

The KIRKHAMIAN

JULY 2016

KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





HEADMASTERDaniel Berry



KIRKHAM Grammar School

Having only done sixty-five days in post since my arrival it would be very difficult to comment in detail about the year. However, in a very short space of time I can say the future of Kirkham Grammar School is looking very exciting. The dedication of the staff, the stunning pupils, traditional values and established reputation have made a significant impression. I really do feel a part of Team KGS. This view has been further reinforced by my youngest child joining the Junior School in June and my two other children will be joining the Senior School in September. The past year has been one of change across a number of areas. However, any large organisation, even a school, must adapt to change and embrace evolution. The one aspect that never slows or shows any fear towards the impact of change is the pupils. They embrace change, boldly strive for excellence and continue to show why we should be so proud of all they achieve.

This year has seen some incredible achievements for our young people. There is a lot more to read on this in our Kirkhamian Newsletter. Just think what more they can do once we start to move forward during the next Academic Year with some of the new changes proposed. We will be launching our new Website in the middle of August. This will include a significant level of improvement in communication, online access and much more. We will also be launching a new whole school Academic Tracking System, new Marking System, new Report System, new School

Development Plan, new Pupil Voice Group, new signage and Campus Map, new Policy Documents and a school that will be at the forefront of 'Educational Excellence'. The Governing Body are also looking at further developments of the School Campus going forward.

This is best summed up in our new Mission Statement:

Kirkham Grammar School provides a caring and secure environment where the highest priority is given to the pursuit of academic excellence and the fulfilment of each pupil's potential.

Our vision for the school is to ensure academic success is encompassed by a breadth of educational opportunities including sporting, creative and cultural excellence. Throughout their school life we seek to provide our pupils with a stimulating, competitive and supportive environment that promotes both self-respect and respect for others within the spirit of a truly Independent School.

To achieve this, we will ensure that we:



Know every child and celebrate achievement in a caring, secure and family focused environment. Underpinned by a strong Christian Ethos.



nspire a spirit of enquiry in technology, scientific development, linguistic ideas, artistic creativity and develop a sense of independence.



Recognise excellence in all areas whilst ensuring all pupils make progress regardless of ability, age, race, sex, creed, sexual orientation, gender or disability.



Keep all of our pupils safe through a strong pastoral system in a community in which we are all valued.



Provide a Holistic approach to progress across academic and extra-curricular activities.



managers and staff are constantly reviewing development and ensuring the very best.



Maintain a sense of purpose to guide pupils successfully through the school and beyond.

The tradition of the school over a period of 500 years will remain. The purpose for us all is to have a school with traditional values and modern ambition, underpinned with the belief that the children pass through here only once and deserve the best.

We wish you a happy summer break and look forward to your return in September



Within the RAF Section of the Combined Cadet Force here at Kirkham Grammar School, there are many opportunities to partake in new adventures and Air Experience flying in a Grob Tutor was one of them!

In order to fly, we had to first undergo safety training, where we learned what to do in case of an (unlikely) emergency. This was followed by putting on heavy flying gear, which consisted of a jumpsuit, lifejacket, parachute and helmet. We waited as the aircraft were fired up and the adrenaline was pumping. We had our Top Gun moment as we walked out to the aircraft, with helmets under arm and the anthem playing in our heads. We got strapped in, met our pilot, taxied to the runway and were soon leaving the ground behind.

The plane in which we flew was a two seater so we each took it in turns to sit with the pilot for a flight. It was a great privilege to fly with an RAF pilot, who also taught us about the plane we were flying in and let us take control over some elements of the flight once we had been shown what to do!

Some cadets were lucky enough to experience air acrobatics and enjoyed the loop de loop and other tricks. Jack Livsey chose to fly over Warton and saw four Eurofighter Typhoons preparing to join us in the sky. He also flew over school, which was a surreal experience as he watched his friends from 3000ft. We were also able to take control of the aircraft and were asked to perform specific manoeuvres, which was incredible and a dream come true. After about half an hour we returned to RAF Woodvale, bouncing off the walls and wondering how soon we could come back!

Flying was a wonderful experience and we are most grateful for being given this opportunity.

