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Editorial

Shortly after I agreed to edit the school magazine, I was handed an article from a national newspaper. It was headed, "Private Education" and the following passage seemed strangely relevant to me:

"Remember that whatever type of prospectus is supplied, it shows only what the school wants the parents to see. Ask to see a copy of the school magazine for a 'shop floor' view. A school magazine shows how interested the pupils and staff actually are."

Suddenly my task appeared rather daunting and it is with a certain amount of trepidation that I approach it. I immediately set about organising a committee and I am grateful to them, and to Chris Turner in particular, for all their hard work and assistance.

The question which faced us was quite simple – what did we want the magazine to be? The answer seemed quite obvious. It had to be a reflection of the life of the school in all its aspects – social, cultural, academic and sporting.

The academic, artistic and sporting achievements and successes are quite plain for all to see, but it was the intangible social aspect which drew our attention. Academic success is, of course, vital and there can be no doubting Kirkham's commitment to cultural and sporting activities, but there is something more important than these, namely the qualities which the school hopes to foster in all who attend, for ultimately it is the person which each one of us becomes that is of the greater importance. Of course, we must keep an eye on the world of work which awaits school leavers and no effort is spared to prepare pupils for it, but our purpose is not, in my opinion, simply to produce fodder for industry. It is the great strength of Kirkham Grammar School that it emphasises those qualities – care and concern for others – which are needed to transform a self-centred, get-rich-quick society.

So, to return to my newspaper article, how interested are the pupils and staff? I hope this magazine will be able to show how great their interest is, for it is an interest which has grown out of caring for each other.

THE SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89



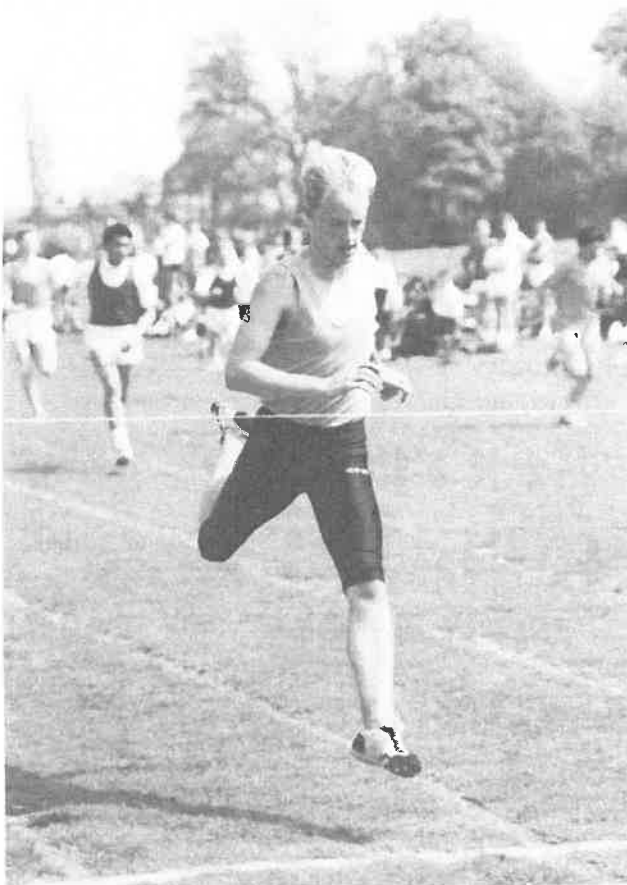
*Claire Farnhill the first
Girl School Captain.*



*William and Daniel Carroll
Oxford Entrants.*



Speech Day at Kirkham Parish Church.



Sports Day.



Young Seaside's winning entry.



The orchestra play for CCF Inspection.

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may be obtained from the School Office.*

School Diary

In August the 'A'-level and G.C.S.E. results are published and 1988 proved to be a very successful year for K.G.S. pupils. At 'A'-level Andrew Worth deserves particular mention for passing in six subjects. He is now studying chemistry at Worcester College, Oxford. Also deserving of mention are Edward Lam, now at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, David Shakespeare and Jamie Brammer, who also achieved exceptionally high grades in their examinations.

1988 was the first year of the new G.C.S.E. examinations and the results in these were most promising. It is not easy to compare these exams with the old 'O'-levels, but better results were obtained, especially as far as borderline cases were concerned. It seems that the introduction of course work and projects helps those pupils who do not fare well in tests.

OXBRIDGE ENTRANTS 1988

Wai-Man Edward Lam	Gained a place at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford to read Electric and Structural Material Engineering.
Andrew P. Worth	Gained a place at Worcester College, Oxford to read Chemistry.

G.C.E. 'A'-LEVEL RESULTS 1988

6 Subjects:	3 Subjects:	1 Subject
A. P. Worth	A. N. Brennand	A. W. Bagshaw
	A. C. Jackson	N. A. Buckley
5 Subjects:	F. J. Smith	A. D. Butterworth
D. T. Shakespeare	N. M. Whitehead	S. R. Cullum
	S. W. Wincott	S. L. Downs
4 Subjects:		P. D. Gornall
C. J. Brammer	2 Subjects:	M. Heyes
D. P. Dickson	R. L. Chell	K. A. Wilkinson
V. F. Hogan	H. K. Cuttle	
T. J. Hutchings	S. P. Kelly	
W. E. Lam	S. P. Plaster	
J. R. Sackfield	A. D. Shaw	
Z. A. Shah	N. W. Smith	
N. Sinclair	S. N. Smith	
T. M. Wong		

G.C.S.E. EXAMINATION RESULTS: SUMMER 1988

Grade 'C' and above

9 Subjects:	8 Subjects:	7 Subjects:
P. A. Baines	C. V. Barnes	R. E. Ansell
J. C. Boardman	J. S. Black	R. A. Bates
J. Collinson	A. M. Craven	C. N. Dolphin
T. Connolly	J. S. Dickson	D. J. Doughty
I. S. Cowburn	R. A. Downs	L. E. Dunn
F. Gilmore	J. G. Earnshaw	J. M. Gornall
A. R. Giles	C. C. Fountain	A. L. Holden
P. S. Griffiths	A.-M. Houghton	K. M. Hart
D. J. Hatton	S. Kenward	A. J. McEwan
R. S. J. Heath	G. Littlefair	E. M. Newton
E. T. Hodges	V. A. Morris	A. J. Parmley
J. Hollingworth	J. B. Nelson	M. A. Parrish
A. C. Jameson	S. A. Penney	K. E. Raistrick
C. J. McCann	R. A. Salt	B. A. Summers
D. Mellor-Clark	M. Singleton	P. J. Watmough
L. A. Milner	M. J. Stuttard	
A. Morson	P. J. Walmsley	
C. A. Powell	L. C. Wickham	
T. J. Roberts		
C. R. Turner		
P. K. Wells		
D. E. Whittingham		
D. Wilson		

6 Subjects:

S. A. Corcoran
A. M. Fallows
C. E. Fletcher
P. B. Higginson
C. E. Jackson
C. Kenward
S. J. Reid
S. E. Swift
M. J. Ward

5 Subjects:

M. D. Holroyd
B. O'Donnell
A. W. Swift
B. A. Thornber

4 Subjects:

L. J. Haresceugh
S. J. Nice
J. Tomlinson

3 Subjects:-

M. G. Bagshaw
R. Curley
K. A. Johnson

2 Subjects:

J. S. Francis
T. L. Robinson
R. V. Wilkinson
R. M. Winnard

1 Subject:

L. M. Gallop
E. J. Holmes
J. V. Rooking



The 1988/89 school year saw the appointment of the first girl, Claire Farnhill, as school captain, breaking 400 years of tradition. Claire has filled the post admirably, showing that the days of equality have (almost!) arrived at K.G.S.

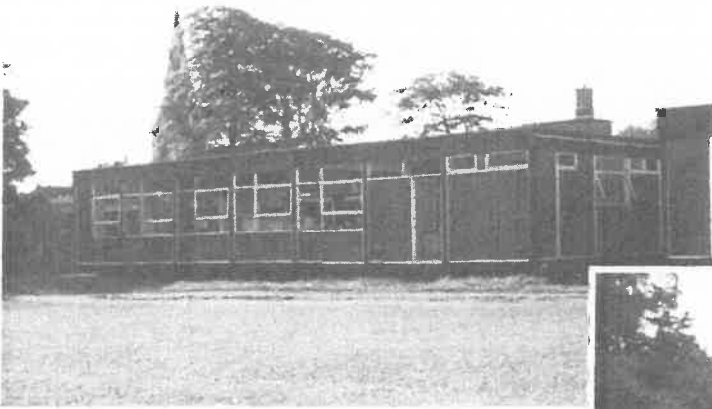
In September the Annual Speech Day and Prize Giving was again held in St. Michael's Church. This year our guest speaker was Mr. B. Bigley, the director of the C.B.I. in the Yorkshire region, who reminded us of the importance of the links between education and the world of industry.

In November Mrs. J. Taylor led a party of senior girls on a hockey tour of North Wales which proved to be so successful that a sporting holiday in the South of France is planned for the summer.

Also in November Mr. R. Porter and Mr. S. Gardiner held an exhibition of their art work in the Lancashire Polytechnic Arts Centre. Artistic success was also achieved by Andrew Barnes (4Y), who won a competition organised by Midland Bank to design a poster advertising junior services.

In December visiting rugby squads from Australia and New Zealand played K.G.S. First XV. For some, it proved to be an opportunity to renew old friendships both on and off the pitch as Trinity Grammar School, Sydney was one of the hosting teams to K.G.S. during their world tour. The whole school together with parents and Old Boys turned out to watch the match and thereby provided a huge contribution to the Nick Sinclair Fund. Shortly after Christmas we were equally pleased to welcome Palmerston North High School who gave us a lesson in the physical, committed nature of rugby football.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HALL



The old Sixth Form unit.

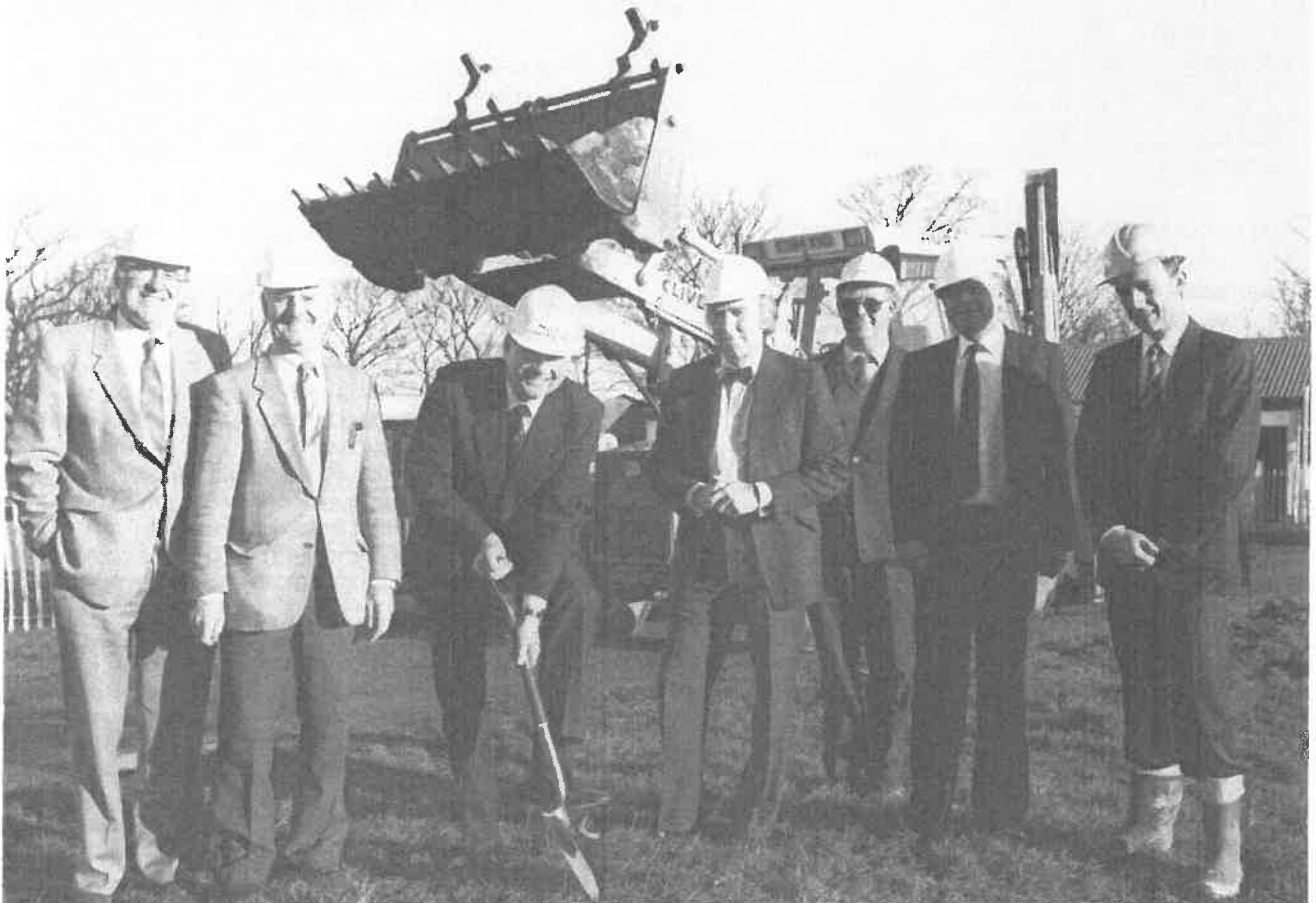


CCF Hut transferred

The area cleared.



Turning the first sod.



1989 began with academic success for Daniel and William Carroll, who have been offered places at Magdalen and Queen's College, Oxford, respectively. Lower-Sixth former Thomas Connolley reached the final selection conference for a scholarship at the Sydney Science School after a rigorous selection process involving essay work and interviews.

Deserving special mention for his sporting achievement is Bruce Craven. At the beginning of 1989, Bruce was chosen to tour Australia as a member of an England Schoolboys' squad. At Easter, Bruce, together with Paul Ribchester, John Black, Mark Parrish, Shaun Bilsborough and Jeremy Smith were selected to tour Portugal with Lancashire rugby teams.

Involving slightly less physical activity but certainly requiring as much, if not more, mental agility, the school bridge team of Daniel and William Carroll, John Baron and Richard Moyes, triumphed in the Lancashire Schools' Bridge League, bringing the trophy back to Kirkham for the first time.

The current academic year has proved an enormous success for charity work. It is staggering to note that over £5,000 has been raised for various charities, with many pupils realising that charity work is not only worthwhile but, on occasions, can also be good fun. The highlights of the charity year must have been, without a doubt, a tremendously successful Christmas concert and a most enjoyable Comic Relief Day. We should thank all the members of the charity committee for their outstanding work and untiring efforts over the year.

Work on the long-awaited multi-purpose hall finally began in December 1988. The first step was to transfer the C.C.F. buildings to a new site alongside the range and demolish the old T.D. room. In early January, the ground was prepared for the foundations to be laid and the construction work had begun by March. The photographs on the opposite page show the various stages of construction.

Clearly, this development is of extreme importance for the school, as it will provide a venue for special school occasions, such as Speech Day, as well as for assemblies, sporting activities, dramatic and musical productions.

Quite obviously it has been a very busy and successful year at Kirkham Grammar School. All those mentioned above deserve congratulations for their achievements, both to school life and to the wider community.

C. Turner

Staff Room News

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we welcomed two new members of staff.

Mr. Les Turnbull came to us from Salford University, where he had been a computing officer in the Electrical Engineering department. He has taken up a post in the Mathematics Department, and we hope that he enjoys his time at Kirkham. As many of you may have seen in the press, Les is to lead a British team in what is to be an attempt to conquer a remote mountain range in King Frederik VI Land in South Greenland. We wish him every success and look forward to a full account of the expedition when the school re-assembles for the next academic year.

Also new to life at Kirkham is Mr. Adam Skeens. Adam came to us from the University of London Institute of Education and filled the gap left by Graeme Willat's departure. Adam has contributed greatly to school life this year, particularly in the C.C.F. and in the boarding house. However, his stay with us has been brief, as he will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term to take up a post at Framlingham College in Suffolk. We hope that he has enjoyed his time here and wish him well for the future.

Miss Debbie Easterbrook, who came to us to help with the boarding house, the C.C.F. and girls' games, left us at the end of the Easter Term. This was another brief stay, but we hope that Debbie has some happy memories to take with her as she starts work at Roedean.

Congratulations must go to five members of staff – Mr. Bob Porter and Mr. Simon Gardiner for their highly successful art exhibition held last November in Preston; to Mr. Alan Hill for his golfing triumphs in reaching the finals of the "Grants Evening Gazette Golf Competition", which were held in Spain; to Mr. Fred Bostock on his election as the Fylde President of the N.U.T. and finally to Mr. Fred Sayer, who, after much hard work as Officer Commanding the C.C.F., has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Construction begins.



From the Chairman of Governors

At the end of 1988, Mr. A. E. Piggott resigned as a Governor, after many years of loyal and dedicated service to the School. In the event, Mr. Piggott resigned to enable him to fill the recently created position of School Development Consultant and therefore his considerable building and engineering expertise will continue to be available to us. I thank Mr. Piggott for all his good work in the past, and I feel sure that he will undertake his new duties with that same skill and enthusiasm, which he displayed as a Governor.

His vacancy on the Board of Governors has been filled by Mr. F. M. W. R. Neville, who is, at present, the Master of the Drapers' Company. He has had an industrial career in manufacturing, in the field of plastics, electronics and robotics. At School, University and in the Army, his sports were running and rowing. We welcome him to our ranks.

One of the School's major projects is, of course, the Multi-Purpose Hall, where the construction work is proceeding satisfactorily. The completion date is the 10th November, 1989, and although the Hall will be put to use as soon as practicable, it is proposed formally to "open" the Hall early in 1990. News of the opening celebrations will be announced in due course.

The Kirkham Local Plan has, *inter alia*, designated the "Cabbage Patch" (being the land lying to the north of the Cricket Pavilion) for residential development. Presently this land contains the tennis courts and is also used as a hockey pitch. The designation has given the School the opportunity of selling off the land, and in exchange acquiring additional playing fields and also obtaining a substantial cash sum. The enlarged playing fields will enable the Governors to provide additional rugby, hockey and cricket facilities, with the tennis courts being re-located. All this will take a few years to undertake and complete, but the result will be sporting facilities second to none.

There is now an overwhelming need and demand for a Junior or Preparatory School, to take pupils between the age of eight and eleven years old. The Governors are therefore giving careful consideration to the financial and general viability of such a development. It seems certain that the Junior School can be located on site within our present curtilage, and I would like to see it "open for business" for the academic year of 1990-1991.

We will shortly be completing our first ten years of independence, 1979-1989 and I do thank my colleagues on the Governing Body for all their efforts during that time. They have given of their time, freely and at length, and I venture to suggest that the School could not have been better served.

The dedication and hard work of Headmaster and the School and Boarding House staff continue, as always, and they are to be congratulated and thanked for the very high quality of their contribution, both during and outside school hours. There are now record numbers of both day and boarding pupils at the School and the demand for places is very healthy, all of which is surely a reflection of that dedication and hard work.

The Friends have again supported the School in so many ways and I hasten to acknowledge, with many thanks, their splendid work.

And finally, looking ahead to the future, I see Kirkham Grammar School going from strength to strength, based upon the solid foundation built during our first ten years of independence.

P. J. Hosker

Friends of K.G.S.

The Friends have had another very successful year. Thanks to generous support, we have now almost reached our current fund raising target to pay for the foyer in the new Multi-Purpose Hall and are very pleased to see the building underway.

Our programme of events is not just about raising money, but promoting friendship between parents and staff and also providing the opportunity of meeting "Friends" socially. Firstly, my thanks for your enormous response to our request for prizes earlier in the School year. This enabled us to have a very successful Bingo at the Kirkham Workingmens Club in November and also to make the Christmas Draw our best to date, raising over £1,500 with over 40 prizes to distribute.

Other social highlights of the Calendar have been our November Ball at Broughton Park, where we had dancing to a live band, and our first ever Race Night in school in early March. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all our newfound jockeys and punters, giving us a taste of the heady experiences of the turf.

Tried and tested functions, which life at K.G.S. would not be the same without, include our Pâté and Punch evening for new parents in October and Spring Fashion Show by Harpers of Kirkham, always a sellout and eagerly awaited by the ladies. Popmobility has seen changes in the last twelve months. Anne Ralston retired after five very successful years and our thanks to Anne whose single-handed financial contribution was enormous. A change of format has ensured continued success in the shape of Wendy, a qualified keep-fit instructress, whose aerobics classes on Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30 p.m. are a splendid way of dispensing with those unwanted pounds.

Our newest venture is a "100 Club" with monthly and annual draws. Membership is £12 per year and anyone interested in joining should contact the Headmaster immediately.

Finally, my thanks to a very hardworking committee and to Mr. and Mrs. Summerlee for their support on every occasion. We look forward to your continued participation in the future.

Josephine Gornall, Chairman



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Nick Sinclair

It is difficult to find words to express the sense of shock and sorrow that the school felt on being told of the tragic accident which happened to Nick Sinclair in October whilst making his debut for Fylde First XV.

All of us at K.G.S. – pupils and staff alike – can remember Nick for the huge contribution he made to school life: as a totally committed member of the First XV; as the captain of the athletics team, where he proved to be an excellent all-rounder; as a member of the tennis team; as N.C.O. in the C.C.F.; as a member of the bridge and chess teams with his reckless, yet successful play; and as a prefect, carrying out his duties cheerfully and effectively.

So we are left mystified as to why this tragedy should happen to someone so full of life and energy whose future seemed so promising. We cannot understand why such things happen and we are left trying to express ourselves with words which are totally inadequate. When words fail, perhaps actions are the best means of showing our support and we assure Nick that we will do anything we can to help him.

But now, as Nick says, is no longer the time to look back and reflect. Instead he must look to the future. Of course, some doors have been closed, but others, not immediately obvious, have been and will be opened. The qualities which Nick needs now – courage and determination – he possesses in abundance. His spirit will be an inspiration to all of us. When he needs friends, we at K.G.S. hope that he will feel able to turn to us. We will be ready to help in any way we can.



