight at this level. The Under 12 team has started well, recording a memorable win over Lancaster



Royal Grammar School recently, led by County wicket-keeper James Seward. Our cricketers now look forward to the sunshine of Grenada and we wish them well on their exciting tour.

Tennis has also played its part in the summer activity with a pleasing resurgence in boys' fixtures. All teams have enjoyed a series of matches and while there are no outstanding successes to report there have been a large number of players participating on the all-weather surface which has been pleasing to see. Our Inter Squad still remains in the County Cup and we look forward to hearing of their progress.