Ella Townsend, Freya Parkinson and Jack Livsy









Air Experience Flights

An Air Experience Flight (AEF) is a training unit of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training Branch) whose main purpose is to give introductory flying experience to cadets from the Air Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force. As of 2010, twelve AEFs are active.

History

The AEFs, numbered from 1 to 13, were formed across the United Kingdom in 1958. All were equipped with the Chipmunk T.10 trainer. In the mid-1990s they were merged with

co-located University Air Squadrons (UASs), the Chipmunks being replaced by the existing UAS Scottish Aviation Bulldog T.1s. In 1999, the Grob Tutor T.1 began to replace the Bulldog.

No. 10 Air Experience Flight RAF Woodvale

10 Air Experience Flight (AEF) is one of twelve such units run by the Air Cadet Organisation of the Royal Air Force. It mainly flies cadets from Lancashire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Merseyside Wings, CCF contingents and Air Scouts. It will also fly cadets on annual camp at RAF Valley, when it will sometimes send an aircraft to RAF Mona for a day to fly the cadets on camp there. This increases the chance of flying for all cadets and cuts the road journey from RAF Valley to RAF Woodvale. Air cadets and CCF sections from Northern Ireland also fly at Woodvale.













CAREERS FAIR











Students and parents saw over 45 different organisations from both public and private sectors as well as the usual academic routes. Exhibitors, which included the BBC, Rathbones, The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, ICAEW, the Police, the Army, leading Universities, the NHS, Inspired Energy plc, Danbro and many more, advised attendees of the range of career pathways available to them.

Lorraine Hargreaves, Head of Careers at KGS, was delighted with the turnout. "Our aim is to provide modern career guidance for our pupils as they prepare for their futures – it is as much about inspiration as aspiration," said Mrs Hargreaves.

"By exposing students to real-life models, we can motivate them to make informed choices whilst at school and build strong links with employers. It helps them to think about possible career paths which do not always include University. It was also a great opportunity to experience over 35 different industry sectors."

More than 375 young people and their parents attended this special event in April. Organised by the Careers' Team at Kirkham Grammar School, the event hailed the opportunities open to students as they consider their post-school career or academic choices.

It was the first 'Your Future Career' event run by KGS in conjunction with the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at the School and was opened by special guest, Edwin J Booth, Chairman of E H Booth and Co Ltd – proprietors of Booths, the grocers of distinction and the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership – along with the Headmaster, Daniel Berry.

"The 'Your Future Career' event at KGS, provided the opportunity for students to make contact with real employers who are passionate about their own careers, thus inspiring pupils and challenging pre-conceived ideas about jobs."