During the Winter Term, a non-uniform day provided a large amount of money to send to the relief agencies working in the disaster areas of the Sudan and Bangladesh. Then volunteers were soon found to collect for Dr. Barnados and, more surprisingly, to take part in a 24 hour sponsored fast. Finally, a concert was arranged at the end of term to provide a contribution towards the relief fund for the appalling tragedy in Armenia. Many thanks go to those members of the VI form who took part – the music and singing were excellent and the K.G.S. pantomime will not be quickly forgotten. It was during this term that we learned of the tragic accident to Nick Sinclair and many thanks go to all those who have contributed in many different ways to the appeal fund.

In the Spring Term the big event was, quite obviously, Comic Relief day, for which a staggering amount was raised. Red noses were compulsory and various activities were arranged for the day – a non-uniform day, a cake sale, a fun run, a sponsored netball match, a three-legged hockey match and a Mr. and Mrs. Popularity contest, the winners of which had buckets full of foul concoctions tipped over them. I think those who volunteered to take part in this deserve special thanks, especially Mrs. Fletcher for so bravely taking the anti-staff vote and also Tim Brammer and Mr. Rushton, the two organisers, who, by the end of the event, seemed to have fared slightly worse than all the entrants. In the evening a junior disco was arranged and this proved to be a great success. Our thanks go to James Musson and Paul Mellor for providing this.

In the Summer Term Richard Moyes and Andrew Heaton, after being sponsored by the school, are planning to walk up Ben Nevis and we are hoping to organise another charity concert – possibly outdoors – and we hope to have your support for this. But we also ask for your continued support and generosity for the weekly charity collections. In our weekly contributions we can all do something, however small, to relieve some suffering.

Finally, I would like to thank the rest of the charity committee – Joanne Gornall, Chris Turner and Tim Brammer – for their help and co-operation and Mr. Rushton, who has been prepared to devote huge amounts of time to advise and to organise and participate in the charity events this year. It is my pleasure, on behalf of this committee, to thank all who contributed. We hope that we have been able, on your behalf, to provide some comfort for those who most need it.

R. J. ONeil (Prefect)

Charity Report

Summer Term 1988

	£
Christian Aid	75
Save the Children	80
UNICEF	200

Winter Term 1988

Sudan and Bangladesh Appeals	420
Action Aid	120
Deaf Society	130
Children in Need	150
Poppy Appeal	100
Dr. Barnados	120
Help the Aged	60
Population Concern (Sponsored fast)	100
Crisis at Christmas	100
Armenia Appeal	250
Children's Society	75
Emma Holmes Appeal	50
Nick Sinclair Appeal	1,250

Spring Term 1989

Cancer Research	100
Leprosy Mission	100
Comic Relief	1,250

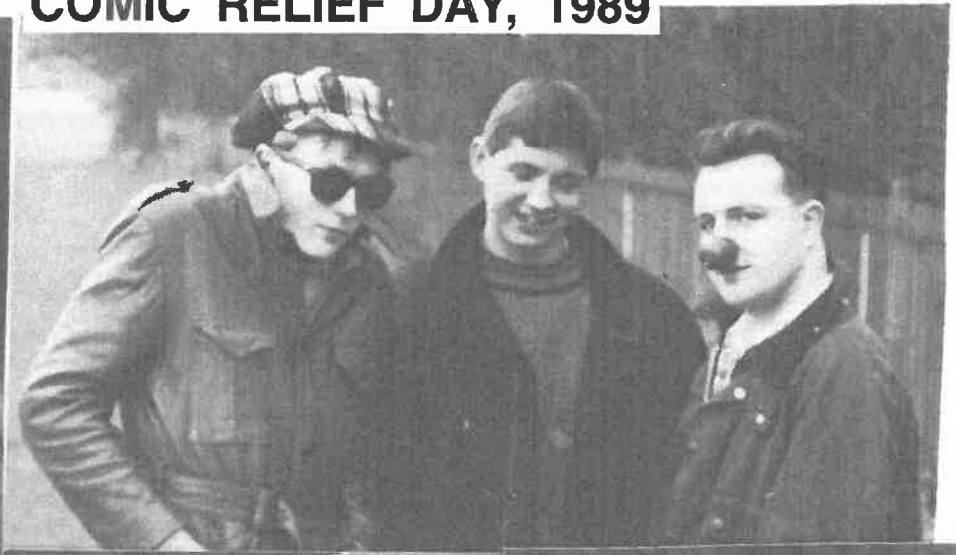
Summer Term 1989

Cystic Fibrosis	200
Diabetic Society	100

TOTAL £5,030

As the list of charities shows, the pupils, staff and other members of the school community have been more than generous in the past year. With events ranging from non-uniform days to a sponsored fast and from a charity concert to a VI form Christmas party, the money has been raised in many different ways, as well as the usual collection on Friday mornings.

COMIC RELIEF DAY, 1989



Music Report

These past few months have been hectic, but very enjoyable, for the members of the Music and Orchestra Society.

Speech Day, the first event on the musical calendar this term, was well attended and the vocal performance by Alistair Couper and James Magill of 2Y was warmly received.

The Carol concerts, which followed soon afterwards, were, as usual, extremely popular, the tickets for both the Thursday and Friday nights being completely sold out. The principal performers were the Girls' Choir and the Special Choir.

The Carol Service, which took place in the now familiar Kirkham Parish Church, was very successful. The members of the school and public joined in enthusiastically with the seasonal hymns, entering into the Christmas spirit admirably, to create a cheerful and friendly atmosphere.

The House Music Festival, now appearing fully fledged in its new format and designed to include as many musicians as possible, regardless of their age or standard, certainly accomplished this aim! There were over 170 entrants for the auditions and a total of 26 reached the final, where the adjudicator, Mr. John Simpson, Head of Music at K.E.S., was faced with the formidable task of allocating each a mark. The highest marks were awarded to Duncan Gascoyne of 2Z for his cello solo "L'agréable" by Marais and to Kirkham House Choir, for their rendition of "Nathan Jones", at once demonstrating the variety of music which appeared in this year's programme.

The Spring Concert, which followed hard on the heels of the House Music Festival, illustrated the wealth of talent and enthusiasm present in the school.

The choir in particular seems to have reached a pinnacle in its career, largely due to the musical talents of the present Upper Sixth and great potential amongst members of the lower school. Once again, the variety of musical items appearing in this year's programme was most impressive. At times, those on stage outnumbered those in the audience! Audience participation was an integral part of this year's concert and the spirit was entered into with great gusto by the audiences of both the Thursday and Friday nights.

The orchestra, rarely seen during this term as a general rule, has had ample opportunity to demonstrate the results of the hard effort enthusiastically put in on Monday afternoons by its members.

Two members of the choir, James Magill and Alistair Couper, are to be congratulated on their success in gaining places with the Northern Cathedral Singers for the 1989 season, as well as for being selected for a fortnight's Cathedral course at Ripon this July.

All in all, a very successful term, though that, I am sure, is no surprise to those who have attended the various musical events of the past few months and witnessed the musical talent possessed in such abundance by so seemingly great a number of the school's pupils. However, it must of course be remembered, that none of these events would have been possible, were it not for the hard work and dedication of Mr. Catterall and Mrs. Greaves. They must surely be gratified to see the fruits of their labour.

C. Farnhill (Prefect)



James Magill, a finalist in Choirboy of the Year Contest, 1989.

Drama at K.G.S.

This has been an enjoyable and productive year. In July, the Dramatic Society produced "The Coarse Acting Show", a review of which appears below. In the Christmas term, the House Playreading Competition was, as usual, hotly contested by all and won by School House with their presentation of a spoof melodrama, "Unhand Me, Squire!" On Open Day in the Summer the fourth and fifth year G.C.S.E. Drama students provided an impressive display of their acting, costume, make-up, lighting and set-designing skills. Theatre visits this year have included "Hamlet" at Manchester and Stratford, Brian Friel's "Translations" at Manchester's Contact Theatre, "Macbeth" at the Royal Exchange and Dario Fo's "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" and "A Winter's Tale" at the Charter in Preston.

1989 sees major changes in our annual programme. The Summer Term production this year (and in succeeding years) will be presented by first and second form pupils. For the first Junior Play an adaptation of James Thurber's comic fairy tale "The 13 Clocks" has been chosen. At the time of writing, rehearsals are well underway – performances will be in the School Hall on 10th and 11th July at 7.30 p.m.

The senior production now moves to a new slot in December or January.

Another innovation this year has been a drama festival for all members of the third year. This will be an annual event and will no doubt continue to be as enjoyable for all concerned.

J. S. R.



Third Year Drama Festival

On 22nd March, the first Third Form Drama Festival was staged, with great success. Each form was obliged to invent, prepare and perform a short play: the audience and the adjudicators (J.C. and C.M.L.R.) were impressed by all three offerings, which were shapely, confident and engaging.

"Running for Freedom" (3Z) examined the plight of a teenage runaway. Thoughtful use of recorded music to link scenes and create atmosphere complemented the acting of a large cast, who produced some very moving moments. A. Free and S. Raza were outstanding.

3Y gave an old story a series of new twists in their inventively scripted "Caesar!". The dialogue was crisp and, at times, very amusing and it was obvious that the cast enjoyed the experience. S. Smith, A. Proctor and Sarah Flack gave excellent performances, but others lacked their clarity and projection. The opening scene, though, was stunningly effective.

"The Play" (3X) was a comic exploration of the predicament faced by each third former – the pressure to get a play together for this festival! Fine performances from N. Walmsley as the distraught teacher and S. Hopes as an unusually dozy pupil carried the classroom scenes and in "the library" a host of keenly defined figures of fantasy – notably Basil Fawty (B. Stuttard) and Rambo (P. Andrew) – proved to be highly entertaining. The adjudicators found in 3X's play a measure of consistency and all-round competence which eventually swayed them in its favour.

Our thanks to Mrs. Roberts and to Mr. Catterall for their analyses and judgements and our congratulations to all participants for having given this event such a spirited inauguration.

D.R.W.

The Drama Festival: The inside story

When it was announced that we were to write, script, cast and perform a play, the whole class was shocked. We spent many lessons discussing ideas and many homeworks writing them up as scripts. As we all had different ideas, Mr. Woodhead collected everybody's scripts and gave them to a group of five people, who read the scripts through, found the best ideas and rewrote the whole play.

After scripting came casting. Auditions were held and nearly everybody got a part. With only a week and a half to the performance, in front of the third and second years, every lesson was a practice. We didn't read exactly from the scripts and a little improvisation was needed in parts. After a lot of practice we were ready.

The 22nd of March arrived and everybody gathered in the school hall for the drama festival. The running order was announced and we were on first. When everybody had settled down in their seats, "The Play" began.

It went very well, with no one forgetting or fluffing their lines and everybody supporting each other, giving a very good performance.

Whilst 3Y and 3Z performed their plays, we watched anxiously. They were very good and I honestly thought we could not win. As we waited for Mr. Catterall and Mrs. Roberts to decide who had won, many people – mainly second years – came up to us and said how good our play was. This cheered us up and when Mr. Catterall announced that we had won we were overjoyed.

A. Fryer (3X)

"The Coarse Acting Show"

At last – a play which lent itself to the dramatic possibilities offered by one stage in the School Hall. The Summer Term saw the K.G.S. Dramatic Society's production of "The Coarse Acting Show" by Michael Green. This consisted of "Four Plays for Coarse Actors" (which luckily Kirkham has in abundance!).

The first playlet was entitled "Il Fornicazione" (an opera in one act). The Conductor (David Shakespeare) tried vainly to control the only member of the orchestra who had turned up (Rebecca Rawstrone). Leah Chadwick was the scheming Countess who killed her husband (Daniel Carroll) because of her love for Alfonso (William Carroll). Joanne Moyes was her maid and Chris Turner and Angus McEwan were huntsmen.

Next came "Streuth" (a whodunnit). Anthony Bagshaw starred as the evil, long-lost black sheep (as in all the best/worst whodunnits) who returned to kill his brother and claim his inheritance. Rachel Bates appeared as the confused but well-meaning cook.

The third helping of coarse acting came under the guise of "A Collier's Tuesday Tea" (a mining epic). The main interest in this play was the disaster which ensued when the table set for the eponymous tea decided to collapse, one leg at a time, leaving the cast to support it on their knees. Nicholas Hill played the part of Jed Throttle, a miner and Kim Fairclough was Margory Hackforth, the unfortunate neighbour who had been invited to tea, only to find her husband had been killed down the pit.

Finally came "All's Well That Ends As You Like It" (Shakespeare's lost comedy). The plot was typical of most of Shakespeare's work: very confusing. Delia (Caroline Gault) is in love with Dronio (Tony Brennand). It is Father Crucible's (Michael Ward) job to bring them together. Simon Nice was (some would say) typecast as a Fool. Richard Connell did well to be in three places at once, playing Mind, Grot and a Messenger. Louise Green was the nymph who cast a spell over the lovers.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who put in so much hard work behind the scenes: Claire Farnhill for her work on the wardrobe and set; Mr. Hill and Mr. Porter for their help with the set, Joseph Clark and Daniel Kings for lighting and of course Mr. Roberts without whom . . .

Caroline Gault (UVIA)



Debating Society

Once again, this year's debating has been limited to the inter-house competition, though this has still provided plenty of excitement. The competition began in October, with a veritable clash of the titans, as last year's finalists, Fylde House and School House, found themselves drawn against each other in the first round. The Fylde House team of L. Singleton and W. Carroll defeated D. Livesey and V. Morris, thus defeating the motion "This house believes that the Olympic ideal has been lost forever", and so moved to the final.

The next debate saw the intellectuals of Preston House take on the might of Kirkham House. The latter's C. Gault and R. Debicki convincingly out-talked the opposition, comprising T. Connolley and J. Gornall, and thus carried the motion that "This house believes that the police force should be armed in a modern society".

The final of the debate, held on 21st March, was indeed an "interesting" debate. I am convinced that 90 per cent of the audience turned up to find out exactly what the title meant. The confusion was apparent to all by the rather poor response, although John Black's contribution from the floor deserves a special mention. Eventually, however, the motion that "Nothing can any longer be won on the playing fields of Eton", proposed by Kirkham House, was defeated by the new Fylde combination of Daniel and William Carroll, who somehow managed to make more snide comments about the opposition (a task that would have been thought nigh impossible after hearing Miss Gault's summing up speech).

Finally thanks must go to Mr. E. W. Mitchell, for thinking up the debate titles, and adjudicating and chairing both semi-finals, to Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Taylor for helping to adjudicate the final and Mr. F. W. Sayer for chairing the inter-house debating final in his own inimitable style.

W. Carroll (Prefect)
(Secretary of Debating Society)

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Examinations, 1988

Candidates	Grade
Speech	
Peter Coventry	4 Dist
Pippa Bashford	4 Dist
Emma Sidebottom	6 Dist
Kathryn Read	6 Dist
Kathrine Stevens	4
James Magill	4 Hons
Josephine Gornall	Cert of Merit Reading
Caroline Taylor	5
Sabina Frediani	5 Dist
Lynsey Stothert	6 Dist
Joanne Gornall	6 Dist
Ruth Heritage	4 Dist
Alexandra Hill	4
Angela Postill	4 Reading Dist
Emma Cartwright	6 Dist
Daniel Kings	6
Samantha Kay	4
Daniel Steingold	4
Richard Gornall	4 Acting Dist
Maria Wardrop	4
Grant Gillespie	6 Dist
Paula Fairbrother	4

Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson and her students on these excellent results.

Particular mention should be made of Mrs. J. Gornall, our chairperson of the Friends of K.G.S., who was awarded a Certificate of Merit for her reading.

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Young Enterprise – Summer 1988

The School's Young Enterprise Company – ISTAR – won the local competition against powerful opposition. At a presentation the Managing Director was interviewed for BBC Radio Lancashire.

Here is part of the broadcast: taking part with Richard Debicki (Pre) (Managing Director) are Dr. Gregg Butler (BNFL) and presenter Derek Ball.

- D.B. Dr. Gregg Butler, General Manager of BNFL (Springfields), as one of the judges, how impressed have you been by the achievement of these teams of young people?
- G.B. I've been very impressed; they've obviously worked hard and learnt a lot; they've learnt to laugh at themselves as well! There's been a lot of humour in the presentations as well as serious material.
- D.B. What were you looking for here?
- G.B. We were looking for people who had thought out what they were trying to do – where things had gone wrong they had put it right: general resilience to changing situations.
- D.B. How did you manage to pick a winner?
- G.B. Very difficult – between the first few – I think it all was decided on the presentation and the depth of planning shown by the winner – it was planned, it built naturally and the presentation was excellent.
- D.B. Kirkham Grammar School were the winners. What was the one thing which put them into first place?
- G.B. I think there were two things! I think it was planning and the bravery to put a single person in there to do a presentation and it worked.
- D.B. And now the Managing Director of the winning team, Richard Debicki of K.G.S. I expect you are surprised by your success.
- R.D. Yes, to say the least: and it wasn't just me that won it for us – it was the whole company. I just happened to present it.
- D.B. Can you say what you did exactly with your project?
- R.D. Well, we formed a co-operative whereby all the members of the company made decisions in the boardroom, not just the directors as is usual in a company. There was a reason for this and this was that our first product wasn't manufactured, so to keep interest we had to make everybody involved; we actually had four products; the first was a personal organising system, hence the name of the company ISTAR: Information Storage and Retrieval; we had Christmas Cards which were designed by our own Arts Designer; we also had drinks coasters (manufactured by ourselves from sheet cork) and we made pencil boxes: corrugated plastic pencil boxes.
- D.B. How do you and your colleagues on the team see the usefulness of this kind of exercise?
- R.D. It's been very useful; in the future we're always going to need to present things, as I have done tonight; this ability to communicate will be useful in industry and commerce and in other walks of life; we've learnt many business skills; we've had sales experience and manufacturing experience. But we've also learnt to work together, as a team.
- D.B. Thank you. We wish you and your colleagues success in the future.

ISTAR acknowledges help from Mr. Norman Lees (BNFL) and Mr. T. J. Bruce.

Young Enterprise

"XL" is the name of this year's Young Enterprise company which has tried to follow the success of "ISTAR", last year's company. We formed the company in October 1988 and managed to produce three products: gift baskets, notelets and shawls, within the first two months. We sold our goods at various school events and at local fairs, managing to catch the Christmas market. The healthy profit gained from our pre-Christmas sales enabled us to market our own specially designed and produced leather jewellery. The leather itself was imported from Kenya by one of the members of the company who has contacts in Africa. The jewellery, which was designed by our own Design department, is on sale at present and is selling well. In February we were invited to a "mock" presentation evening which was to prepare us for the final presentation in May. We hope to wind up the company at the beginning of next term, giving our shareholders a healthy dividend and donating the remaining profit to the Nick Sinclair Fund.

V. Morris (L6)

Midbank

The K.G.S. Midbank continued this year being run by fourth year economists. Pupils involved in running the bank include Greg Burns, Jenny Tobin, Brett Harley, Elspeth Giles, Richard Johnson and myself. With the help of Ian Dunlop from Midland Bank's Kirkham branch, we ran a bank service for members of the school. Attracted by free files or filofaxes when opening accounts, K.G.S. Midbank now boasts about sixty clients. As well as helping introduce our clients to the confusing world of banking, Midbank has also been an enjoyable addition to our economics knowledge. Linked with Midbank was a poster competition run by the Midland Bank which was won by Andrew Barnes, who received a prize of £25 for himself and £50 for the school.

Andrew Yates (4X)

Running the British Economy 1989

On 8th February a team consisting of C. Turner, C. McCann, A. Giles, Angela Postill and myself went to Lancashire Polytechnic to compete in the regional "Running the British Economy" competition.

The game involved making decisions to run the economy for ten years. Each team could change the VAT rate, income tax rate, money supply and Government spending over a period of ten years and the team that made the most money won. All this information was fed into a computer, which then calculated the effects on the economy.

The whole team performed well under pressure and eventually finished a very creditable second, being narrowly defeated by Lancaster Girls Grammar School in the last economic year. Many thanks must go to Mr. Bruce for organising the event and to Lancashire Polytechnic for hosting the competition.

P. Griffiths (L6 Arts)



*The XL management team, winners of the 1989 district
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Paris Trip 1989

Wednesday/Thursday (5th/6th April, 1989)

At the witching hour between Wednesday and Thursday, we boarded the coach parked outside the school entrance at the start of a sixteen hour journey to Paris.

Even seasoned travellers found that sleep did not come easily, particularly with Mr. Rushton's party game of "wake the sleeper as soon as possible". Unfortunately he neither had an off button nor did he give the opportunity to be "got" under the same circumstances.

After a week's gales in the English Channel we had a calm crossing. We arrived at the hotel on Thursday afternoon, with our party spread over the seven floors. My room, on the first floor, was very pleasant with a bathroom and a television, which enabled many of us to view, for the first time, the French news and variety programmes in full.

Main meals were to be eaten in a nearby restaurant and after our first three course meal we returned to the hotel for an early night.

Friday (7th April, 1989)

Our first full day in Paris. We breakfasted in the hotel, collected a packed lunch from the restaurant and then took a short journey to Notre-Dame Cathedral – why do many of the gargoyles seem so familiar? One group, having seen the impressive stained glass windows inside the Cathedral, then climbed the tower, from where they had an excellent panoramic view of the "cité" and the rest of Paris. A short walk to the Louvre followed, to see the new glass pyramid, and after a long look at this, and a quick look at the queues, we decided to walk to the Arc de Triomphe, noticing the preparations for the bicentenary of the Revolution in Tuileries which stretch as far as the Place de la Concorde, the square in which many French aristocrats were executed.

In the afternoon we went to Les Halles, a new shopping complex in the centre of Paris. Thanks should go to Rhianon for her views on French fashion, particularly the braces.

After dinner in the restaurant, Kevin, the driver, showed us the sights and sounds of Paris by night, stopping the coach for photographs. Particularly impressive was the view from the Trocadéro. From here we could see the Eiffel Tower, proclaiming its hundredth birthday in neon lights.

Saturday (8th April, 1989)

After a typically French breakfast of croissants and rolls, we went on a boat ride along the Seine in a "bateau mouche". The trip lasted an hour, and our next visit was to the Eiffel Tower, where we were politely informed "All-girl parties are not allowed up the tower!" Never mind, Mrs. Roberts, "you are on Candid Camera!" It is a long climb to the second level, some 700 steps, but the view was well worth the effort.

After lunch, we set off for Les Invalides, the site of Napoleon's tomb, whilst others climbed the Arc de Triomphe before sampling the delights of an expensive drink on the terraces of a café on the Champs Elysées. A brief, but hectic, visit followed to Galeries Lafayette, the largest department store in Paris.

In the evening we were taken to Montmartre to visit the beautiful church of Sacré Coeur before strolling around the Place du Tertre, where the pavement artists congregate, and although the temptation was great, we all managed to resist having our portraits painted.

Sunday (9th April, 1989)

After the usual breakfast, we had an hour's coach trip to Versailles to see the palace, built by Louis XIV. Those of us who managed to visit the King's apartments on a guided tour also saw the famous Hall of Mirrors, where the peace treaty for the First World War was signed. Some strolled in the magnificent gardens, while others visited the Petit Trianon, to which Marie-Antoinette escaped to play as a shepherdess to avoid the pressures of the court.

We returned via Longchamps, the famous Parisian racecourse, to the Bois de Boulogne, a park on the outskirts of the city. We managed to find an amusement park and we, the intellectuals, watched a French Punch and Judy show. Mr. Rushton's group enjoyed themselves with water pistols, though there was some cheating by using an old popcorn carton full of water. There followed a game of football, and our final meal in the restaurant.

Monday (10th April, 1989)

We left the hotel, said our goodbyes to Paris and set off for Calais. After a quick lunch stop we reached Calais, where we were able to do some last minute shopping before leaving France.

After a calm crossing, there followed the long journey back to Kirkham, where we arrived late on Monday evening.

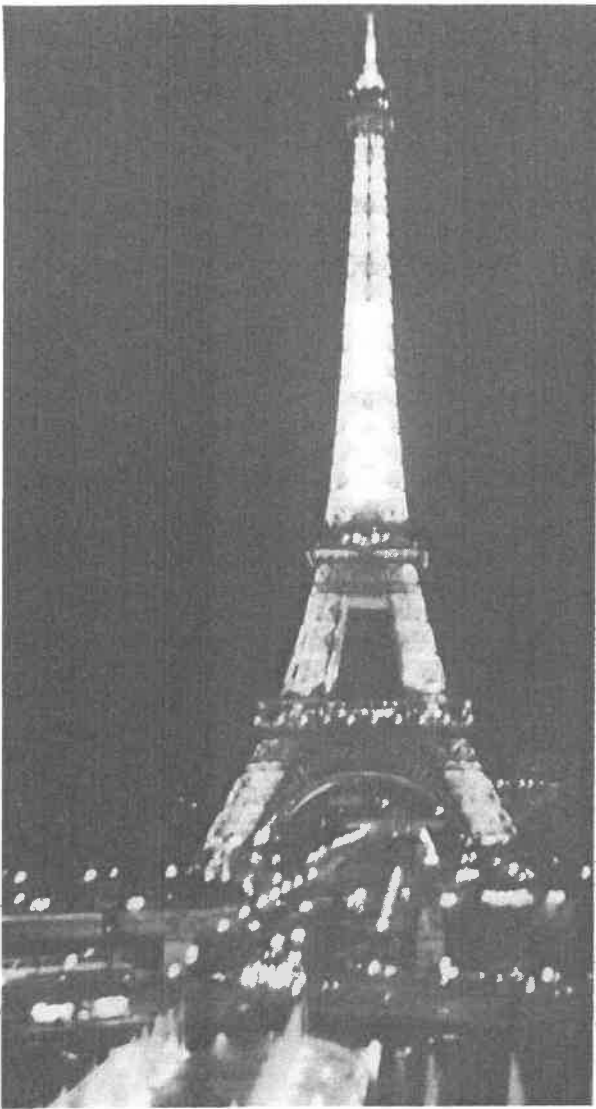
Thanks go to all the Staff, Mr. Long for organising the trip and recording the events for posterity, Mr. Bruce for looking after all the finances and Mr. Clarkson, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Rushton for being there.

J. Moyes (Prefect)

*Right:
Welcome to Versailles!*

*Opposite:
The Louvre and Pyramid.
Paris skyline.
Eiffel Tower at night.*





NOTRE DAME : PARIS



S. Whalley

Skiing – Bardonecchia – Easter 1989

On Friday, 31st March, a party of 64 left K.G.S. to venture once more to the Italian ski resort of Bardonecchia. This time, however, we travelled by coach. The journey for the most part was uneventful, and when we arrived in Italy 26 hours later, spirits were still high.

On entering Bardonecchia, it looked more like the Costa del Sol on a bad day than a snow resort. But, undeterred, we went to have boots and skis fitted, knowing our intrepid hero, Doctor Beaker, would find us some snow, somewhere – even if it was in another country! After the evening meal which was, well, Italian, we unpacked and most people were glad to retire early.

The following morning we were woken at 7.30 a.m. by the dulcet tones of Mrs. P. who then proceeded to open all the windows and freeze us all to death. Those of us who survived had breakfast at 8.00 a.m. and then at 8.30 a.m. we loaded the coach up with skis, boots and bodies and headed for Valfrejus in France, in search of snow. We found it, but it was obvious that the glorious sunshine we were all basking in was rapidly melting it.

The lesson for beginners started at 11.00 a.m. We were each allotted to a ski-instructor, depending on our ability to remain standing.

The intermediate lessons were in the afternoon, with Jason Coupe causing havoc and trying to wipe out as many of his group as possible. Mrs. Piggott, not to be outdone, decided her skis would be put to better use by spearing Wayne Farrell, as she ploughed through two other unsuspecting victims.

That evening a treasure-hunt was organised, which gave people the chance to explore the small village of Melezet. The official winners were the third years, who had all the right answers, but congratulations to "the management", who found all the best answers from their seats in the bar.

The next day, against all odds, it began to snow and continued to do so for 24 hours. The skiing for the rest of the week was excellent. The beginners progressed well and some of the braver members of the group ventured down some of the blue runs with Mr. Scott. They all survived to tell the tale. Greg Burns showed the downhill to be a great feature of his skiing – mainly because he had not quite mastered the left and right turn. The intermediates were learning how to jump and were briefly joined by Dr. Hall and Richard Thompson, who had delusions of adequacy. They soon realised, as they were buried in snow, that they were a little out of their depth. The top group, meanwhile, were going for gold as they skied from the top of the mountain to the bottom, with Daniel Fish demonstrating the odd star jump along the way.

Most people managed to survive the varying conditions. Jane Youll and Andy Fallows incurred the worst injuries, with Andy unintentionally leaving the chair lift mid passage. In the tests at the end of the week everybody tried hard and earned a medal. In the beginners group, Paul Nand demonstrated the art of skiing on one ski, while Dr. Hall showed us how not to stop. But special mention must go to Daniel Fish and Michael Summers who both achieved 2 star gold. Well done! Also to Mr. Scott and Mrs. Piggott who perfected the technique of invisible skiing to gain their awards in the test.

The night-life had been well-organised. After visiting a pizzeria in Bardonecchia, two members of staff (whose identity cannot be revealed) were soaked in a snowball fight by some of our more reckless pupils – they still have nightmares about the revenge visited upon them.

The following night we had a fancy dress disco and Mr. Watson persuaded the Sixth formers to enter into the spirit of things. Dave Whittingham would have been a close contestant in the beautiful baby competition, but Miss Italy was not likely to lose any sleep over Damien's display of the latest female swimsuits. The eventual winners were two very pretty bus drivers.

On Thursday evening we visited a down-town disco, where a young Italian Señor naively challenged our illustrious Mr. Hatton to an unofficial dance competition. Reports vary on the outcome of this event, but British honour remained intact.

The dancing continued the following evening at the hotel, when even the teachers blew away the cobwebs and shook a leg. A reporter from the *News of the World* had secretly flown in for the occasion, but was unable to obtain a photograph of Franz Klammer dancing with Miss Walsh – we will just have to believe the rumours. However the second and fourth years enjoyed posing for him!

The next day we began the journey home. Despite a delay of two hours when the coach broke down, we arrived back at K.G.S. on time. Once again, a successful trip which everyone enjoyed. Many thanks to all the staff, but particularly Dr. Summers, without whom it would not have been possible.

Edward T. Eagle (3Z)

Some of the party on the piste.



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1989 Scarborough Geography Field Trip

On Saturday, 4th March, we all assembled at 9.00 a.m. ready to set off after Cath Fletcher had arrived with her private porter and six cases. We eventually leapt into the inconspicuous yellow mini-buses, driving away from school with Phil Baines' famous words still ringing in our ears, "It's not a holiday you know, we're there to work!"

We got to "sunny" Scarborough at midday and after searching for our rooms, dumping our bags and wellies, we ran out again, ready for Mr. Scott's guided tour of the area. This included experiencing great driving tactics displayed by the wonderful Mrs. P. on the hairpin bends of the motorcycle racing track. After recovering from shock we returned to Granville Lodge, where, after tea and a hard night's work, we prepared for the next day's activities.

On Sunday morning we were up bright and early at 7.45 a.m., ready for breakfast at 8.30 a.m. However, Cath Fletcher (Mr. Scott's Doris of the week) and Tracy "Raa, I'm a lion from the jungle" Baines managed to be late, which proved to be a regular occurrence throughout the week, at every meal and worktime. All the local farmers lived in fear of this day, for it was the day when K.G.S., armed with clipboards, packed lunches and wellies, went asking questions.

Monday was the day for surveying local villages. Next day we surveyed the town and Phil Baines and Simon Drake enjoyed playing with the traffic and measuring everything possible, including the main road.

We were all ready for some fun and luckily River's day was next. We set off, boys in their boxer shorts in case a swim was in order. Mark Parrish nearly died of hypothermia (well, there's always one!).

Michael "T.T." Ward decided to go for a swim after some gentle persuasion from Mark Bagshaw and Simon Drake. That night, after finishing work early, we visited a local hostelry owned by one of Mr. Scott's relatives (all of whom seem to live within a 10 km radius of Scarborough). We returned quite late and Robert Ansell made sure Mark Holroyd had a "smashing" time by demonstrating his juggling glass trick.

On Thursday we set off to the coast ready for cliff profiles, beach profiles, wave measuring (thanks to Mark Parrish) and getting wet. Christopher Dolphin enjoyed this day and went for a paddle after being coaxed in by a number of Kirkhamites.

Friday came quickly and was spent on the moors doing soil surveys. Stuart "I'm a horse" Kenward fell over several times, wherever possible, which had happened ever since the trip began. Each time cries of "I've no grips on me wellies!" could be heard as we all pulled him to his feet, except Chris "Hamlet" McCann who stood by, laughing (until he tried to rugby tackle Sarah Jane Heath – and missed!). In the afternoon we visited a Moorland Trout Farm, much to Cathy Jackson's disgust, of course. Friday was Comic Relief Day so fancy dress was in order. Michael "T.T." Ward amazed us in his "I LOVE ENGLAND" costume (or was it "I LOVE JOHN BLACK"?). Phil "Maid Marion" Baines and his merry men waltzed down to tea in all their splendour. Who did do Phil's lipstick and make-up? (Could it have been Fiona?)

After packing we retired for a game of Murder, Michael Ward's favourite game. Mrs. P. couldn't keep her eyes off Simon Drake!

Saturday we were up earlier than usual for breakfast at 8.00 a.m. We visited York and York Minster for an hour or two on the way home to K.G.S.

Exhausted from the week's hard work, most of our members slept like babies, having been lulled to sleep by the sweet, dulcet tones of Fiona Gilmore and Sarah-Jane Heath. Why *did* Stuart Reid keep protesting?

We arrived back at 4.00 p.m. to be greeted by the smiling face of the much missed Mr. Skeens.

Many thanks to Mr. Scott and Mrs. Piggott for all their time and effort, and thanks also to Mr Sayer and Mr. Piggott for their mini-bus services.

Sarah Jane Heath (L6, Sci)
Fiona Gilmore (L6A)



Some of the group on "River's day".

Wimbledon 1988

Whatever anyone says about this trip, they can't say it wasn't interesting! The coach left at 4.45 a.m. and we travelled down with girls from Arnold. We were supposed to arrive at 10.00 a.m. There was obviously a slight "hold up" so we got there at 11.00 a.m. Then we started queueing. That queue was massive! We had got quite near to the gates by 1.00 p.m., only to find that they had been closed until 5.00 p.m. We were lucky enough to be standing quite near to the players' entrance, so we stood there, taking pictures of everyone with a tennis racket, hoping that they were famous. We were lucky with Henri Leconte, Ilie Nastase and John Lloyd. Martina Navratilova rode past on her bike and a few of us saw Steffi Graf and Pam Shriver. Mrs. Taylor got a free ticket because Rhiannon had made a good impression at the gate chatting to the policeman. By 5.00 p.m. we were pretty bored, although when we got in it was worth it. Some of us got straight on to the Centre Court to watch Leconte v. Mayotte. I got John Lloyd's autograph and so did Vicki and Gayle and a few others met Craig Johnstone (and everyone else was jealous). At 8.00 p.m. it started raining so we came out. It took quite a while getting out of the car park. We stopped at a service station at 10.00 p.m. and my mother was extremely pleased to hear that we were still in London, and instead of getting back for 10.45 p.m. we would be back for 1.30 a.m. Nobody got much sleep after that and I was just dozing off at one o'clock when the bus broke down. Could things get much worse, we ask? Spending two hours in a service station somewhere near Birmingham is not one of my favourite nights out! By this time my mum was sleeping next to the phone. They got us a coach from Birmingham and I finally managed to get some sleep, even if it was on the floor. We got back to school at 5.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Easterbrook had to teach that morning, but I slept in until noon. Then, to make matters worse and just to be difficult, quite a few of us had an athletics match at Stanley Park at 1.25 p.m. Despite all that we had a good time. Can we go again this year, please?

E. Cartwright (4X)

1st Year Rugby Tour of London

The team arrived at 8.15 a.m. and were ready to set off by 9.15 a.m. It was not altogether the best weather to travel down to London in. We cheered as the Volkswagen Demonstrator van fitted with a P.A. system pulled into the school drive. It took considerably longer than expected to reach London – over 7 hours. We reached the hostel and dismantled the network of bags. We all helped to take the bags up to the dorm. It was spacious and comfortable with bunk beds. When we had unpacked, we were gathered round to be told that we were going for tea and that we were meeting Sean Wilkinson, who played centre, and Kirk Wilkinson, who played prop. We met them in a station, the team made a tunnel for them to go through and clapped them through. Some of us had tea at Pizza Hut and some of us had tea at McDonalds. We got in about 10.00 p.m., after Sean and Kirk had shown us around London in the van. We all got washed and went to sleep (after a few warnings from Dr. Hall). We woke at 7.15 a.m. Ward had a surprise – he found an Italian man sleeping under his bed. I investigated and as I pulled the cover away all I got was:

"Hay Senor".

I was pretty shocked, so was Mr. Smith and so he went and got an attendant and he sent him out.

We played St. Mary's and St. Joseph. The team played not up to standard and drew with them 8–8. After this we went to the Cutty Sark and spent time on there. Then we went over to the Isle of Dogs under the Thames tunnel. For tea we went to Diana's, now called Chicago Diner, still in the same place but without the same waitresses, although Mr. Smith still has a crush on them. On Saturday we played Champion High School. We played brilliant and the team put everything into the game. We lost to them 10–0. After this we went to Harrods. After spending three hours in there, we bought the present for Mr. Smith and Dr. Hall for being our coaches. On Sunday we travelled back at 9.30 a.m. The journey was shorter than on the way there. Two minutes before turning off the M55 Kelly's bag fell off the roof! He still hasn't found it. . . .

L. Halliday (1X)

Kirkham Grammar School



Biology Field Course 1988

The field course started earlier than previous years, falling between the 3rd and 7th October.

By the end of break time on the Monday morning we said goodbye to our nearest and dearest and set off to Knott End, squashed between mountains of luggage in the school's bright yellow mini-bus.

On arrival at Knott End, the joys of escaping from A.R.B.'s driving quickly evaporated once the pinpoint on the horizon had been identified as our destination, Knott End Sailing Centre.

By the end of lunchtime, and after the arrival of another group of foolhardy students, we were on our first assignment. This included wading into the centre of one polluted and one unpolluted pond. That left everyone thinking that perhaps a pair of higher wellies may have been a wise investment.

Everybody, teachers and students alike, are expected to help cook and clean on a rota basis . . . this evolved some wonderful concoctions cooked by the lads . . . and dropped by the girls.

Trawling on the "Escort" was the highlight of the week, especially when Derek took over the helm and negotiated a buoy too close for the Skipper's liking. Here the team showed great bravery in catching, cooking and even eating a pot full of shrimps. In the light of the recent headlines, this can only be described as heroic.

The field excursion to the primary and secondary salt marshes proved to be great fun, especially with hurricane force winds that helped you sail across the mudflats if you spread out your arms, and running along on the mature saltmarsh had many people suddenly disappearing down hidden valleys.

The week also showed promise as far as fashion was concerned. Not only was Jackie intent on proving that Knott End mud was good for the hair and skin (especially when applied in large quantities) but Messrs. Sumner and Mellor came up with a new alternative for waterproofs (tee-shirt, shorts and wellies), and very innovative it looked too, even if a little out of place in a Force 7 gale. The trip also offered a chance to meet with members of another school, Gavin being especially favourite for his unceasing modesty and willingness to join in with all of Paul's games.

All in all it was an enjoyable week that taught biology in a new light and thanks must go to the organisers involved for making it so.

S. Hamlin (U6, Prefect)
P. Mellor (U6, Sci)

1st XI Hockey Tour of North Wales 1989

The first team, armed with hockey sticks, enthusiasm, new team shirts and a cry for equality, set out to conquer Wales.

After several "U" turns, Mrs. "Oh no, girls" Taylor finally found our first venue. Half an hour after arriving in Wales, equipped with the "B.G. box and bucket", we set off to Brynhyrd. The cries of "this will show the boys" and "B.G. won't call us soft again" obviously inspired us to victory, 1-0!

Next day, after extensive "rugby" training on the Welsh dry ski slopes, where Joanne "hit the deck" Gornall amazed us all with her skills, we were once again notching up points in equality against Rydal, where Seki "get your angle right" Akande scored her goal. The final result was 3-0 to us.

On the third day, the JET-Set hockey team decided to rest the tiring yellow mini-buses and walked to the next battlefield. However, this proved too much, even equipped with B.G. box and bucket, and we lost 3-1 against Howells. Consolation was found in the Mecca of Wales that afternoon. The Sun Centre.

The final countdown. - Unfortunately, after visiting the Sun Centre the team seemed to get a taste for the high life and whilst our bodies were on the field, our hearts were a few miles down the road. The tour that started with a bang went out with a fizzle as we lost our final match, 1-0 against Penrose.

Our arrival back in Kirkham, equipped with red dragons and Welsh flags, was little noticed by the returning Rugby team. So much for equality!

Many thanks to JET of the "jet set" and Miss Easterbrook for an excellent time.

Julie Collinson, *Captain*
Joanne Gornall, *Vice-Captain*



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Army Section

Adventurous Training

Having set off from K.G.S. heavily overloaded and in pleasant weather, things soon changed for the worse. The tents had to be set up in torrential rain on the side of a hill resembling a mud slide.

With all the kit wet, settling in proved difficult, as the interior of the tents resembled a lake. After a night of very little sleep, in conditions that can only be described as damp, we woke to the dulcet tones of F.W.S. calling us for our daily ration of porridge.

The weather had deteriorated. Exercises that morning were cancelled and the contingent retired to the showers. In the afternoon an attempt was made to begin some training. That evening new depths were reached (literally).

After a frightening night in which all tents threatened to disappear (and some did), the contingent was warned to stay in bed to weigh the tents down. A frantic morning ensued in which the only activity was to peg tent after tent down seconds before they blew away. At lunchtime we repaired the mess tent for lunch, only to exit quickly with the news that the stores tent was heading towards Ambleside. After a heroic fight a few shreds of canvas were recovered.

The weather deteriorated some more and that afternoon another four tents disappeared. Amusing sights were Dr. Summers attempting to parascend on the end of a guy rope; the look on Mr. Miller's face as an expensive igloo tent gave up the struggle and was reduced to shreds; and the look of anguish as F.W.S.'s tent underwent the same fate, just as he was commenting on the cadets lack of knowledge in tent erection.

After this, the decision was made to leave. The U6 showed extreme fortitude and character in clearing the campsite in pitch dark, force ten gale and horizontal rain. At 12.00 midnight that night an extremely battered contingent arrived back at K.G.S.

Many thanks to the staff for an eventful trip.

P. Mellor, C.S.M.
L. Singleton, Cpl.

Summer Camp – Culty braggan

This year's camp was in sunny Scotland. You may laugh, but for most of the time the weather was glorious, only showing its real wrath when we were most vulnerable.

The week can only be described as action-packed, with something to occupy almost all the time.

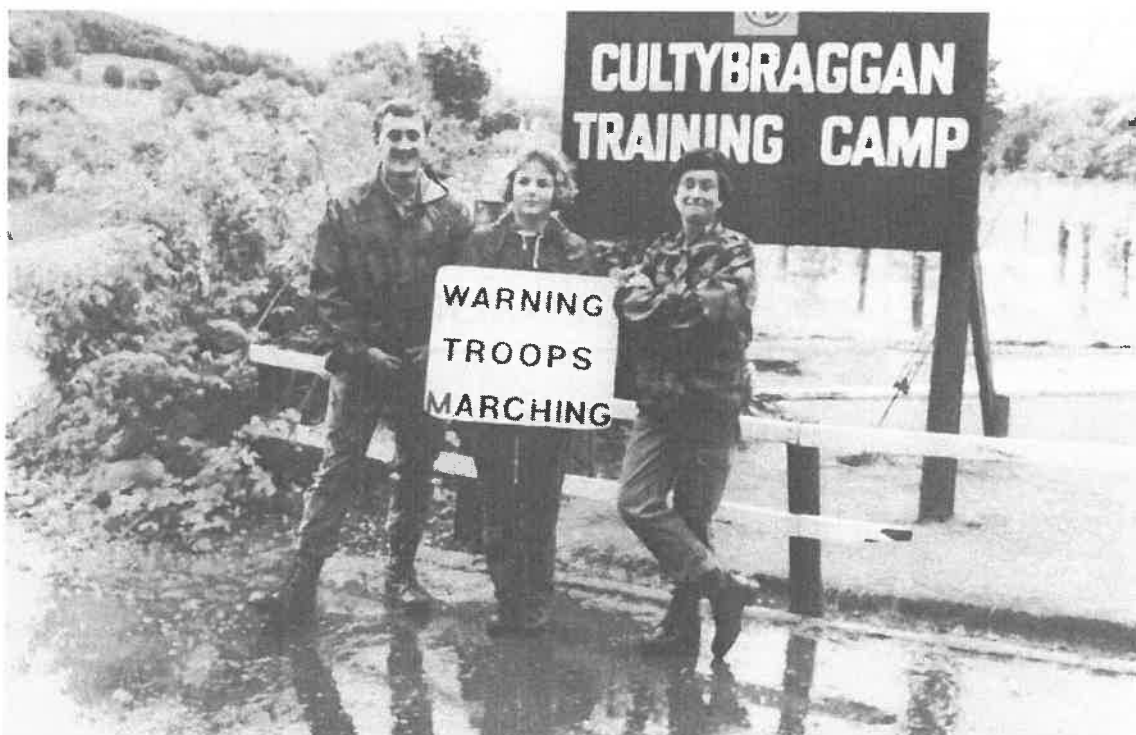
The day started at 7.00 a.m. with breakfast, and then, depending on which platoon you were in, you were off at 8.30 a.m. for a fun-packed day that could consist of anything. Activities included abseiling from a viaduct (often with someone else clinging to your back), raft building, shooting and walking for long periods interspersed with initiative tests or trying to sink an assault craft in the chill waters of Lochearnhead.