the 5 the Class of 2016

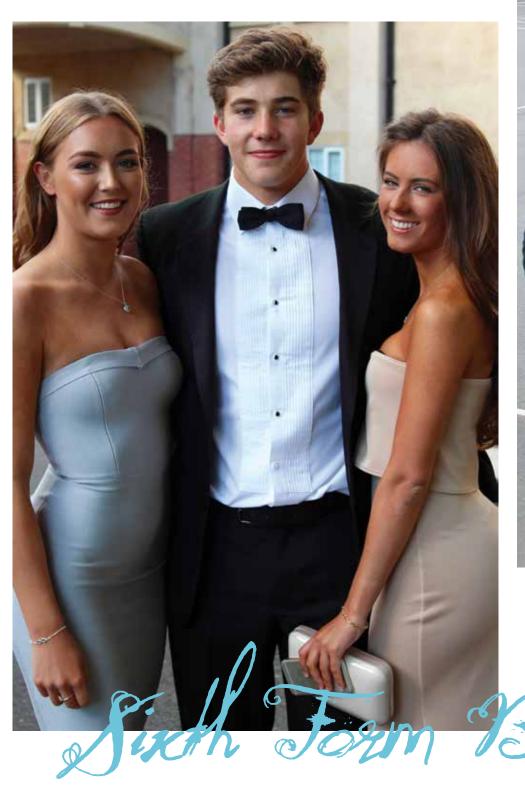






























In April, twenty children from Kirkham Grammar Junior School bok part in a workshop delivered by Martyn Davidson from the Bloodhound Project, Louise Brimelow from The Cake Decorating Company and Dorret Conway, BBC Great British Bake Off contestant. At the heart of all this, the Bloodhound Project is an educational project. The team go into schools to deliver Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to pupils from KS1 to KS4, based on the reality of dezigning, building and operating a 1000mph world land speed car. Dorret Conway met Martyn at a network event, and suggested to him that they create a replica of the car, made out of cake. Dorret subsequently commissioned Louise Brimelow from The Cake Decorating Companycoluk to make the cake and the company kindly sponsored all the materials and decorations for the cake. The team at the Preston shop made and decorated the cake and all the ingredients were kindly donated by Mr Edwin Booth from Booths. The children were able to make their own small replica of the land speed car using sugar paste. Thank you to Martyn, Dorret and Louise for giving the children this opportunity, they all thoroughly enjoyed this unique and amazing experience.



















Infant Royal Day

On Thursday 21 April, Kirkham Grammar Junior School marked Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday with a very special finfant Royal Day". We were proud to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Her Majesty's qualities of kinchess, compassion, service, sacrifice and strength are inspiring to the KGJS community. We certainly celebrated in style with our activities throughout the day, which included a Royal Banquet, a sevenade by some of our older children and we also had a closer look at our family trees and the Royal Family tree. Other activities induded self portraits, Royal timelines and baking! Mrs Rosemary Carlwinght, Chair of Governors at Kirkham Grammar School, came into KGJS to speak to the 13 children about the time she met The Queen, after she was pull forward to receive 'Maundy. Money', which is given to people over the age of 70. years, who make a valuable contribution to charity. The children and staffall had a wonderful day! Thank you to all the parents for their support with this event!

SPRING FAIR

The sun shone for our Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Spring Fair and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all, with lots of adiivities for all ages! The perfect weather meant the BBQ, Prosecco and ice creams went down a treat!!! The penalty shootout tested any budding footballers, whilst the golf fairs amongst us were able to have a golat the golf putting competition! The children were able to mix their own finagic potions", have their face painted and try out the Spinning Teacups ride! The very talented KGS Swing Band entertained the guests while they enjoyed a cup of teal and a cake!! Many thanks to everyone who came along to support this wonderful occasion and also to the Priends of Kirkham Grammar School for organising, yet again, a very successful event!



























On Monday 16th May, I had the amazing privilege of travelling down to London for a special Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Presentation event in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. What a day!

The sun shone down as Mrs Parkinson and I walked up to – and through – the famous wrought-iron gates of the Palace. It felt very strange to be on the other side, walking past the famous Coldstream Guards in their sentry boxes and round the side to the gardens.

Two big bands, one Army and one RAF, played at each end of the Palace gardens, and two of the biggest marquees I've ever seen were lined up with tea urns and row upon row of shortbread biscuits. I can happily report that the biscuits were delicious, but not quite as good as the KGS shortbread.

It was wonderful to meet up with two of our recent students who were receiving their Gold Awards. Rebecca Jones, who is studying Business at UCLAN and Hannah Davies who is in her third year at Bangor University studying Psychology.

Our North of England group was honoured to have HRH The Duke of Edinburgh join us and talk with the group. He spoke to the Gold Award recipients and also to the DofE managers and leaders. He spoke with pride about the Award scheme and took great interest in what the participants had undertaken to achieve their Awards.

Each group had a celebrity presenter to give out the Gold Award certificates. Our group received presentations from Zac Purchase MBE (photo left). Zac won an Olympic Gold Medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics in Double sculls rowing; he was also world champion at the same event from 2008 till 2012. He gave a very interesting and inspiring talk about finding your niche and giving it your all, persevering when the going gets tough and the importance of team work and listening

It was fabulous to see Hannah and Rebecca receive their well deserved Awards in such beautiful surroundings. After the Gold Award presentations, the Licensed Organisations were called up to receive a commemorative plaque in recognition of 60 years of the DofE Award Scheme. When Kirkham Grammar School was called up, I regretted wearing high heels to a garden party and wished I had my walking boots on!