The highlight of the week must surely have been an 18 hour exercise called "Patrol Valley". This consisted of the two platoons from K.G.S. acting as enemies for the day, setting up camp and sending out small patrols to locate the enemy, ending in pitch black with a full scale attack.

After such tiring days you would possibly expect a relaxing evening. Far from it – the R.S.M. of the camp always had something planned. The first night was a "Parra" display, the second an assault course competition. On the third, two teams went on a march and shoot.

On behalf of the cadets, I would like to thank all the members of staff for their hard work.

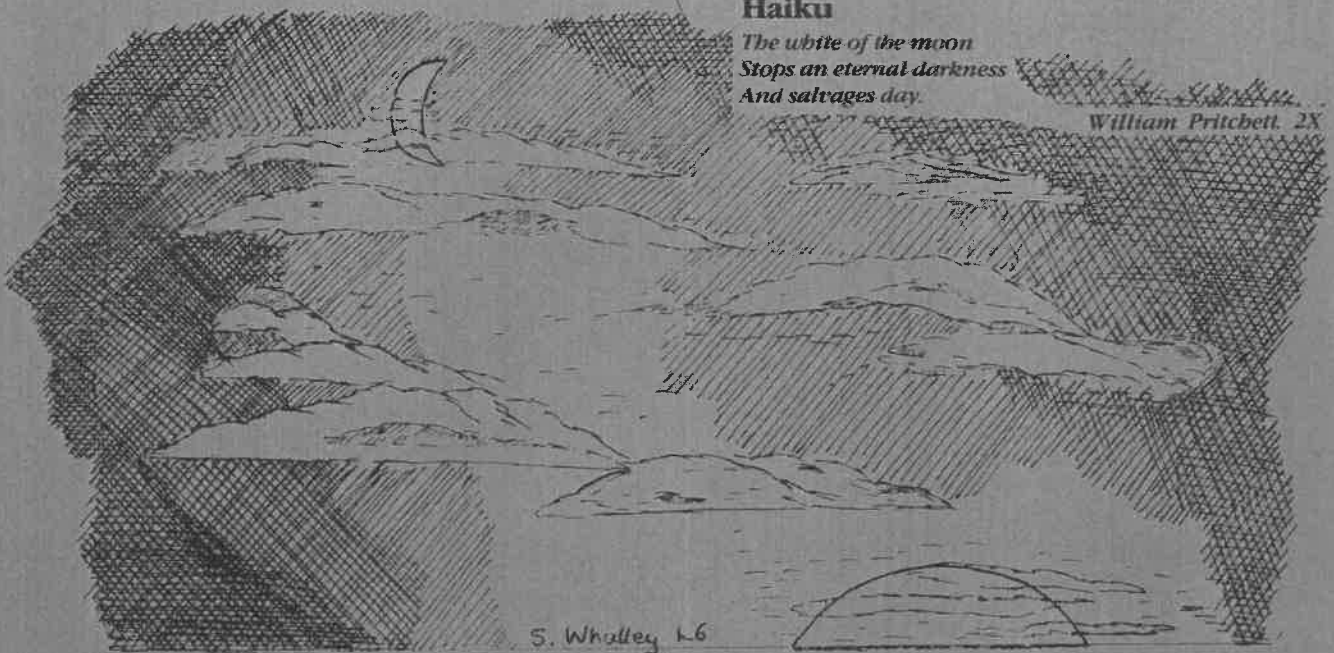
P. Mellor, C.S.M.



Haiku

The white of the moon
Stops an eternal darkness
And salvages day.

William Pritchett. 2X



S. Whalley L6

Care Less Society

The winter evening settled down with smells of synthi-meal in passageways. The City was quiet, too cold to walk alone. In darkened passageways strangers in overcoats hurried home. The City lay like an empty shell on a beach, waiting to be washed away by a human sea. However, tonight it was safe; it waited, an eldritch parent watching its children foolishly play with fire.

Through the gloom strode a solitary figure, a man in an overcoat. William Smithers walked home; he walked home as his own personal protest against the modern world, the world of cars, planes, Capitalism and the Leader. The Leader who was only ever to be referred to as 'the Leader'.

Smithers passed a nursery, the nursery for Newcon party babies. He listened to them learning their first words: 'Profit margin, Privatisation, Wets'. Smithers shook his head in dismay as he listened to them; he wondered what had happened to words such as 'Daddy' and 'Mummy'.

Walking further along the street he came to a nightclub suitably titled 'Profit and Loss'. From inside he could hear the rock group, 'Blue Floyd', singing their classic composition:

"We don't need no trade unionists ...

All in all you're just another statistic."

Smithers thought hard, searching the dim areas of his memory. He was sure the song should have different words. In fact he was sure that the group used to be called something different.

Further down the road Smithers passed a police car. The two officers inside watched him suspiciously, eager to make arrests now that the force had been privatised. Smithers smiled contemptuously as he thought of how the police force now operated. If a person phoned in needing help he or she had to quote their bank account number before help would be despatched.

"Good evening Mr. Smithers," said a soft, quiet voice.

Smithers whirled around to face the voice like a child caught stealing biscuits from the tin. Out of the shadows stepped a tall, young man in a long black coat. The man smiled politely and said, "We both know that I am here to relieve you of any valuables you might have; please don't try and resist, Mr. Smithers, as I'm trying to keep my profit margin high and beating people up wastes so much time."

"You're a thief!" cried Smithers, accusingly, playing for time as he knew that he had nothing of value.

"I'm a businessman; a man's got to earn a living you know," the young man replied with a hurt voice. "Now, it has been nice talking to you, but I must get on with my job, you understand."

The man took a step forward and Smithers broke into a run.

"Oh, Mr. Smithers," said the young man like a disappointed parent addressing a naughty child.

Smithers ran and ran, faster than he had ever run before. He passed window after window wishing that he was in the rooms watching the vidscreen. The City watched its child impassively.

The young man jumped into a shadowy alley as Smithers bumped into a police officer.

"Oh, thank God," blurted Smithers. "Help me, I'm being mugged."

The officer pulled out his portable banking terminal and asked, "Bank Account Cash Card, sir?"

"I haven't got it with me."

"Oh dear, sir," the officer said, putting away his terminal. "Good night."

"Please ... help me!" pleaded Smithers, staring in the face of the officer. The impassive face of Capitalism stared back at him. Smithers ran on into the night.

The young man followed Smithers as he ran into a dead end alley. Smithers looked around desperately, like a trapped animal looking for escape.

"Why are you doing this?" sobbed Smithers in desperation.

The young man smiled and held forward a card. It read:

"Juvenile Training Scheme
Apprentice Street Banker"

"Nothing personal," said the young man. Smithers shrugged his shoulders, resigned to his fate as the young man advanced on him.

The City watched impassively.

D. Mellor-Clarke. L6 Arts

Animal riddles

*Sleek fur whisks past leaves,
Sneaks through thin gaps,
Gets its tail trapped in doors
Hair flying everywhere.
Mud is kicked freely,
Grass is trampled in the ground.
Enjoyable days in the field.*

Penny Jones. 2X

Parts of speech

(with apologies to Henry Reed)

*Today, we had parts of speech. Yesterday,
We had notes on essay writing. And tomorrow afternoon,
We shall have what to do in your exam. But Today,
Today we had parts of speech. Dew sparkles on the grass
like diamonds,
And today we had parts of speech.
These are pronouns. And these
Are verbs, whose use you will see
When you get your paper. And these are articles,
Which we will not talk about now. The trees
Cut into the sky, branches elegantly held,
Which we will not talk about now.
These are conjunctions, which join two sentences.
They are very easy to spell, so please do not let me catch
Anyone spelling them wrong. They can occur at the
Beginning of a sentence as well as in the middle. The buds
Grow silently, waiting for spring, never letting us see
Anyone spelling them wrong.
And this, I hope you can see, is a noun. The purpose of this
is to describe the word in a sentence
Which names the person or object it is referring to: an
example
Of this is 'Winter'. And dipping through the sky,
The swallows are already building their nests.
An example of this is 'Winter'.
An example of this is 'Winter'. They are perfectly easy,
If you know how. And this is an adverb,
And this is the conjunction, the article, and the verb, as
You will see when you get your paper, and the rain,
Rain trickles down the windowpane, and the clouds loom
in the sky,
For today, we had parts of speech.*

Ruth Heritage. 2X

The Maths lesson

*This week equations,
Dreaming, drifting, foreign worlds,
Ponies, horses, animals and boys.
You cross multiply those two,
So you get x,
Do you understand?
I understand. I understand that the grass is green.
That horses come in all shapes and sizes,
And that Maths teachers can explode with annoyance.
Bells ring inside my head.
The end of the lesson: my foreign lands
Disappear into another equation.*

Penny Jones. 2X

The Washing Television

*The summer of '84 was a hot one, and I liked to wear
my favourite shorts and T-shirt a lot, even though they got
very dirty, so my Mum was always washing them.*

*One day when I came in my Mum was putting my
shorts and T-shirt, along with some other dirty laundry,
in our washing machine. She added the washing powder
and fabric conditioner. After this little ritual had been
performed, I went into the lounge and started to watch
television with my older sister, Sarah.*

*"Ello, lui," Dad's voice sounded through the kitchen
door. "What's for tea?"*

"Pork pie and chips, dear," we heard Mum reply.

*I muttered under my breath, "Something original for a
change."*

*Dad came through into the lounge, and peered at the
television, through metal-rimmed glasses.*

*"You should read a book or something; you'll get
square eyes looking at that object," said Dad. He didn't
think much of the invention of the television. We only
had got one after a year's persuasion.*

*"Dad, there are some programmes which are very
educational, during the day, y'know. Much easier to
absorb the information than from a book," piped Sarah.*

*"Some! Bah, poppycock," Dad replied. With this he
stomped out of the room and up the stairs.*

*This was followed by a short, shrill scream from the
kitchen. Sarah and I rushed to the kitchen, to find Mum
standing as though she was pinned to the door.*

*"Don't you ever give those shorts or T-shirt to me
again," the washing machine said. It was, of course,
referring to my shorts and T-shirt.*

*When we opened the door the machine had turned
towards Sarah and me, and was now moving to both of
us. Sarah screamed and ran.*

*"Leg it!" I shouted, and ran out of the washing
machine's path.*

*The washing machine made a bee-line towards the
still-turned-on television. It made a rush at the television
and smashed it. The washing machine somehow managed
to grow hands and arms, and managed to put the
television's components in its washing compartment.*

*Mum appeared on the scene, and nearly fainted when
she saw the washing machine turn on the regional
magazine programme on B.B.C. 1. The picture appeared
in the washing compartment, and the sound came from
an untraceable source.*

*Mum, Sarah and I sat down to hear the news, before
Mum went to prepare the meal.*

*After the regional magazine programme, 'Tomorrow's
World' came on.*

*Dad came down and saw us watching the washing
machine and the broken television.*

"At least you won't get square eyes!" he remarked.

John Dickinson. 2Z

Me

It was as though I had been there all my life. I was contained in the secure tranquility of the bubble. Suspended, floating, this was my life; I knew nothing of the world outside my first home. There, everything was in slumber, but for the regular thumping sounds which made my security complete. There was no rush or urgency in the bubble. My lifeline supplied me with all that I needed; I didn't have to do anything but sleep. On reflection it must have been a dark world to inhabit, although I did not know it at the time – there was nothing with which to compare it. I loved my little world; it was so warm and cosy, and so simple. Everything followed a timed pattern except for a few distant murmurs which I could never place – they didn't seem to belong to my world and I did wonder about them sometimes but could never explain them. Eventually, like everything else around my bubble, I grew to accept them; that is until the day of my new beginning.

That day seemed to be different. I could sense urgency; there were changes all around. There was a throbbing surrounding my bubble. Somehow I was filled with a feeling of expectancy – everything surrounding me seemed to be alive. I could not sleep; every time I slipped into a feeling of somnolence a light spasm would jerk me into wakefulness. The sounds and vibrations were different, too; they lacked the secure regularity to which I had become accustomed. The beats grew stronger and my whole world was filled with their echoes and pulsating sounds. My bubble developed an energy of its own; my comfortable world was growing hostile. It jerked and contracted, urging me to move. I tried to resist it – I didn't want my peaceful world disturbed, but the pressure continued, squeezing, constricting, compressing my bubble, forcing me to leave. Everything was still dark, although a reddish light crept around me. A pressure greater than all the rest forced me down and into a tunnel. The tunnel pushed all around my head; I was terrified. It seemed inaccessible – a passage so narrow it would surely crush me to death. The inner beating within my body fluttered anxiously, weakening and erratic as the thumpings all around me grew louder, enclosing me in their echoes. The tunnel tightened, compressing me further, the very crush forcing me further. The red glow became softer – a bright light seemed to be taking over. The unexplained murmurs which I had heard so often before became clearer – not so muffled. I had always thought they were from a different, alien world. The further I was pushed, the louder they became. I felt a sense of curiosity as to what they were and where I was going – was there another bubble different to my own – a new world? It all seemed frightening; I longed for the comfort and familiarity of my bubble, but now it seemed so far away. The only way was onwards, although I feared this way was barred. The further I went the more I was forced to believe this. The tunnel seemed to be getting narrower – it was closing in on me, compressing me, further and further. The light was getting brighter – so bright it almost blinded me. I screwed up my eyes to try and shut it out, but all the time it was growing stronger.

There was a sudden, joyful release of pressure on my head as with one last lunge I shot from the tunnel. There was an explosion of light. A rush of air was sucked into my body. My chest began to move, matching the rhythm of the beat within myself. The shock of the air caused me to gasp. I opened my mouth and a piercing wail came from my very being. Somehow it encapsulated all the trauma of the experience through which I had passed. This new, alien world was no longer a bubble; it reached infinity. There were strange scents and sounds. I could see moving shadows which towered over and around me. My lifeline was severed and I was on my own in this hostile world. I shivered – it was cold. Suddenly I was propelled into the air and then down again and felt strength and warmth encompassing and enfolding me. An overwhelming sense of wellbeing came over me. I opened my eyes for the first time and gazed into soft, gentle eyes which were looking tenderly down on me. Pain and fear fled. Tranquillity and love surrounded me.

I was born.

Katbryn Read. 5X

The Last Train

The railway foreman jumped down from the coal carriage and wiped his hands on a piece of cloth from his pocket. He strode forward to the locomotive engine, past the gleaming, oiled wheels and connecting rods. The foreman stood at the front of the engine and stared at it. It was painted black with a red foreguard and with "J. Watts & Sons of Birmingham" in burnished brass across the front. The engine had come a long way to the eastern humidity of Ho Chin City. The foreman directed the waiting coolies to fill the engine's water tanks and walk back across the tracks to the station.

The foreman sat in the relative cool of the station and looked at the large, chattering crowds queueing at the entrance to the platforms. The queue went back to the doors, where government officers were trying to hold them back. The foreman could tell at a glance that those queueing were rich, with their tailored cotton shirts and handcrafted Italian shoes, and their most valuable possessions clutched close to them. The foreman looked down at his own worn overalls and battered sandals. They were queueing to get out of Ho Chin, away from the advancing guerilla forces and on to that train, the train which would take them over the Rachi river and to the safety of Sengon. The poor had no need to get out, for their plight would be no different. Any change of government would have no effect on their grinding poverty and they continued about their daily business, taking their baskets to the market to see what scraps they could find for their families, not sparing a look for the sight inside.

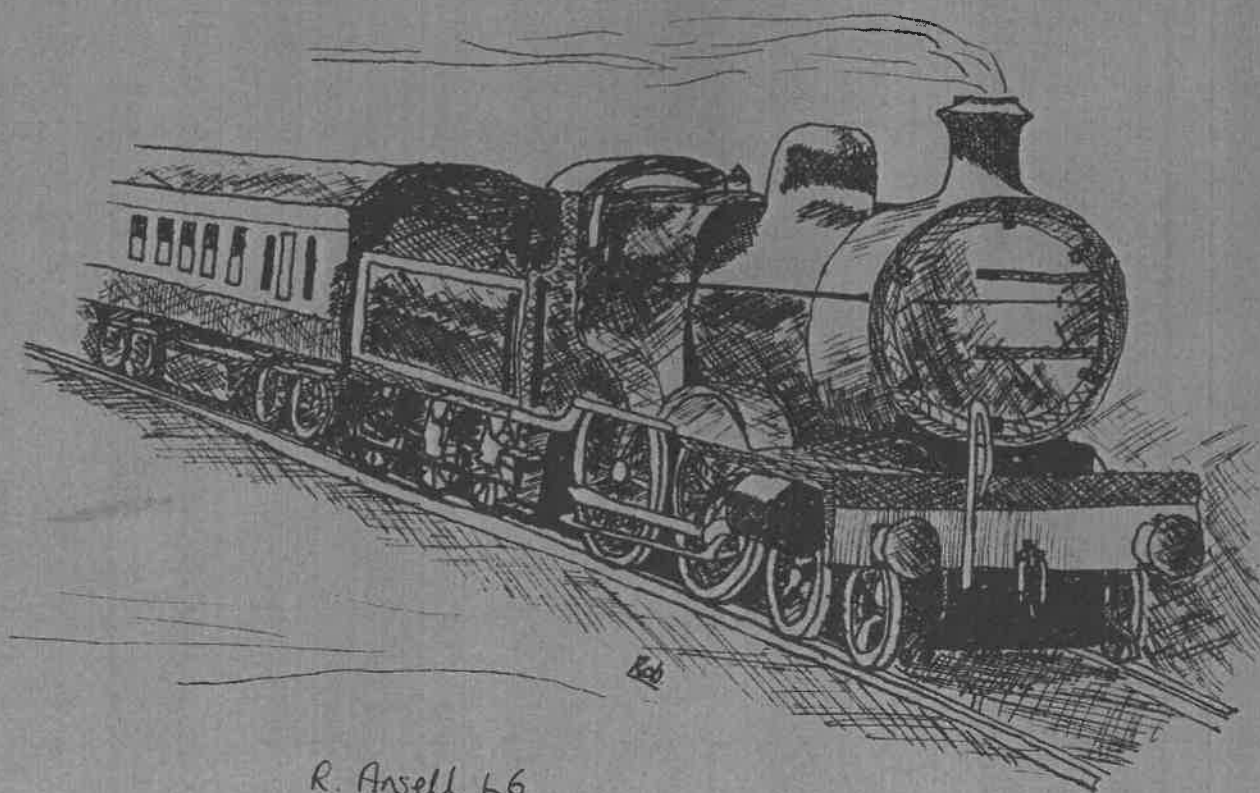
For those who had money it was far different. According to the approaching guerillas' Marxist theories, they were parasites and would need to be wiped out, under their new regime. That's why they queued and sweated in the crowd to get on that train. The last train, the only train in Ho Chin.

The noise of the bartering between crowd and guard for entry to the train was almost unbearable, until a group of government soldiers marched into the station, sweeping the crowd away before them. Following quickly after the soldiers were several government ministers with their guards. The foreman made his way out to the tracks, as with the government ministers aboard they would soon want the train to leave. He saw parts of the crowd returning and attempting to get a place on the train in the ministers' wake.

The train was ready to go as the coolies had long since finished their work, and the engine had several discharges of steam as the stoker laid in the coal. The foreman watched the last of the passengers hurry aboard, throwing their bags onto the already packed train. The foreman made his signal with his flag to the driver and the train rolled forward. He watched the faces of those aboard the crowded train and saw the relief only too evident on their faces. He turned and walked back to the station, past the weeping, unhappy remnants of the crowd and out of the station.

Yes, the last train, he thought, a fitting title. For the package he had left in the coal carriage would be activated above the Rachi gorge. The foreman smiled quietly to himself and continued on his way home, to prepare himself for his approaching comrades.

M. Postill 3Y

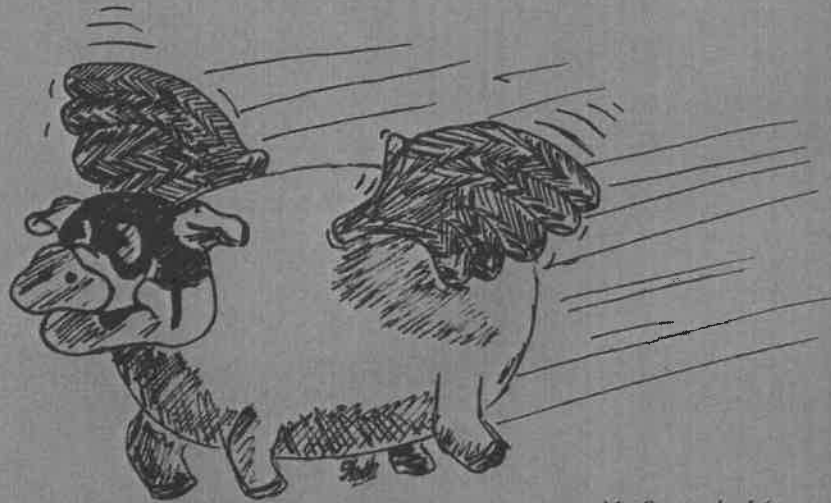


R. Ansell L6

Count Moneybags

*I tracked down to the bank one day, 'cos I was short of cash.
"Short of money?" asked a sign. "Come in, we've got a stash!"
I said, "I want my own account." A bank clerk told me
"Sorry...
On NO ACCOUNT do we give cash to people with no money!"
Later on the radio, I heard a newsman say...
"Count Moneybags, the millionaire, gives all his cash away!"
As I walked past the bank again, a big car stopped by me.
Count Moneybags was in the back "Take this," he cried,
"it's free!"
He tossed me out a sack of coins and notes in large amounts...
The bank can keep its money now, I've got my own - A COUNT'S!*

Paul Taylor, 3Z



M. Stuttard, L6

The Pig that Learned to Fly

*There was a pig that learned to fly,
Danny was his name.
He used to be unpopular,
Until his stardom came.
He wasn't good at landing,
Or at taking off.
On one occasion he hit a tree,
And landed in a trough.
He was only flying for a week,
Until he sadly died.
He flew into some cables,
And was electrified.*

Thomas Smith, 1X

The Games Lesson

The crisp packets and drink cartons circled in the corners of the alcoves between the buildings, and the rain, turning to sleet, was whipped into my face by the gale-force wind. The water was like a wave constantly drenching me, and my clothes were soaked through. I had only been outside for a few minutes.

The changing rooms were no warmer though there was no wind, and the rain only dropped down from the skylight. My rugby kit, soaked and muddy from the last games lesson, clung to my body and stung my flesh, raw with cold. The boots, after being left in my locker for several weeks, smelled mouldy and were damp and soft. I rammed them onto my feet and was instantly sorry.

I nonchalantly scraped the debris out of my bag, searching in vain for my tracksuit, when I remembered that it had been left in a soggy, festering mess in the middle of my bedroom floor.

Completely ignoring the thought of the weather outside, I stepped through the doorway into a sheet of hailstones, which shortly produced a painful series of red marks over my exposed legs. I dived quickly back into the relative safety of the corridor, but was ordered out by the games staff just as sharply.

Ignoring the cold, biting weather, the small group of huddled bodies prepared to run the few hundred metres to the bottom of the field where the trees, though sparsely clad with leaves, would protect our shivering frames.

On the word 'Go!' the stopwatch started to tick onwards, and the staff went back inside the building to wait for us. The crowd of people spread out, with the fastest runners at the front, the intermediates following, and then me, struggling along, half blinded by the elements of the storm, and tripping over the rough ground.

The deep puddles looked deceptively shallow and many times I was up to my knees in the murky, dank water. My laces had come undone and with every step they whipped the back of my legs, sending a searing pain which slowed my pace, allowing the other runners to get a greater lead.

When the last remnants of the other runners had disappeared round the corner of the gate, I managed to trip over a root protruding from the ground, but judging by the many scuffle marks around the lump, I was by no means the first. I landed head over heels in the stagnant, filthy water and mud, which left a streaked pattern down the front of my soggy running shirt.

I dragged myself up into a slouching position, and ran on, cold and miserable, to the bridge, which was covered with ice, and as I made my way across, the thin sheet broke, allowing freezing water to trickle over the side of my boot, numbing the blistered limb. The cold liquid stung and froze.

Through the haze of my bewildered mind, I noticed that I was approaching the end of the run, and that the school's dour and depressing buildings were once more in view. I dragged my heavy legs over the finish line, and my time was recorded, way down the list.

As if to mock me, the moment that I stepped through the door, a patch of hazy sunlight appeared, and the games staff ushered my aching, staggering body in, laughing to themselves at some private joke.

Andrew Farnhill. 4Y

The Outing

Today we are going to the Earth.
 "Which planet is that?" people say.
 "The cold one?"
 "The big one?"
 "No, the blue one."
 "Ah, the blue one.
 The one that is third from the sun."
 Today we are going to the Earth.
 "What will it be like?" people say.
 "Is it flat?"
 "Is it square?"
 "No, it's round."
 "Ah, round,
 Like our live-in capsules."
 Today we are going to the Earth.
 "How will we get there?" people say.
 "By space-car?"
 "By shuttle-bus?"
 "No, by solar-train."
 "Ah, by solar-train,
 Our quickest method of travel."
 Today we have reached the Earth.
 "Oooh, what is that?" people say.
 "Is it planet dust?"
 "Is it crater rock?"
 "No, it's sand."
 "Ah, sand,
 The crystals washed by the sea."
 Today we have reached the Earth.
 "Where is everybody?" people say.
 "In the discodromes?"
 "In the hyperstores?"
 "No, in the Limpystade."
 "Ah, in the Limpystade,
 Watching the Earthletes compete."
 Today we went to the Earth....
 "Where shall we go tomorrow?"

Louise Green. 3Y

Backward Poem

One summer's day in September, last July,
 The sun lay thick upon the ground, the snow shone in the sky.
 The trees were twittering merrily, the birds were in full bloom.
 As I went into the cellar to clean an upstairs room,
 I looked out of the window and had a startling fright,
 For just ten thousand miles away a house stood out of sight.
 The doors were shut and open, the front was at the back,
 And, please believe me when I say, the walls were white-washed black.

Nicholas Green. 2Z

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."*

I urged my weary hooves onward; the forces of evil were all around me; I could feel them pressing against me, attempting to prevent me from completing my errand. I knew that if I did not reach the King by nightfall, all would be lost. Suddenly, in front of me, I saw a dark wood, surrounded by rowan trees. At least it would conceal me. A surge of hope ran through my blood as I galloped towards the wood in an attempt to shake off my pursuers. It worked! A crowd of rooks appeared from thin air, and dived at me, but they were too late. I crossed the tiny, silver stream and entered the haven.

I checked in the small leather pouch attached to my quiver of arrows – yes, the crystal of light was still there, shimmering with power and white magic. I took it out and admired it, then replaced it reverently in its pouch.

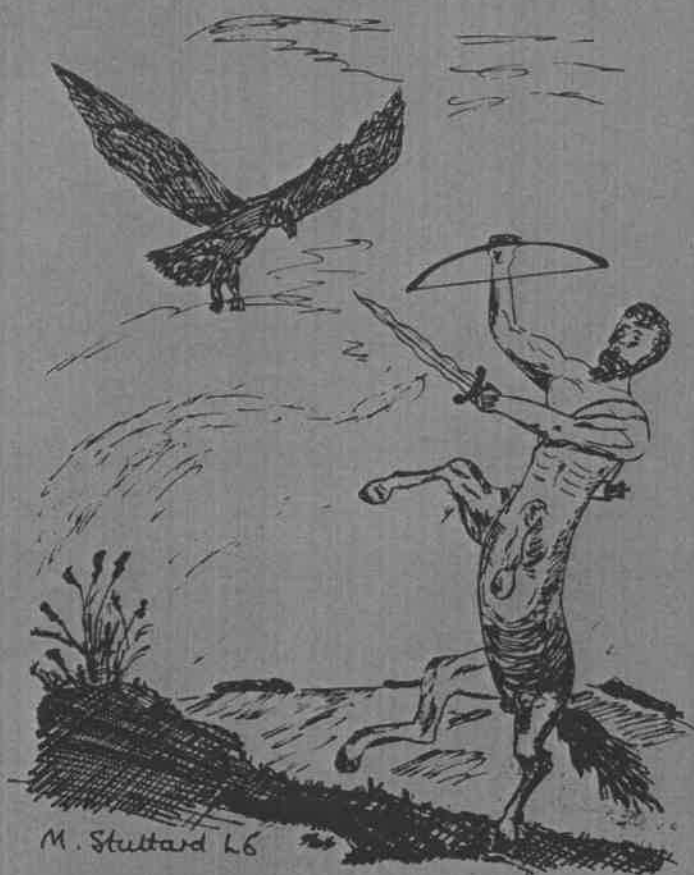
From outside the wood, looking in, I had thought solely of my escape from the powers of evil; but now I was inside I could appreciate its true beauty. It reminded me of the time when I was a young, carefree centaur, in the days before the evil war came to our land. Snowdrops nodded their beautiful heads, and it seemed to me, that inside the wood, all sense of hurry and time was lost. Sunlight filtered through the trees, and a gentle breeze whispered across the bracken, which lay in large, green patches through the wood. It took me some time to realise how full of life the wood was, for all its timelessness. Rabbits scattered as I made my way towards them; then, from behind a tree, a dryad appeared attired in beech leaves, followed by another dressed with holly flowers. Water nymphs wound their ways about the rushes, as if performing a complicated dance. Dragonflies darted to and fro, gleaming like jewels in the filtered light of the sun. Yet for all its light within, the boundaries of the wood each side of me appeared dark and mysterious; I made no attempt to approach them.

I was trotting quietly now, most thoughts of my errand forgotten, and I revelled in its pure, unspoiled loveliness, loveliness of a type which in my childhood had been commonplace, but now was as rare as snow in summer.

A bright light shone ahead of me, coming towards it, I saw that the cause was a large, oak-lined glade, patterned by the marks of tiny hooves – and the remains of a bonfire. When I entered into the light, a sudden realisation of time passing hit me; already the sun was low against the tree tops, and I had promised faithfully to deliver the crystal of light to the King before nightfall. If I failed, there would be no stopping the forces of evil invading the whole land of Aris, and I still had miles to go.

I consulted my map, seeing only a long journey ahead of me, with attacks beating down on me, from all sides, as I would soon have to leave the sanctuary of the wood. Again I checked that the crystal of light was safe. This time also, I tested my bow, and my sword. This action was more from force of habit than anything else, as the powers against which we were pitched were not of the kind to be defeated by mere sword fights or archery. The only weapon with any power against them was the crystal, and then only when wielded by the correct hand. I continued my journey, refreshed, and encouraged by the brief interlude, but aware of the ominous clouds gathering overhead.

Esther Smith. 5Y



Loneliness

For many people this would be an opportunity to indulge in great sentimental recollections of deserted beaches, empty platforms and lost lovers. But loneliness is something more than emphatic sentiment; it's something deeper than floods of tears and obvious displays of misery and desperation. Real loneliness is something that we all experience for a moment, or a minute or maybe for a lifetime. My experience of this phenomenon is probably one that many people encounter, yet it is as individual as we are.

It occurred a few years ago when I had just turned eleven. It is an impressionable age, I admit, but by then my thinking and acting had lost its childish overtones and I had just begun to question things which before I had simply accepted. One of these was my faith. I was sitting in a church; the church was a familiar place for I had graced its pews twice a week for as long as my memory had served me. I was taking part in another religious ritual, Confession, for it was Lent and I had to be spiritually cleansed before the coming of Easter. As usual I was the last one in the queue of repentant youths, for I liked to regurgitate my sins so I could offer the priest a reasonable list of events. It was a particularly cold day and I huddled closer into the corner of the hard oak pew, desperately trying to extract some warmth. I tucked my blue hands into their respective pockets and after a while my eyes began to wander around the church, taking in its numerous and exquisite diversions. Firstly there were the huge wooden roofs, with beams running to and fro overhead, bedecked with ornate carving and symmetrical decorations. Then there were the solitary, stone pillars which supported the roofs with their timeless, solid strength. Below this towering frame there was the altar, mounted on stone steps, so it was held high above a meek congregation, displaying its crisp white lines and fronted with a colourful carving of da Vinci's 'Last Supper'. And through the misty clouds of my breath I could see the statues, mounted on the semi-circular wall above the altar. They were all there, the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, St. Joseph, St. Francis, St. John, St. George, St. Catherine and Jesus Christ. I thought, "Why all this splendour and expense? It's a temple for something that probably doesn't exist!"

And for a moment the statues that hovered above the altar turned and looked down on me and cried,

"Be weak, be meek, pray to the Lord God Almighty to forgive your inquisitive soul. If you dare deny His presence, may you forever burn in Hell!"

And I wanted to shout back my anger but my screams stuck in my throat and I sat clutching my prayer book, bating God for what he stood for and all the fear he wrought inside me. I denied eternal life, heaven, hell, infinity and Him.

Then I felt the void which I had created; I was alone in the church, in the world and the universe; loneliness swept over me in waves. Its demons swirled and shrieked over my head and I felt I was being pulled down a million fathoms into a deep, dark pit where there was nothing but darkness and echoes. I was alone. I realised what I had done and in a surge of weak humility I reached out and apologised.

The red light over the door flicked on and I entered the little room, knelt before the black curtain and recited my list to the priest, whilst inwardly praying that my soul was being dragged up from the lonely pit towards eternity.

Alison De Maine 5Z



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R.A.F. Section

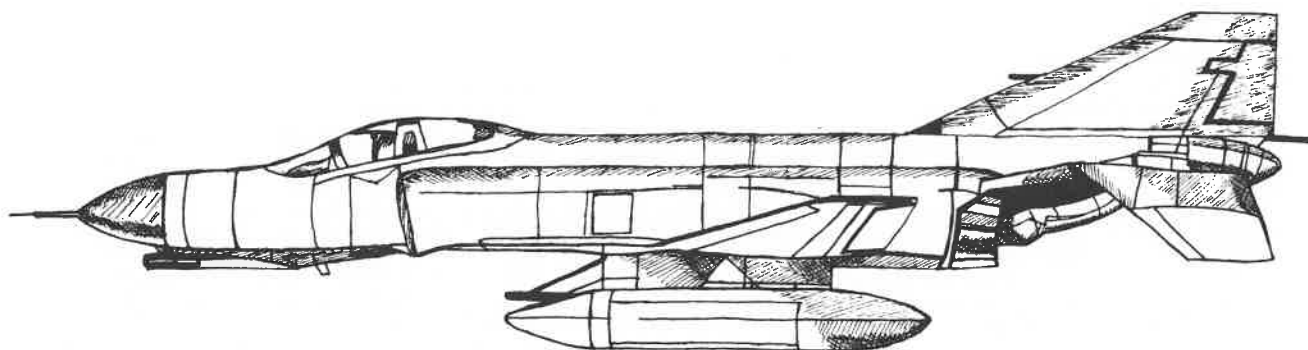
This has been another successful year for the R.A.F. Section, with yet another increased intake of Fourth years. The sections were sorted out and all new cadets passed their Recruits Test and Weapons Test on the G.P. rifle, thanks to the efforts of F.O. Gardiner and N.C.O.'s. The Fifth year cadets have achieved good results, with all passing Part 2 Proficiency and already passing the Advanced Headquarters Air Cadet Examinations, thanks to the efforts of Flt./Lt. Greaves, accompanying N.C.O.'s and S.L.N.C.O. F/Sgt. Williams. Some interesting projects were produced, particularly an aircraft recognition slide presentation, accompanied by strange noises over the recorded talk, which turned out to be "Top of the Pops"! Other projects are still in the "wind tunnel" being tested.

The Lower 6th Cadre fluctuated in numbers for a few weeks in September, but then settled into their instruction from both R.A.F. and Army sources. Air Experience Flying has only been possible once – very disappointing – so Field Days have been more varied with a visit to R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse, wind surfing at Martinmere Leisure Centre, Orienteering at Arnside and training at Weeton and Borwick with the Army Section.

We entered the aircraft recognition competition achieving reasonable results and hope to do well in the Drill Competition later this term.

Easter Camp was a return visit to R.A.F. Leuchars with 23 Cadets attending. It was a very energetic week, including section visits to Air Traffic Control, Phantom and Search and Rescue Squadrons, the dog fight, fire section and many others. There was also an interesting night exercise and a great opportunity to spend two afternoons in a section of the cadets' choice, seeing what really happens behind the scenes. Unfortunately the gliding had to be cancelled but all went flying. To round off, this year has been successful and we hope next year will be more so! Special thanks must go to Flt./Lt. Greaves (Mrs. "G"), F.O. Gardiner (Surfin' Si) with also a special mention to C.I. Neil Whitehead for his invaluable help at R.A.F. Leuchars.

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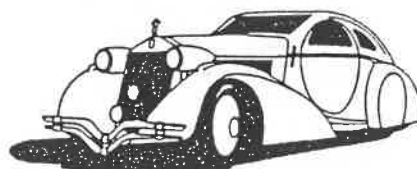
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SOCIETIES

Astronomical and Science Fiction Society

Chairman: Mr. J. S. Roberts
Secretary: M. J. Ward
Treasurer: E. Smith

The society has recently changed its name from Astronomical Society to Astronomical and Science Fiction Society. This new name now enables us to include Science Fiction items as well as Astronomical material. This change has been successful and has attracted some new members, especially from the junior end of the school.

We have tried to keep an equal number of talks, and have not totally deleted the "Astronomical" aspect of the society. We have therefore had various astronomically – based talks and videos including, "This Term's Sky", "Mercury", "Mars", "Neptune", "Meteors and Meteorites" and "The Stars". On the Science Fiction side we have watched videos on "Dr. Who" and episodes of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy". For the first time we included a Christmas Party, and we have had various quizzes over the year.

Our membership has been quite steady and we have members throughout the school. At the moment we are planning a trip to the London Planetarium which is scheduled for the Summer Term.

I, on behalf of the Society, would like to thank Mr. Roberts for all his hard work as Chairman, and Richard Debicki for his work as Secretary last year.

Michael Ward (L6A)

Auto Society

Chairman: Mr. F. Bostock
Treasurer: A. M. Heaton
Secretary: P. H. Gaskin

The Auto society has been running rather quietly over the past year. Our meetings consisted of the renovation and driving of the go-kart, and the showing of some BBC "Top Gear" videos.

Mr. Bostock is now looking for a new committee, as Mark Heaton, the Treasurer, and Paul Gaskin, the Secretary, are leaving.

May I thank Mr. Bostock and Mr. Mitchell for their interest and enthusiasm and I wish the Auto Society every success in the future.

P. Gaskin (Pre)

Wargaming Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. Long
Secretary: M. F. Jameson
Treasurer: P. Walmesley

It has been another successful year for the society, with renewed interest in the junior part of the school. Meetings have been held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Also this year, some of the societies reference books had to be replaced due to overuse, and we intend to issue a fact-sheet about the society to next year's first-year.

New members are always welcome.

M. F. Jameson (4Y)

Photographic Society

Chairman: Mr. R. Porter
Secretary: D. Kings
Treasurer: R. Baines

At the end of last term, I took over responsibility for the Photographic Society from Michael Lees. We offer our thanks to Michael for his leadership and expert photographic knowledge.

Throughout the term there have been weekly meetings, with an influx of second year pupils learning about the camera and its functions.

Hopefully, the Photographic Society will be able to run a photographic competition if more interest is shown.

D. Kings (4X)

Electronics Society

Chairman: Mr. Jobling
Treasurer: M. Hood
Secretary: S. McArdle

This term has been very eventful and the Fairground project has got underway.

Many new Junior and Senior members were attracted to the Society this year and they have been involved in their own private projects, ranging from burglar alarms to keyboards and radios.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Jobling, the Chairman, and Mark Hood, the Treasurer, for their invaluable help.

S. McArdle (5Y)

Fell Walking Society

Chairman: Dr. B. M. Summers
Secretary: N. Taylor
Treasurer: G. J. Pearson

The first walk of the school year was to Ingleborough from Ingleton, on 18th September. As usual for the first walk in the Winter Term, the party was a large one, and many borders were persuaded to go by an enthusiastic Mr. Skeens! The day ended with an interesting journey into the Ingleborough caves.

On 16th October, we went to Helvellyn, via Striding Edge. After climbing through mist, we finally came out above cloud level. It was an amazing view, and the weather was very warm. We came down by Swirral Edge.

In November we went to the Langdale Pikes, to Stickle Tarn. There was an exciting, strenuous climb up Jack's Rake to Pavey Ark. We then went over Harrison Stickle and Pike O'Stickle.

In February we went from Oxendale up Crickle Crag. It was very windy – Tudor Jones being blown off his feet. There was also horizontal rain; Mr. Skeens was given his first real taste of Lakeland weather.

On 12th March we went to Longsleddale. The route was: up Kentmere Pike to Hartel Fell, returning via Gatescarth Pass. Snow was actually found; so the ancient art of "Poly-bagging" was perfected by all.

Many people enjoy walking, but seldom come on the walks; the price is still only £2. Parents and friends are always welcome.

G. J. Pearson (4Z)

Sixth Form Union

Chairman: Mr. R. J. Watson
President: P. Mellor
Secretary: C. Gault
Treasurer: T. Brammer
Committee: D. Livesey, J. Musson, L. Riley, A. Midgley, V. Morris, B. Craven, D. Hatton

Last Summer saw the culmination of much planning and organisation: rooms 26, 27 and 28 finally became the new Sixth Form Common Rooms. The rooms had been refurbished during the Summer holidays and were ready for use at the beginning of the Winter Term. After a meeting of the committee, it was decided to purchase some curtains for the S.F.C.R.

In January a coffee machine was installed in the S.F.C.R. and this has proved to be a much appreciated addition to Sixth Form life, as well as boosting Sixth Form funds: the suppliers of the machine give us back a proportion of the profits.

At the moment the Committee is looking to purchase two radio-cassette players from Sixth Form funds. Mr. Porter is in the process of sending away Sixth Form artwork to be framed and this, along with various potplants yet to be purchased, will complete the decoration of the S.F.C.R.

The Sixth Form would like to thank Mr. Watson for all the work he has carried out on their behalf which has resulted in the pleasant surroundings.

C. Gault, UVIA

Maths Club

Chairman: Mrs. S. Fletcher
Secretary: D. Smith
Treasurer: C. Tudor-Jones

The Maths Club has thrived this year, with twelve to fourteen members attending each meeting. Among this year's activities we have made models of mathematical curiosities, magic squares and a diabolical framework, we have investigated happy and sad numbers, and we have studied aerodynamics (that means we made, and flew, paper aeroplanes of various designs).

Mathspy, a series of televised programmes, has caught the imagination of members, so much so that by popular request we now have two meetings a week (Wednesday and Friday). These programmes tell the story of two spies and their incompetent boss on the trail of a foreign agent. Each programme ends with a clue which the viewers must solve before the next episode.

On open evening we put on a display with members making models of "Magic Roses", one of our many mathematical curiosities, and we brought a computer down to our room, where we loaded "Snook", one of the maths games, and invited parents and pupils to play.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Gault for organising never ending pursuits and games for us.

Deborah Smith (2Z)

Natural History Society

Chairman: Mr. A. R. Baines
Secretary: T. Connolley
Treasurer: Esther Smith

The past eight months have been a period of varied society activity, the Winter Term programme encompassing such diverse topics as Arctic Wildlife and African Bushmen. This assortment of themes proved popular with junior members, whose continued interest is vital for the future of the society.

A new and novel venture was the participation of four of our keenest members in a knock-out quiz, sponsored by the Institute of Biology and local industry. Esther and Deborah Smith (5Y and 2Z), Daniel Kings (4X) and Conrad Beaumont (3Z), were drawn away to Queen Mary School, Lytham.

The team was well supported on the night by fellow pupils (plus lucky panda mascot), but the panda was not lucky enough, our team being defeated by just one point, scoring 45 points to Queen Mary's 46. However, the lapel badges and certificates of participation will serve as a pleasant reminder of a challenging evening.

The Spring Term commenced with a discussion of food additives, presented by Deborah Smith and friends. Our guest speaker this term was Mr. L. Turnbull, who gave two absorbing talks on his exploration and survey work in Greenland and Spitzbergen. We thank him for his time and trouble, wishing him every success with his forthcoming expedition, once again to Greenland.

1989 is the society's twenty-first birthday year, so look out for our special Open Day display this summer. We recently became affiliated to the British Naturalists' Association, making their publication *Countryside* available to our members.

All of these activities would not be possible without our chairman, Mr. A. R. Baines, but, as secretary, I would also like to thank all members, past and present, whose enthusiasm has made this such a long-lived and flourishing society. Here's to the next twenty-one years!

T. Connolley (L6Sc)



Chess Club

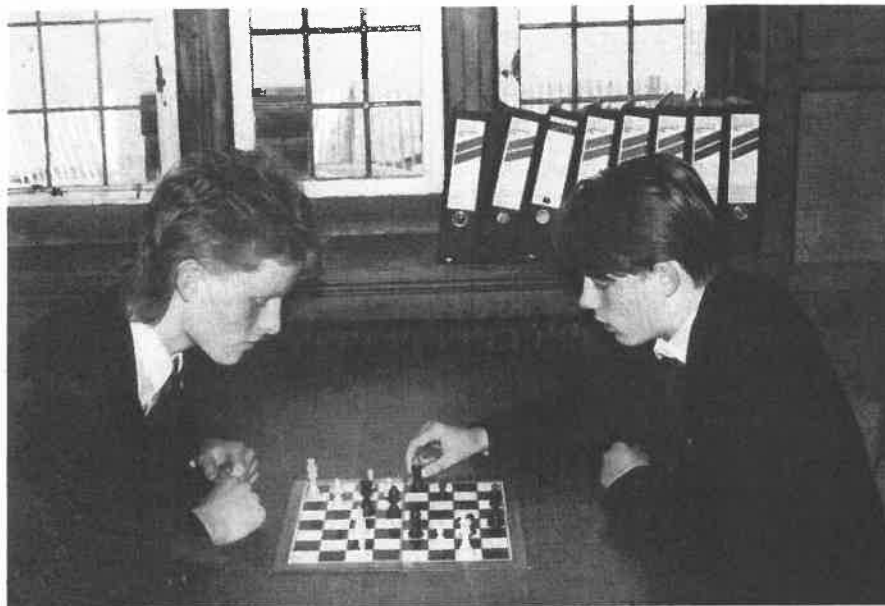
Chairman: Mr. I Rushton
Secretary: J. R. Musson
Treasurer: P. B. Mellor

The last twelve months have seen a great interest in the club, with the Monday lunchtime meetings being regularly well attended. Again, a particularly large number of juniors have attended, which was good to see.

The Chess Club organised the house chess competition which, again, was won convincingly by a very strong Fylde House team.

Thanks must go to all the players who keep the club going with their continued support, and to Mr. Rushton for giving his time to run the club smoothly.

J. R. Musson (U6Sci)



Bridge Club

Chairman: Mr. I. Rushton
Secretary: P. Mellor
Treasurer: T. Brammer

This past year has seen a large increase in activity for the bridge club, with several teams playing within the school.

Meetings have been held at lunchtimes, with a large turnout of members, mainly from the sixth form.

After last year's success in the *Daily Mail* U18 Bridge competition we decided to enter a team for the Lancashire Bridge League.

The team remained unbeaten as a result of a strong team performance, recording a 6-0 victory against Southport and Bolton G.S. and managing to pull off a 3-3 draw against strong opposition at Stoneyhurst.

This resulted in us winning the Lancashire Bridge League, and later in the year we will be representing Lancashire in the North of England finals.

The team remained unchanged and was; D. Carroll (Captain), W. Carroll, R. Moyes and J. Baron.

It leaves me now to thank Mr. Rushton for all the tireless hard work that he has put in over the year and to wish the Bridge Club good luck in the future.

D. Carroll (Prefect)



Bridge team (left to right): D. Carroll, W. Carroll, J. Baron, R. Moyes.
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Results of Inter-House Competitions 1988/89

Summer Term 1988

Event	Winner	Runners-up
Athletics	School	Fylde
Tennis (Jnr.)	Fylde	Preston
Tennis (Sen.)	Fylde	Kirkham
Cricket (Jnr.)	Kirkham	School
Cricket (Sen.)	Fylde	School
Rounders (Jnr.)	School	Preston
Work Cup	Fylde	Kirkham

Winter Term 1988

Netball (Jnr.)	Kirkham	Preston
Hockey (Jnr.)	Kirkham	Preston
Play Reading	School	Fylde

Spring Term 1989

Rugby '7' (Jnr.)	School	Kirkham
Rugby '7' (Inter.)	School	Fylde
Rugby '7' (Sen.)	School	Fylde
Music	Fylde	Kirkham
Cross Country (Jnr.) Boys	Fylde	Kirkham
Cross Country (Jnr.) Girls	Kirkham	School
Cross Country (Inter.) Boys	Fylde	Kirkham
Cross Country (Sen.) Boys	School	Fylde
Cross Country (Sen.) Girls	Fylde	School
Chess	Fylde	Preston
Debating	Fylde	Kirkham
*Badminton	Kirkham	School
Hockey (Sen.)	Kirkham	School
Swimming	Kirkham	Fylde

*New event.

A.R.B.

Fylde House

Housemaster: Dr. B. M. Summers

House Captains: J. Collinson, J. R. Musson

Fylde House has had a great deal of success in both academic and sporting house competitions.

Academically, we won the Work Cup, beating Kirkham House in the summer term. In the Play Reading we came a very close second to School House, with good acting from all the cast, especially G. Gillespie and E. Cartwright.

The Fylde House chess team had another runaway victory in the House Chess, with all the other houses beaten out of sight. The team of J. Musson, D. Carroll, S. Ray, J. Blackburn, N. Hill and B. Stead didn't lose a match, with some players not dropping a game.

This was the second year of the new-style Music Competition, and Fylde again managed to win the trophy, due to the large number of Fylde entries making the final. These were: D. Carroll, S. Ray, V. Eyre and N. Watkinson, D. Smith, D. Cartwright and E. Cartwright, E. Giles and K. Whittle, F. Kirk-Smith, R. Chant and W. Carroll. Many thanks must go to the two Carrolls for chasing around for competitors, and for good organisation.

In the debating competition, we beat School House in the semi-final, despite noisy and overwhelming support for them, which meant a place in the final against Kirkham. Fylde were opposing the motion, "Nothing can any longer be won on the playing fields of Eton", which seemed a mystery title to everyone except the two Carrolls, who spoke well and managed to score a narrow victory over Kirkham, despite a sad lack of support from the floor (especially the seniors!).

On to the sporting side. In the Junior Cricket we were let down by poor batting, losing to School in the semi, but the Seniors fared better, beating School convincingly in the final after a poor start, with an all-round fine team performance.

Both the Junior and Senior tennis teams won quite easily, again with fine team performances.

In the athletics, the all too familiar positions of School 1st, Fylde 2nd were repeated once again. There were good individual performances, especially by L. Wickham (winner of Victrix Ludorum for Senior girls) and G. Morson (winner of Victrix Ludorum for Intermediate girls).

The rugby competition was slightly changed this year, with a sevens competition – each House playing every other House. The Junior Team battled hard, even though they weren't that clear on the sevens game; the Intermediate Team played magnificently, beating Preston well, coming back to beat Kirkham, but just losing to School 18–14. S. Bradley and P. Yeung were outstanding. The Seniors put up a valiant performance, and just like the Intermediates they easily beat Preston 32–0, and Kirkham 20–0, but lost to School 18–12 in a closely contested last game.

In the girls events, the Junior netball team lost to a strong Kirkham team, who went on to win the competition. In the hockey, the Juniors were 1–0 up at half-time, but lost 3–1 to the eventual winners – a marvellous effort from all. The Seniors lost to School in the semi-final 2–1, which was a game fit for the final.

Fylde fared well in the dreaded cross country races. The Junior boys won easily, I. Bonar being the victor. The Senior girls also had a very fine win. A. Fryer won the Junior girls race, and B. Craven won the Senior boys race, but had no back-up from the rest of the Fylde runners. The Intermediate boys all ran well, finishing a very close second by three points.

In the swimming, Fylde did well, coming second to a very strong Kirkham team. Thanks to J. Collinson and J. Collinson for organising the boys and girls teams.

Finally, I would like to thank all the 6th formers who helped organise the events, all members of the House who made it a successful year for Fylde, and Dr. Summers and the rest of the staff in helping the House run smoothly.

J. R. Musson. (U6Sci)



Bruce Craven, Senior Victor Ludorum.

Kirkham House

Housemaster: Mr. A. Baines

House Captains: R. Moyes, J. Moyes

Over the past 12 months Kirkham House has won seven of the Inter-House competitions.

The summer term got off to a bad start and finished equally badly, with Kirkham being knocked out of four competitions in the semi-finals. Both the Senior and Junior Tennis Teams lost by four sets to five against School House and Preston House respectively. The Senior Cricket Team, also losing in the semi-finals against Fylde House, lost by just one run. However, the Junior Cricket Team made up for this by winning the Junior Cricket Competition by beating School House in the final.

The Junior girls were put out of the running for the Rounders Trophy in the semi-finals against Preston House; this defeat was followed by third place in the athletics on Sports Day. The House did, however, gain 14 first places on the day, the outstanding performance of the afternoon for the House coming from D. Hatton, who won the Senior Victor Ludorum.

The Play Reading competition saw Kirkham finish in fourth place. Their entry into this competition, "When we are married", and the position, fourth, either means that we are destined to remain single, or not to enter the acting profession.

The spring term saw us win six trophies. The Swimming trophy returned to Kirkham House this year, with excellent performances by C. Butterworth and C. Kenward, and the Intermediate Boys Medley Relay Team, who smashed the existing record by thirteen seconds!

Kirkham's Senior Girls Hockey Team won the Hockey competition, with the final against School House being decided by penalty flicks. The eventual score was Kirkham 3, School 2.

The Junior girls have performed excellently this term by winning the Cross-country, the Hockey and the House Netball competitions.

Due to our badminton talent the House was confident of winning the new Badminton competition. This proved to be correct when the team claimed this new trophy, with excellent victories by Craig Piggott.

The final of the debate saw Kirkham proposing the motion, "Nothing can any longer be won on the playing fields of Eton". Excellent speeches were delivered by our speakers, R. Debicki and C. Gault, but they were let down by a lack of support from the floor; probably due to the fact that very few members of the House actually understood the title!

This academic year has seen the House come third in the Chess and second in the Music competitions. However, twelve of the thirty entries in the final of the Music competition belonged to Kirkham House, showing the wide variety of talent in the House. Many thanks should go to Chris Turner for all his hard work.

The new Rugby sevens competition saw Kirkham's Juniors finish in a pleasing second place, whilst the Intermediates and Seniors both finished a disappointing third.

Thanks must go to House organisers, reserves, officials, marshals, markers, linesmen and recorders for standing in, what is usually, the cold. Thanks must, of course, also go to the staff, and especially Mr. Baines, for their continued support and enthusiasm.

R. Moyes (Pre)

Preston House

Housemaster: Mr. B. F. Taylor

House Captain: R. J. O'Neil

It seems, from the results in the majority of academic and sporting events, that Preston House this year has had a motto of: "So near and yet so far".

Unfortunately, in the summer term, Preston House were unable to show any real success, apart from in the Junior tennis and the Junior rounders, where both teams managed to progress to the finals of their events, and on Sports Day when Pippa Bashford became the Junior Victrix Ludorum and R. Johnson and J. Gornall did well in winning two events each.

The winter term again proved to be one of mixed results, with the main stumbling block in our quest for trophies in the girls section being Kirkham House. In both the Junior hockey and netball we progressed to the finals, but on both occasions were beaten by Kirkham, and a similar fate was to come our way in the Senior hockey in the semi-final. In the Play Reading we were very unfortunate to come third after very close scoring, and to lose to Kirkham House in the semi-final of the Debating cup, with a large majority of the audience thinking that T. Connolley and J. Gornall had performed sufficiently well to progress to the final.

The spring term once again brought some success, but unfortunately for the House it was only on an individual basis. In the Junior girls cross country M. Mann and J. Cuthbert came second and fifth respectively, and in the Junior boys the Coventry brothers came a creditable sixth and ninth.

The Intermediate boys finally brought team success to the House by winning the cross country, with P. Nand, first, and A. Nelson, fourth, being the cornerstone of the team. In the Senior events the boys and girls both came fourth, but R. Johnson gave a good performance coming third in the boys, and W. Hart coming eleventh in the girls.

On the rugby field, the event was reduced to a sevens competition. The Seniors were unfortunate to come fourth, but injuries and university interviews robbed the team of the more experienced players. In the Intermediate rugby it was believed that Preston House had a reasonably strong team, but this failed to materialise as a lack of knowledge in rugby sevens was evident, although Clegg must be singled out for his excellent defence and for scoring probably the best solo try of the day. In the Junior rugby the House came a creditable second, ably lead by Coventry.

The Music competition, unfortunately, gave us another fourth place, but particular reference must go to L. Chadwick, J. Cuthbert, H. Hart, G. Taylor and A. McEwan who all gave excellent performances in the finals of their respective sections.

In the House swimming competition Preston House once again ended up in fourth position, but as in all other events the effort and willingness can not be criticised, with Le Coustre, Clegg and Doughty swimming particularly well. The spring term ended on a relatively high note with the chess team coming second. Once again, unbeatable Fylde won the competition.

Most important of all, though, is the competing, and I would like to point out that there has been no lack of enthusiasm in the House, but more a lack of luck.

Finally, as House captain, I would like to thank the Senior members of the House for helping in the organisation of events, the rest of the House for co-operating and Mr. Taylor and the other staff members for offering their assistance when it was required.

R. J. O'Neil (Pre)

School House

Housemaster: Mr. M. J. Summerlee

House Captain: M. Rawcliffe

The start of the academic year in September saw the arrival of Mr. Skeens. His enthusiasm in the House was to result in a number of changes throughout the year. On a sad note, though, Miss Easterbrook will be leaving us at the end of the Easter term and we wish her well for the future.

Unusually, this report is starting with good news about the academic side of the House and not the sporting. At the end of the winter term it was announced that School House had come second in the Work Cup, a feat not achieved for many a year. This caused gasps of amazement from the rest of the School who usually take great delight in laughing when we come last.

On the sporting side, School House had a good start last summer, retaining, for the seventh year in succession, the Athletics Cup. Performances were excellent, especially from J. Cookson and P. Buckley on the boys side and K. Salt on the girls.

The cricket was a little more encouraging this year, with both the Senior and Junior teams winning through to the final, but unfortunately losing to Fylde and Kirkham respectively.

The rugby again this year was of the highest quality. The House fielded strong teams in all the categories; Senior, Intermediate and Junior, and each were undefeated, resulting in a clean sweep for the House. There were many performances worthy of a mention but to single them out would take a long time. Another victory came in the Junior rounders, beating Preston in the final. A new House event was introduced this year, a House Badminton competition, in which we reached the final but were unlucky to meet a very strong Kirkham side.

The cross-country again brought about groans throughout the house but we put out fairly strong teams. The Junior and Intermediate Boys both gained third place. In the Junior Girls section the team finished in second place, with a good run from U. Bycroft. Both the Senior teams performed admirably, with L. Wilson finishing a close second. With the rest of the team finishing high in the field we won the Senior Boys' event. The girls also had a number of runners in the top ten, with J. Scarisbrick finishing first.

In the Junior hockey we lost our first match and in the final of the Senior event we unfortunately lost on penalty flicks to Kirkham after a 1-1 draw. The chess competition was not as successful as last year but the team showed signs that things will become better.

The Music competition was again a great success. Although we only managed third place, an enjoyable time was had by all and the rendition of "Grease Lightning" by the third and fourth year boys will long be remembered by the audience. Debating was unfortunately not as successful, with the House getting knocked out by Fylde in the semi-final. The Play reading turned out to be a resounding win, with the production of "Unhand Me, Squire" taking the competition by storm.

Altogether this was a good year for School House, gaining a number of academic as well as sporting successes.

It only remains for me to thank all the pupils and staff for their assistance and co-operation. It is very much appreciated in helping the House to run smoothly throughout the year.

M. Rawcliffe (Pre.)



The start of the Senior boys 800 metres race.

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G. H. Sowerbutts

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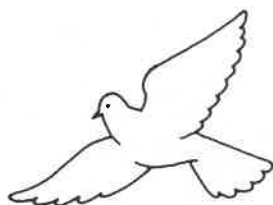
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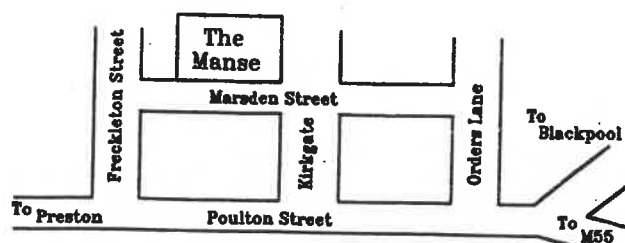
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BOYS' GAMES REPORTS

Summer 1988

Athletics

The last two years have seen a general decline in the standard of the senior athletics after many years of outstanding success, during which time K.G.S. produced many Lancashire Champions, the school winning numerous area championships and winning most matches.

Seniors v. Arnold Lost
v. Bolton Lost
v. Hutton Lost
v. Rossall Lost

Senior Schools Championship 7th

Although the team was the weakest for many years the team was a willing and happy one. Captain Nick Sinclair and Tony Bagshaw performed creditably, while Shaun Kelly ran very well in middle distance events.

Damian Hatton, an Under 17, won the Senior Schools Championship in the 400 metres and so automatically was awarded full colours.

Full Colours: A. M. B. Craven, D. J. F. Hatton

Half Colours: A. W. Bagshaw, N. Sinclair

Under 17 v. Bolton Won
v. Hutton Won
v. Rossall Won

Fylde Coast Championships 1st

The results above say enough about the natural talent in this year.

Bruce Craven was the most outstanding athlete. He threw the javelin in the Lancashire Schools Championship, only to have his winning throwing disallowed in error. Fortunately as a result of an appeal he was selected to represent Lancashire in the English School Championships at Yeovil, where he was placed 9th, in fact having a practice throw which might have won the championship. Damian Hatton, mentioned in the Senior Section, was disqualified in the Lancashire Hurdles Final for allegedly deliberately knocking over hurdles but apart from this he had an outstanding season in sprints, hurdles and high jump. A pleasing improvement was seen in the sprinting of Philip Baines, while Chris Fountain, Chris McCann, David Whittingham, David Doughty, John Black, Mark Bagshaw, Mark Parrish all performed well.

Under 16 v. King Edward, Lytham, Won
v. Rossall Won

Senior Schools Championship 4th

The team generally performed creditably. Richard Johnson performed well in the 400 metres, Stephen Buckley in the jumps, John Cookson as an all-rounder, Darren Woodridge in the javelin, with Shaun Bilsborough in the shot and Karl Telfer and David Henckel winning events at some time. Richard Taylor is a good pole vaulter and was most unfortunate that the pole vault could not be held at the Senior Schools Championship.

Right: the U14 Athletics squad. Back row (l. to r.) P. Yeung, R. Gornall, I. Jama, C. Wareing. Front row (l. to r.) S. Turpin, S. Smith, R. Smith, S. Bradley.

Under 15 v. King Edward, Lytham, Won
v. Rossall Lost

Fylde Coast Championship 2nd

Senior Schools Championship 5th

Paul Nand developed into an outstanding athlete in this age group, completing the 800 and 1500 metres double in the Senior Schools Championship and winning his only race, the 1500 metres, at the Fylde Coast Championship. Andrew Clegg, who was placed 5th in the Lancashire 100 metres final, was hampered by persistent injury, but Christopher Darlington did well to gain second place in the high jump in both finals.

Under 14 v. Lancaster R.G.S. Won
v. Arnold Won

Fylde Coast Championship 4th

Senior Schools Championship 2nd

The team possesses an abundance of talent, but at the time of writing has yet to achieve its potential – this is because some of the better athletes are lazy and only try when the mood takes them, but their attitude hopefully will have changed by the time this is printed.

At the Fylde Coast Championships most athletes did well, except for two potential winners who failed in technical events. The Senior Schools Championships could also have been won.

Simon Wareing was an example to all with his approach, while Peter Yeung, Stuart Bradley, Paul Buckley, Wayne Farrell, Ian Gallop and Michael Stewart all won on occasions.

Under 13 v. Arnold Lost
v. Lancaster Lost

Christian Bonar has developed into an excellent athlete, running the middle distance events, while Christian Lee, Peter Coventry, James Magill and Phillip Hall have all performed well on occasions. The team has tried and will develop in future, I feel, despite being chosen from relatively small numbers.

B. Gornall



Cricket

1st XI	P	W	D	L	Tied
	14	7	1	5	1

Runs for 1,693 for 103 wkts; av/wkt 16.44. Runs against 1,841, wickets taken 91, av/wkt 20.23.

Batting Averages

	Inngs	Runs	H.S.	Av.
Craven	12	334	68*	33.4
Giles	7	92	38*	18.4
Rawcliffe	13	187	33	15.6
Wincott	13	195	37	15.0
Davies	14	172	51*	13.2
Black	9	106	59*	13.2
Whittingham	6	88	50*	12.5
Baron	12	116	37	10.5
Collinson	10	83	24	10.3

* not out

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
Baron	10	1	52	5	10.4
Moore	94.5	20	268	24	11.17
Giles	49	13	130	8	16.25
ONeil	22	1	98	6	16.33
Fountain	104.1	19	388	23	16.87
Craven	63.3	11	194	7	27.71

Full colours: S. Wincott (Capt.)

Half colours: J. Moore, B. Craven,
M. Davies, M. Rawcliffe.

As can be seen from the above statistics, 1988 proved to be one of the best seasons for K.G.S. 1st XI for many years.

The season started well, with four wins out of the first five games and included such notable scalps as Hutton, Q.E.G.S. Blackburn, Ormskirk and Runshaw College. Against local rivals Hutton, we bowled well and contained them to 71 runs all out, with James Moore taking 3 for 13, Bruce Craven 3 for 22 and Andrew Butterworth an amazing 3 for 5 off 4.2 overs.

We lost the second game against a strong Barrow side by 135 runs, despite James Moore taking 5 for 58. The next match saw the first of many caps awarded this season. Chris Fountain took 6 for 34 against Q.E.G.S. to bowl them out for 121. In reply, skipper Steven Wincott scored 32, John Baron 37 and Michael Rawcliffe 28, to win by 6 wickets.

Against Ormskirk Bruce Craven shone with the bat to score an unbeaten 68, helping us to 161 for 5 and a good win in reply to a sporting declaration of 158 for 4. John Baron excelled against Runshaw and with the ball rather than the bat, and took 5 for 12 to bowl them out for 76, showing how important it is to use a spinner on our type of wickets.

The middle of the season saw a change of fortune. Despite John Black's unbeaten 59 against Clitheroe (another cap) both teams ended on 147 – a tie. The next four games were all lost.

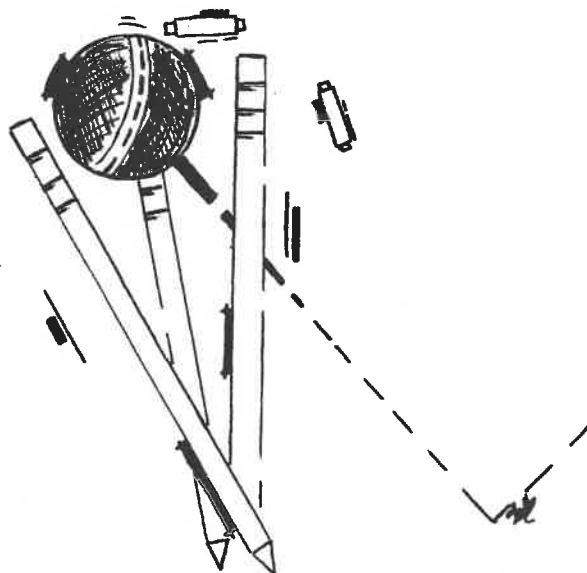
Kirkham can claim some success in a game which proved very eventful at Batley. We were mentioned on Test Match Special as being on the receiving end of a fine innings from Gareth Adams, their opening bat. In a mammoth innings of 394 for 1, he scored 253 n.o., which included a Sobers-like over of six sixes off the unfortunate Chris Fountain (who will say it's a very short boundary at Batley!).

Such was the spirit of the team that they bounced back against Baines to win by 8 wickets, Chris Fountain taking 3 for 19, Richard ONeil 4 for 7 and Alex Giles scoring 38 and Michael Davies 51 n.o. (yet another cap). A similar confidence booster came against the Old Boys with a win by 102 runs. The old men of the staff also had difficulty with the bowling, especially with Jim Moore taking 7 for 27 and they failed in reply to the boys' total of 181.

The final match against K.E.S. Lytham was the only draw of the season. K.G.S. batted well for 181, with Steven Wincott scoring 37, Jim Moore (who opened the batting!) 26, and a final cap going to David Whittingham for an unbeaten 50. Unfortunately we were unable to bowl them out but kept them to 81 for 4.

In conclusion, this has been a very successful and highly enjoyable season and my thanks, as usual, go to Gordon for his endless work on the square; to R. J. B. for the thankless task of administration; to the tea ladies and finally to Steve Wincott for his capable team leadership, even though he was often reluctant to bowl spinners. I hope all the players enjoyed the season and I look forward to even better results in 1989.

I. M. Scott



U 15 XI P W L D
5 1 3 1

The team played with enthusiasm, but let themselves down with poor performances at crucial times in matches. Perhaps the most encouraging result was the drawn game against Ripley. In this match the team faced a Lancashire U 15 bowler but managed to bat well against him to gain a creditable result. Against Blackpool Collegiate the team batted well, with Michael Gregg scoring 50 n.o., to win by 72 runs. In the bowling department, Craig Brown bowled with pace, whilst Michael Gregg ably supported him. In the spin department I would like to see both Steven Ratcliffe and Paul Morgan giving the ball more air and persevering with their roles.

T. P. Miller

U 14 XI P W D L
5 0 0 5

Despite not winning any of their matches, this cricket squad had an enjoyable season with one or two good individual performances.

The highlight of the season was an unbeaten 32 runs from Sudip Ray against an impressive Clitheroe Grammar School side.

I can only hope that next season their improvement continues and they manage to gain a victory or two along the way.

N. Jobling

U 13 XI P W L Abn.
8 1 6 1

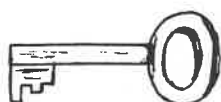
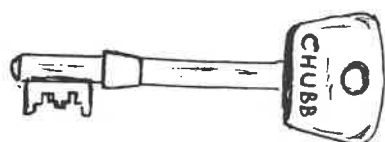
The team has slowly improved during the season and a good balance is developing between the batting and bowling. Michael Stewart and Andrew Griffiths have been the best bowlers, while James Clark and the captain Philip Baxendale have had good innings. A good performance against Arnold and a determined attempt to win a difficult game at Clitheroe were the highlights. All the signs are very encouraging for next year, with a large squad to choose from.

E. W. Mitchell

U 12 XI P W L D
7 1 6 0

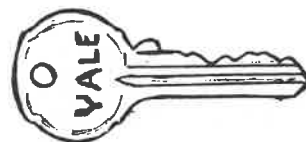
It was a disappointing and difficult season for the U 12 XI. The bowling and fielding did improve as the season progressed, but poor batting technique remained the basic weakness of the team. The highlight of the season was a good 8 wicket win against Baines School, due to a good partnership between Zak Bradley and Alistair Cooper. Several of the team could develop as skilful players.

T. J. Bruce



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Tennis

A mixed year, in which a young team experienced both victory and defeat – victory over Lancaster Royal Grammar School and King Edward's, Lytham, but defeat by Rossall and Arnold, to name but a few. Members of the team took part in various Lancashire competitions, with Jeremy Francis and David Whittingham losing in the semi-final of the Under 19 Doubles, and Jeremy Francis losing in the quarter-final of the Under 19 Singles.

The Under 13 team played in the Lancashire League and enjoyed some success, with Paul Taylor being undefeated in his school matches in the league. Matthew Tomlinson reached the quarter-final of the Under 13 singles before being beaten.

The real success story once again was the Under 15 team. The team played in the Lancashire League competition and won, to become Lancashire Champions for the second year in succession. The Lancashire Under 15 Doubles competition was eagerly awaited. Our two pairs reached the semi-finals, but unfortunately had to play each other. In a hard match Richard Scott and Craig Brown beat Darren Woodridge and David Whittingham to reach the final. They were beaten, having used up valuable energy in the semi-final. A good season for all four members of the team.

In the House competitions Fylde enjoyed real success, beating Kirkham in the Senior competition and beating Preston in the Junior competition.



Right. U15 Tennis, Lancs. League Champions. Back row: D. Woodridge, D. Whittingham. Front row: R. Scott, C. Brown.

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Badminton

Senior Boys v. Arnold Won 5-2
v. Collegiate Won 7-0
v. King Edwards Won 7-0
v. Baines Won 6-1
v. Lytham St. Annes Won 7-0

This has been an excellent year for the senior boys badminton team. All the matches played were won by very large margins, so that the school won the Blackpool and District schools' league. This is the first time that Kirkham Grammar School has been able to achieve this, and so the team deserve congratulations, especially so when it is realised that the high standard of play which they have attained has been achieved entirely outside school time. Because of their commitments to other sports, the team have only been able to meet on Friday evenings after school - not just for one year, but for the previous six. Such dedication deserves special commendation.

This season the school has been well represented, with the team showing skill and determination to gain some well-deserved, if somewhat surprising, victories.

In the Blackpool schools tournament, the school dominated the Under 19 events.

In the boys singles, Kirkham provided three of the semi-finalists, with Mark Bateson winning a very close match against Craig Piggott, whilst James Musson lost narrowly in the other semi-final.

In the boys doubles, Mark Bateson and Craig Piggott won the event, after defeating the school's other pair, James Musson and Tim Brammer, in the semi-final.

Finally, in the mixed doubles, which is an open event, Mark Bateson and partner succeeded in reaching the final.

So, it has been a most successful year, in which the team managed to fulfil the promise they have shown in the past. On a personal note I would like to thank them for giving their time, voluntarily, to play badminton. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with them for the past seven years.

In view of the very high standard of performance, I would like to make the following awards.

Full colours: T. Brammer, C. Piggott,
J. Musson, M. Bateson.

I. Rushton

Junior boys

Results as follows:

	P	W	L
U 14 boys	5	2	3
U 16 boys	3	1	2

U 14 boys

The team have had a mixed season. After a rather indifferent start, the team have worked hard to improve their game, showing that they are more than able to match the local school teams.

U 16 boys

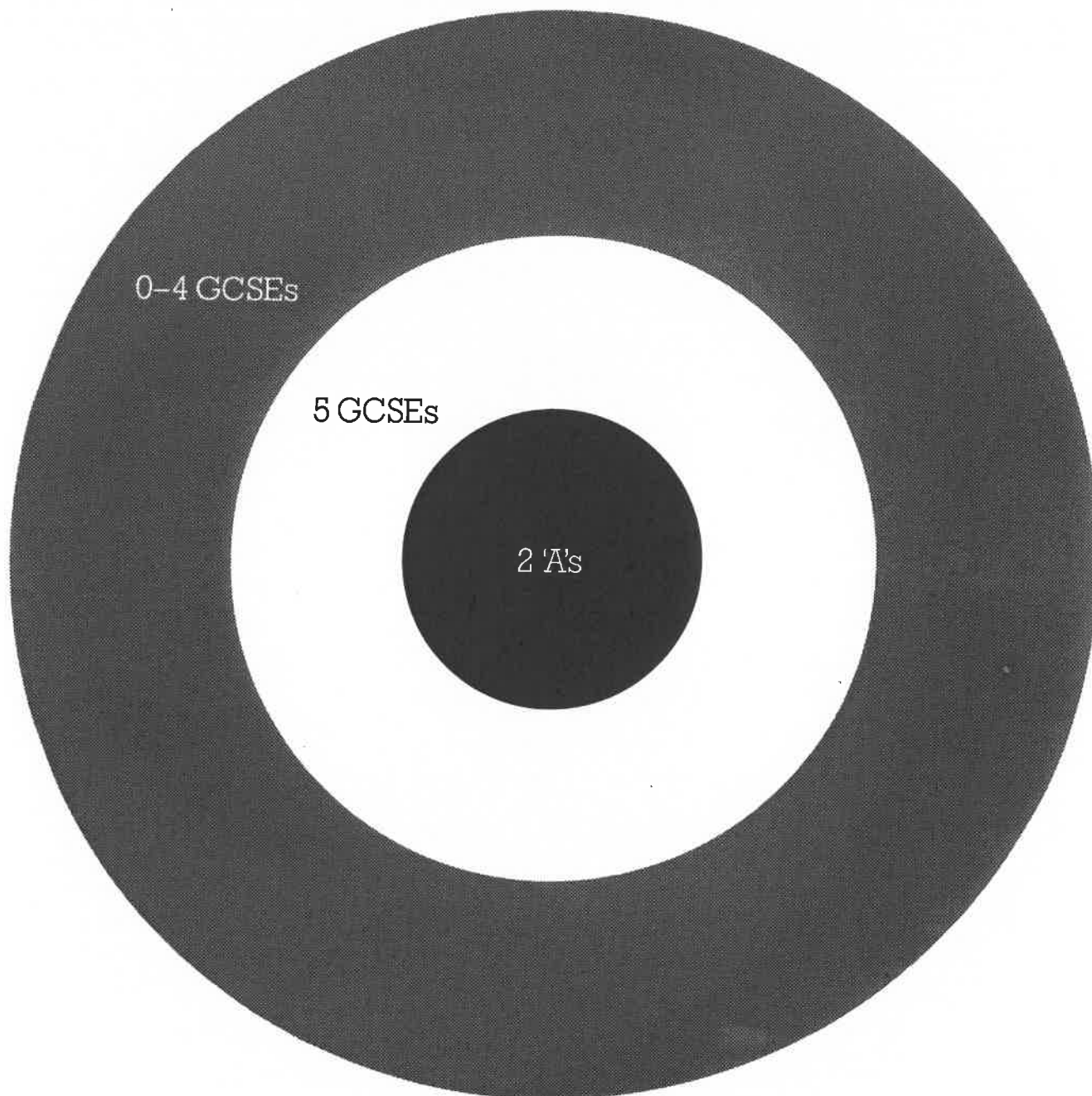
This season the boys have been playing teams who are a year older. This was reflected in their earlier games, but as the season progressed, the strength of the team came through with an excellent 7-0 win against Lytham St. Annes. As they will be in the Under 16 category next year, I would expect some excellent results.

S. P. Gardiner



Senior badminton team. Back row: M. Bateson, T. Brammer. Front row: J. Musson, C. Piggott.






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Rugby

1st XV	P	W	L	F	A
Regular Fixtures:	19	14	5	339	179
Touring Teams:	2	0	2	9	23

I did not expect better than a 50% success rate this season, as only four regulars from last season returned, but the team produced such good performances that if it had won the last match, as expected, then it would have had a better record than its illustrious predecessors. Quite simply, the reason for this success was that the team trained and played with a wholehearted commitment and generally made the most of its talents.

Disappointments of the season were losing to three of the local opposition and although all players were hoping to replay them all at the Preston Festival, only King Edward, Lytham, were played and they were beaten in an unsavoury match, which I trust will not be repeated next season. Defeat was incurred against Arnold and Kings, Macclesfield, after securing much possession and territorial advantage and the match against Rossall was lost, even though they had been beaten for the four previous seasons.

I feel the best performances of the season were against Wirral G.S., Lancaster R.G.S. and Stoneyhurst College, when the team played controlled, cohesive rugby football.

Two of the highlights of the season were in playing our old friends from Trinity G.S., Sydney, and Palmerston North High School, New Zealand. Both were close matches, although narrowly lost, and we were forcibly reminded of the committed, physical nature of Southern Hemisphere rugby. Palmerston said we were the only team to ruck lower than them, which any rugby 'connoisseur' will inform you is the single outstanding feature of New Zealand rugby. Both touring parties said that the K.G.S. hospitality was outstanding and have asked us to return to play them at home. Does anyone know of any potential tour sponsors?

The pack was usually good in the scrumage, with captain Paul Ribchester, John Black and either Michael Davies or Alex Sumner an outstanding front row. They also rucked well, but the full lineout play and mauling left much to be desired. The back row developed as the

season progressed, with Bruce Craven developing into an outstanding flanker. The half-backs were competent, with James Musson showing touches of class. The midfield lacked penetration for most of the season, but developed greatly, while the back three of Damian Hatton, vice-captain Craig Piggott and Michael Rawcliffe possessed pace. Goal kicking was rather better than last season with a 64% completion rate for penalties, but only a 38% completion rate for conversions.

It was hoped to perform well at the Preston International Festival. But five players could not train in the week before the tournament because of a virus and this was reflected in their performances and the teamwork which, at times, was lacking. The team won all its matches on Friday to win the group but a combination of the above, lack of correct decision-making by inexperienced players and bad luck meant that two out of three matches were lost on the Saturday when all could have been won.

Many more players are returning next season than this and the future is viewed with optimism.

I would like to thank Mr. Browning for his efforts in helping me coach the side; captain Paul Ribchester and vice-captain Craig Piggott for their efforts in leading their side and secretary Bruce Craven for being a most conscientious secretary.

Lancashire Under 18 XV

J. S. Black, A. M. B. Craven, P. R. A. Ribchester

North of England Under 18 XV

J. S. Black – Trialist

P. R. A. Ribchester – Replacement

Lancashire Under 16 XV

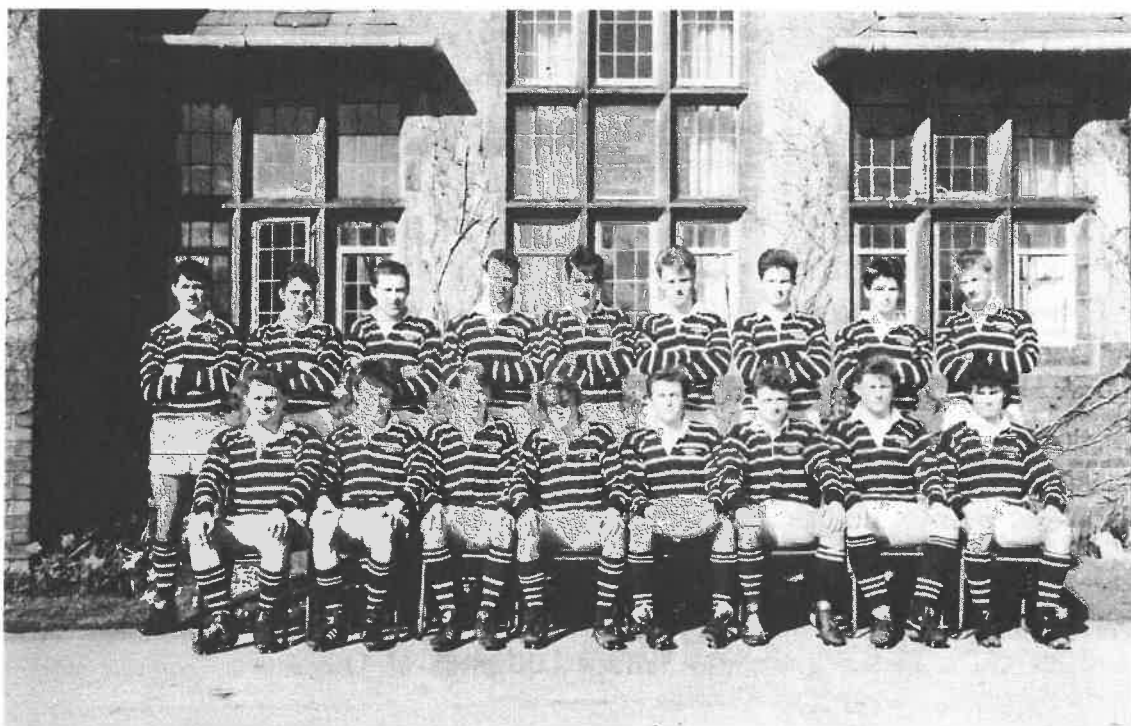
S. Bilsborough, M. Parrish, J. Smith

Award of colours

Half Colours: M. Davies, D. Hatton, P. Mellor, R. O'Neil, M. Rawcliffe, A. Sumner.

Full Colours: J. S. Black.
P. R. A. Ribchester.
A. M. B. Craven,
J. Musson.

B. Gornall



The First XV Rugby Squad.

2nd XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	18	11	2	5	351	133

In contrast to 1987/88, 1988/89 was a season of many changes. Forty-four different players were used during the season and, with a minimum of four changes for each match, a settled side could never be produced. It is extremely encouraging that there is strength in depth in senior rugby at K.G.S. and it was, therefore, a credit to all players, particularly those who played occasionally, that the playing record was almost as good as last season.

Despite the changes, the team played some very good rugby, particularly in overcoming King Edward's, King's, Macclesfield, and Manchester G.S. and drawing with Arnold and Stoneyhurst. Only Lancaster and Rossall beat us convincingly and the close defeats against Wirral, De La Salle and Ermysted's were largely due to fielding inexperienced players.

It was expected that the team would have a nucleus of experienced players from last season, yet only Chris Turner and David Doughty played over half the games. This meant that 5th formers John Cookson, Craig Brown, Karl Telfer, Stuart Robinson, Jeremy Smith, Sean Bilsborough and Robert Renwick (who was still in the third team at the beginning of the season) and two newcomers to the 6th form, Simon Evans and Tom Moore, became regulars around whom the side was based.

Alex Parmley, Godfrey Oduro, Leevy Wilson and Graeme McIntyre also stepped up from the third team to become valuable members of the squad. It was encouraging to see Mark Brennand return to the fray at Christmas after a lengthy lay-off.

At the beginning of the season we were blessed with a surplus of front row players, with two Lancashire Under 16 props finding it difficult to get into the team, yet by soon after Christmas Brett Harley from the 4th year was drafted into the side and he played a second time before the season ended. Hopefully all these players and the others who so ably stepped into the breach when required will be available to form part of the rugby squad next season and a more settled second team can be selected.

R. Browning

Under 15 XV	P	W	D	L
	21	14	0	7

This has been a most enjoyable and rewarding season for both myself as coach and the players in the squad. The results show a marked improvement on previous records, with all defeats being only marginal victories for the opposition. Once again we were by far the smallest team on our rugby circuit. However, this never once deterred the team from playing a most entertaining style of fifteen-man attacking, open rugby. I congratulate them heartily for that. In both training and during matches, they were a pleasure to be with, as they always gave 100% effort in whatever they did.

Throughout the season the forwards scrumaged hard and rucked well. Our back row of Paul Nand, Philip Nelson, Gavin Butterworth and Philip Branton all played well in winning the majority of any loose ball. Michael Summers led the team like a true captain, by example, and always demanded, with real authority, very high standards from every member of the squad. Stuart Bradley was excellent at hooker, always winning his own ball, and playing like an extra wing forward around the field.

The backs ran and handled well. Andrew Rogers at scrum half was by far the most outstanding player of the year and probably the most exciting scrum half seen at K.G.S. For his efforts he has been rewarded with a place on the potential England Under 16 XV course. Chris Miller in the centre took charge of the back division and proved a most formidable adversary, both at school and county level. Chris represented North Lancashire Under 15 XV on several occasions and toured Wales with them at Easter.

Finally, I would like to congratulate once more Michael Summers on his captaincy of the team; Chris Bannister for his help on many occasions with the refereeing, and the many parents for their constant support. I wish all team members the very best of luck in their rugby careers.

P. Smith

U 14 XV	P	W	D	L
	18	8	0	10

The initial lethargy lasted for seven games. We lost against poor opposition, were not keen to play and, worse, were not enjoying the rugby. The game against Arnold was the turning point; even though we lost, we went down fighting. This led on to defeating Lancaster in an excellent game.

The team has great spirit, talent, ability and strength in depth (over thirty people representing the team during the season). With commitment this could easily be one of the best sides K.G.S. has turned out. They have strength, skill and speed, although occasionally they lack thought.

Special mention must go to Richard Gornall, Nicholas Hill and Martin Postill who played in every match. The team has been ably led by Chris Wareing.

My one wish is that they start off next season where they finished off this year.

A. M. Hill

U 13 XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	19	6	0	13	147	454

The Under 13 rugby side have shown great determination throughout this season and have improved greatly in both their skill levels and their ability to play as a team.

When we consider that there are only twenty-seven boys in the year group, and they often play sides with four or five times that number, it puts their achievements into perspective.

There are good individual players within the side. Zak Bradley (2Y) is a tower of strength at stand off, Graham Miller (2Y) is an exceptional pack leader and No. 8, and Stephen Baxendale (2Z) is a ferocious tackler in the centre. I do, however, believe that the real strength of this team is their willingness to play for one another.

Although they have not gained the best set of results at Under 13 level that K.G.S. have ever had, I believe that their results have been outstanding, considering the small year group and the lack of physical size of these boys. Well done, lads!

N. Jobling

U 12 XV	P	W	D	L	F	A
	11	3	2	6	96	133

The Under 12 XV are much more impressive on the pitch than on paper. They have had a good season, despite the above statistics, and have only once been beaten by a better side, with many matches being very close and only being decided by the odd score.

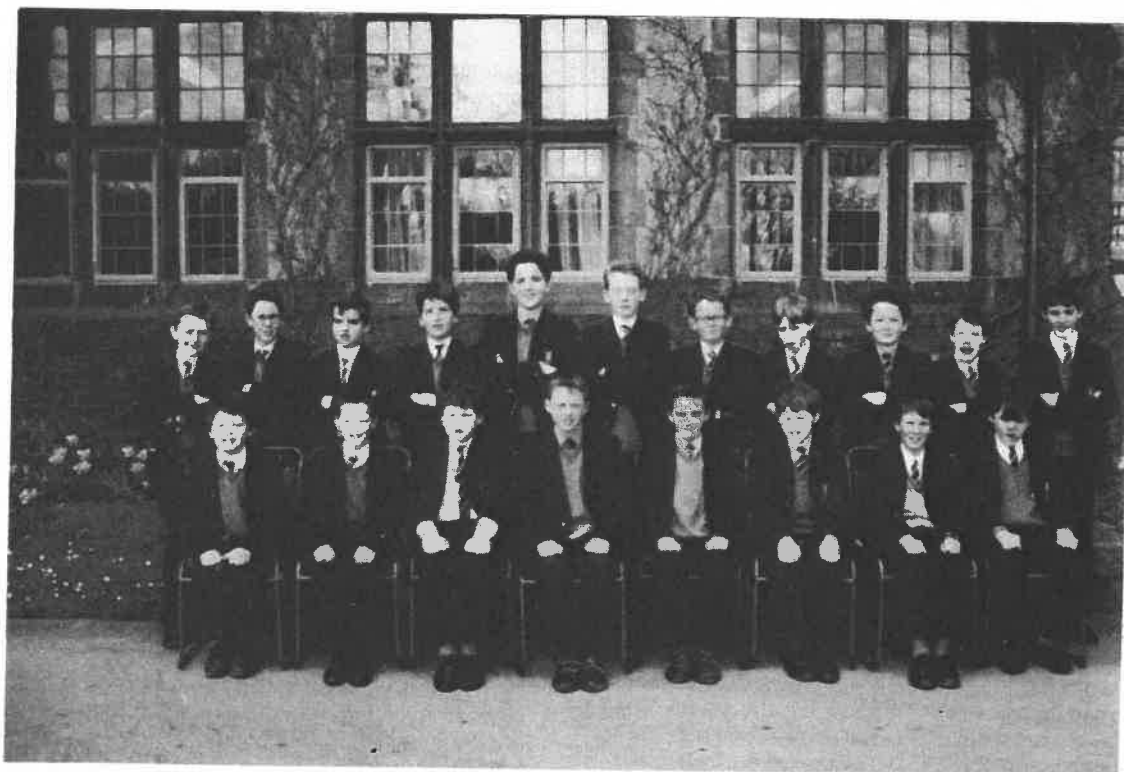
The team started the season very well with a convincing 34-0 victory over Marple Hall and a fiercely contested 12-6 victory over local rivals Arnold. The following three games were very close. At this stage of the season the team was competing and playing very well against some of the strongest sides on the circuit.

The Christmas break and the customary post-Christmas lay-off did not do the side any good. This resulted in defeat at Manchester G.S. and began a sequence of five defeats which were really not deserved. The final match saw a slight change in fortune with an 8-8 draw at Ermysteds, giving the team some reason to be optimistic at the prospect of the pending tour of London.

An account of the tour events, written by captain Lee Halliday, appears elsewhere in the magazine, but I must say that throughout the four days the boys conducted themselves superbly, both on and off the field and were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Their performance against Campion School Under 12 1st XV (I stress 1st XV because this school fields four 1st year teams each week) was one of the best ever given by a team in my charge, and with just a little luck we could have taken away their unbeaten record.

Throughout the season the boys have practiced and trained hard and shown great enthusiasm. The team has been ably led by Lee Halliday, and Jamie Moulding and David Miller have been a fine example to everyone. The forwards have developed into a fine scrumaging unit but could do to improve their speed around the field. The backs have real talent with Jeremy Whittle and Alistair Ward being exciting prospects for the future.

A. C. Hall



The U12 Rugby Squad.

Swimming report

Captain: Richard Moyes.

Throughout this year, the boys have competed in twelve matches and the girls seven. Both the boys U 12 and U 13 squads have found the opposition very tough. Opposing schools always seem to have bigger and stronger swimmers, many of whom are competitive club swimmers. They all, however, always try their best and never give up.

The U 14s have performed well, with Butterworth, Mapple, Wareing and Blackburn gaining many first places.

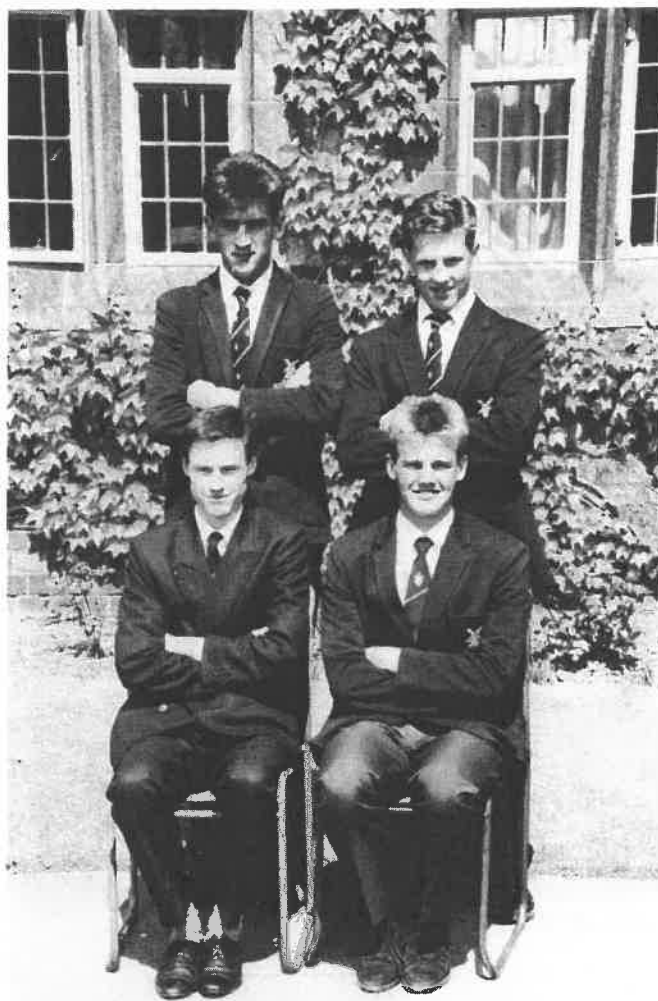
The U 15 team is by far our most outstanding side, with Butterworth, Carr, Lecoustre, Smith, Bradley and Chant hardly ever losing a fixture.

The senior team of Moyes, Kenward, Bagshaw and Collinson have always set a fine example for the juniors to emulate, both in attitude and performance.

Chris Butterworth was chosen to represent the Fylde/Blackpool area in the Lancashire Championships, in which he gained first place in the 100 metres backcrawl.

The girls' team has been based mainly on the junior end of the school, which means that they always compete against older swimmers. Nevertheless, this has made no difference to them and they have performed particularly well. Louise Green, Victoria Jackson, Natasha Walford and Katie Hamer have been excellent.

The House Swimming Gala resulted in a victory for Kirkham House over Fylde. School House were third and Preston fourth. New records were set by Victoria Jackson (Fylde) and the Kirkham Intermediate Medley Relay team.



Senior Swimming Team. Back: J. Collinson, G. Kenward. Front: R. Moyes, M. Bagshaw.

Senior Schools' Swimming Championships 1989

Junior Girls	6th
Junior Boys	6th
Intermediate Girls	4th
Intermediate Boys	2nd
Senior Girls	6th
Senior Boys	5th

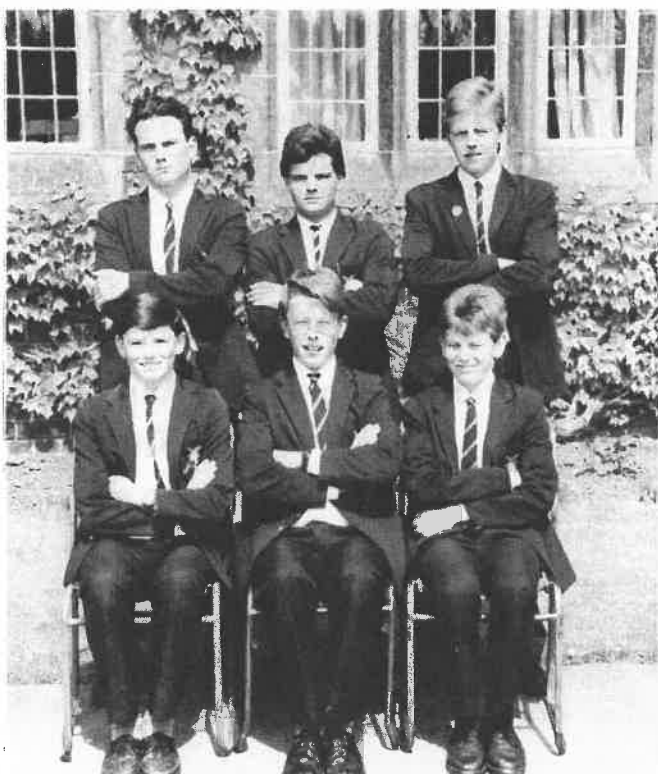
Andrew Carr, Nial Lecoustre, Katie Hamer, the junior girls and intermediate boys Medley teams all gained 2nd places.

Chris Butterworth was the outstanding success of the evening, gaining 1st place in both the backcrawl and freestyle sprints.

In view of the performances of our senior swimmers throughout this season I would like to present the following awards:

Full Colours: Mark Bagshaw
Richard Moyes
Christopher Kenward
Jonathan Collinson
Katie Hamer

P. Smith



Right: U15 Swimming team. Back row: G. Butterworth, S. Bradley, C. Butterworth. Front row: A. Carr, S. Bradley, A. Smith.



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GIRLS' GAMES REPORTS

Tennis

Tennis is an integral part of the summer term. It is played in lesson time by pupils of all ages and both sexes. A pleasing percentage of these play the game as an extra-curricular activity, finding themselves playing competitively in Under 13 and Under 15 leagues, Lancashire singles and doubles competitions, as well as friendly fixtures with other schools. So many commitments have meant that court space for practices and matches has been at a premium at K.G.S. this summer and we have witnessed stampedes from classes as boys and girls attempt to reach the courts first in order to play a game before lunch and/or afternoon school.

In many cases, those team players who have performed best for school have been members of a tennis club who can play the game outside the limitations of lesson time. Practice is essential, as our rather dismal results show. So, for those who hold the purse strings, could more tennis courts be part of the master plan?

Senior U 16 Team	P	W	L	D
	4	0	3	1

This summer found no real tennis players in our 6th form and for all matches the school relied upon 5th formers who had given sterling performances throughout their lower school careers. In general, they tried very hard, but I'm sure they would accept that the opposition at Lancaster, Arnold and the Lancashire tournaments was very tough, comprising, as it did, many more mature students who were also club players. We were more evenly matched against Rossall and Giggleswick and this, I hope, gives consolation to players like Joanne Gornall, Cathy Jackson and Susan Penney, who may well represent us next year as 6th formers.

U 15 Team	P	W	L
	6	0	6

These results are really very poor and well below my expectations as the team had some very capable players. In fairness, they do not reflect the efforts made by some team members, in particular Jayne Scarisbrick, Carole Bantleman (who played in all matches) and Michala Salt in the friendly fixtures. Although on many occasions they lost sets narrowly, they are to be commended for trying hard and battling and running for every point.

U 14 Team	P	W	L
	3	1	2

An energetic, sociable group of girls made up this team. Although fixtures were hard to come by for their age group, they practiced regularly and seemed to enjoy their tennis, and they did improve considerably as the term progressed.

U 13 Team	P	W	D	L
	6	2	1	3

The Under 13 team played league tennis for the first time and found the first one or two matches rather daunting. As they became familiar with the spirit of competition their confidence grew and they produced fine results against Garstang H.S. and Lancaster G.G.S. They are to be applauded for their progress, due wholly to their willingness to practice hard, listen to coaching points and a determination to do well on court.

U 12 Team	P	W
	2	2

How pleasing it was to see the 1st year girls experience success in their first tennis matches. They beat Garstang handsomely and battled well with Arnold, who are always great rivals. I hope they will continue in the same vein next year.



U16 tennis team. Back row: S. J. Heath, J. Gornall, C. Jackson. Front row: C. Bantleman, S. Penney.

Athletics

The results overall look quite depressing given that much time and effort was devoted to athletics in the summer term and that the weather was kind to us during training sessions. As for all sport, we find ourselves in the strongest area in Lancashire for athletics and as a result compete against first-class opposition all the time. I have never before been so impressed by the standards reached by schoolgirls in the local competitions and fixtures.

Senior/Under 17

Fylde Coast Championships 7th

Senior Schools' Championships 4th

P	W	L
4	1	3

Within these results are hidden one or two splendid efforts. Although we were well beaten by Arnold and Queen Mary Schools in friendly fixtures, Lucy Wickham, our sprinter, again proved she has talent, being consistently placed in the first three. She went to the Lancashire Schools' meeting despite having suffered injury and by her own standards was disappointed, coming fourth in the Senior Girls final. Megan Vipond was under par at these championships, too, placed ninth, but she did manage some good performances, winning the javelin event later in the season against Rossall and also coming runner-up at the Fylde Coast championships. Consistent performances were turned in by Joanne Gornall, Katherine Hart and Alison Holden. We saw flashes of inspiration from Joanne Evans and excellent progress by Jayne Scarisbrick, whom we are sorry we did not discover earlier as a hurdler.

Under 15

Fylde Coast Championships 7th

Senior Schools' Championship 4th

P	W	L
2	0	2

The Under 15 Athletics squad worked hard throughout the summer and many girls improved their personal best performances. Like the seniors, they found competition against Queen Mary School and Arnold very tough, but they did not allow themselves to become disillusioned. They tried very hard at the two major championships and Karen Whittle, Tess Milner, Ruth Falconer and Gayle Morson found themselves with places in the finals. Whatever the results, feedback from the girls tells of the enjoyment of competing in major competition, aided and abetted by the superb facilities at Stanley Park. When all is said and done, much of the value of sport is the camaraderie of taking part, isn't it?

Under 14

Fylde Coast Championships 9th

Senior Schools' Championship 4th

P	L
2	2

The Under 14 athletics group is made up of 1st and 2nd year pupils and it was gratifying to see so many girls coming along to athletics training sessions of their own volition. Competition for team places has been keen throughout the season, several girls of similar standard have been diligently improving their performances and vying for the few places available at the major championships. We saw a closely fought contest for the Junior Victrix Ludorum, with Pippa Bashford finally emerging as champion. Our young hurdlers, Louise Green, Sarah Flack and Angela Wardrop, improved steadily after an indifferent start, as did Anna Fryer, our longer distance runner. She worked very hard in training and vastly improved her times. She has the talent and tenacity to make a success of what can be a gruelling event. The group generally were a little overawed by the standard of athletics in our area but they are a willing and enthusiastic group and I'm sure will give of their best again this year.

J. E. Taylor



U14 Athletics Squad.

Winter 1988/89

Hockey

1st XI	P	W	D	L
	20	8	1	11

No one could have expected the 1st XI to do well this season. At the end of summer 1988, due to a variety of unfortunate reasons, the team lost its talented centre forward, goalkeeper and, by Christmas, every 1st team player who played midfield. This has meant that as an Under 18/19 team we have fielded regularly three girls who play at Under 16 level and on occasion Under 15 players have donned 1st team shirts.

To their credit, although all these changes have been unsettling, the team has done itself proud in terms of effort and team spirit. Whatever the girls lacked in understanding of one another's play, they made up for with hard work, covering for one another, under the very able captaincy of Julie Collinson. Julie has earned full colours for this season, as has her vice-captain, Joanne Gornall, and Joanne Moyes.

It always seems unfair to single out players when everyone is trying so hard, but I must mention the talent of will o' the wisp, Jayne Scarisbrick. Although young, slight of build and stature, she has rarely failed to impress when she takes to the field. Her skills and balance are a joy to watch and she should surely earn county honours if she continues in this vein.

Impressive, too, has been Lucy Wickham, and of late, Gaye Littlefair. Both girls have improved as the season has progressed, Lucy doing particularly well adapting to a variety of positions, as and when circumstances dictated.

Next season, I would hope, will see more stability and some fine results. I thank the Seniors for their efforts during 1988/89.

The U 16 XI	P	W	D	L
	8	3	2	3

By their own standards, a disappointing season. This team enjoyed much success earlier in their school hockey days, but failed this season to improve or build on it. For many the motivation to push themselves hard had gone and at senior level anything but full commitment is quickly

sought out by the opposition. In their defence, Jayne Scarisbrick, their centre forward, was also doing duty for the 1st XI and, by Christmas, Megan Vipond, Jeanette Powderley, Emma Whittaker and Jane Youll had also been selected to play at senior level when gaps appeared in the 1st team.

It will be interesting to note how many girls in this squad opt to play hockey in the 6th form – it would be a pity if they chose to play other sports after the success they have enjoyed in years past.

The U 15 XI	P	W	D	L
	14	7	6	1

This group of girls demonstrates great team spirit and a genuine enthusiasm for the game. Although their final results look rather unimpressive with a large number of drawn matches, for half a season they remained not only unbeaten but quite invincible. The second half of the season proved disappointing. The team did particularly well, drawing a match with Queen Mary School, but then for the next three weeks dropped points and lost a match against schools we may have expected to beat. They came good again, beating Arnold for the second time, late in the season and were unfortunate to have the Under 15 Lancashire tournament called off when we felt we had a real chance of reaching the later stages of the event.

Several girls do deserve special comment, though I acknowledge once more how well this team has done as a whole. They have regularly played together and during matches demonstrate an understanding and willingness to work as a team.

Emma Cartwright and Katherine Salt recorded a first for Kirkham girls, reaching the final Lancashire trials at Under 15 level. I hope they will go one better next season and make the Lancashire teams. But they are not the only ones to do well. Other team members, like Gayle Marson, Lynsay Stothert, Rhiannon Bell, Tessa Milner and Dawn Gaskin, to name but five, could happily have my vote for Under 16 trials next season, given the performances they have turned in as Under 15s.

I do hope these girls and the other team members continue to work hard at their game next season – of all the teams they have perhaps the most potential and should achieve real success.

J. E. Taylor



U15 Hockey XI

U 14 XI	P	W	D	L
	17	9	4	4

The team played well and never gave up trying throughout the year. The disappointing results came just after Christmas, beginning with a defeat by Queen Mary's School and followed by a series of below par results.

All players made good progress and in particular Jenny Evans and Gillian Pegg, who both fought well in midfield. Julie Threlfall had a superb season at full back and could become an excellent striker of short corners next season. The forward line was ably led by Sarah Flack at centre-forward, who was also top scorer.

The team have the ability and team spirit to play some good hockey over the coming years.

T. P. Miller

U 13	P	W	D	L
	14	10	1	3

A successful season, some good hockey and excellent team spirit. The Under 13s have tamed some very good sides and beaten Queen Mary School 2-0, Arnold 1-0 (twice) and Queen Katherine 1-0, to name but a few.

Special mention must go to centre-half Alison Bibby, who has successfully kept control of the centre field with hockey above the standard of her year group.

I hope this team stay together and enjoy hockey in seasons to come. Good luck.

(REMEMBER - STOP - HIT - GOAL IN TWO MINUTES).

D. Easterbrook

Netball

1st VII

This has been the first year that K.G.S. has played regular fixtures for the 1st VII. Although most matches have been lost, the team has improved throughout the season. I am sure that, if interest is maintained, the 1st VII will have more success next season.

U 13 VII	P	W	D	L
	6	4	1	1

The Under 13s have had a good season and have improved steadily throughout. They play well as a team and their success has been deserved. In particular, against Elmslie they revived from 7-2 down at half-time to a creditable 11 all draw, showing much determination and team spirit.

In the Fylde Schools' Tournament they played well, beating Carr Hill 12-4, St. Bede's 8-3, St. Aidan's 10-3 and losing 6-4 to Collegiate. As runners-up of their group, they qualified for the quarter-finals, but were defeated 12-4 by Arnold. A very good overall team performance.

U 12 VII

The 'A' team has played well all season, losing only one match against Arnold.

In the Fylde Schools' Tournament they played well and qualified for the quarter-finals, but were defeated 6-5 by Lytham, after playing extra time. This team looks very promising for the future. Special mention must go to team captain, Rachel Atherton, whose all-round ability, especially for shooting, has brought praise from all quarters.

The 'B' team has played and won three matches.

D. Easterbrook



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