It was an amazing day and I was very proud to be involved with the delivery of DofE at KGS. The DofE Award Scheme really does give young people a structure and framework to contribute to the community through voluntary work, whilst improving skills and developing confidence, commitment, resilience and teamwork.

Mrs Sutcliffe



Theo Randall James Smith

Emily Fildes

Elisha Foster Maddy Fox Lawrence Gebbie

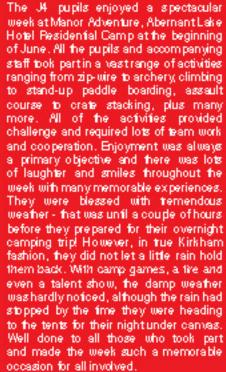
Jack Higham Olivia Huyton Zara Ikram Venkata Karri Daisy Kemp William Kollard Hannah Lewthwaite Jack Livsey **Eleanor Moss** Lily O'Brien Freya Parkinson Andrew Platt Beth Preston Callum Queen Theo Randall Sebastian Roche Hannah Sayers Matthew Thomas George Thompson Ella Townsend Tom Walter James White-Dunne Andrew Whittingham Emma Winn

Edward Swindley

J4 Trip to **Wales**







































A Fond FAREWELL

The end of the academic year sees us saying farewell to a number of staff, including an unusually large number who have reached retirement age after many years of service to the School. In ascending order of service, we therefore say thank you and good-bye to the following:



Senior School

In the PE Department this year, we have welcomed two gap year students as PE assistants, Mr Cormac Nolan (photo right - bottom) and Miss Rebecca Holden (photo middle - right). Both have involved themselves fully in the life of the Department, their work stretches far beyond the school day and term-time. More importantly, they have demonstrated all the hallmarks of KGS teachers, by the way in which they have come to know and care for pupils as individuals. We wish them both well in their future careers, where we know they will deploy the skills and qualities developed at KGS within their future roles.

From the Boarding House staff, Mrs **Sue Rowe** and Mrs **Susan Camassa** move on after working as Matron and Assistant Matron respectively. Mrs Rowe, whose first contact with the school was as a parent, has worked for many years in boarding, becoming a familiar and trusted figure to successive cohorts of boarders from all around the world, and has been ably assisted in recent years by Mrs Camassa.

Meanwhile from the Bursarial staff, Mrs **Christine Nicholson** (photo right - middle left) retired in March after over a decade of service to the school. Christine has worked in a variety of roles within the Bursary, notably in overseeing and administering teaching and non-teaching staff appointments. She has also been a calm, cheerful and efficient administrator and organiser of major school and Old Kirkhamian events as well as providing a service to Old Kirkhamians who contact her by telephone, email, post or in person and gathering material for and producing the newsletter twice a year.

From the teaching staff, we were most fortunate to be served in the Design Technology Department this year by Mr Ivan Horvath, who covered the absence on maternity leave of Mrs Brookes. Ivan proved a perfect fit for the Department, showing dedication to the interests of pupils of all ages, and like all his colleagues, was to be found in the Department and its workshop at all hours of the working day and well beyond. His obliging good humour was much appreciated and will be greatly missed.

In the Physics Department, Mrs **Alice Watson**, who has also been on maternity leave following the birth of her son Arthur, has decided to become a full-time parent for the immediate future, and so will not be re-joining us. We wish her every happiness and thank her for the excellent contribution that she made during her time with us: her inspirational teaching and dedication to popularising the subject made a considerable impact, and she was particularly involved in promoting the study of astronomy.

In the Learning Support Department, Mrs **Pat Blackburn** is retiring after many years of service across the senior and junior schools. She first joined as a part-time assistant and then took over the Department full-time in 2010. Her care for the needs of individuals and her cheerful and sympathetic concern have been the hallmark of her work in this important area, where the needs of each individual student are so important. We wish her well and will greatly miss her supportive expertise and constant patience and good humour.







Dr Mike Whalley (photo right with Mr Sampey) has decided to step down from the demanding post of Boarding House Master following a period of ill health. Dr Whalley has served the school in a number of roles since joining us as Director of Sport almost twenty years ago. In that role, he oversaw many successes in school sport, and in particular was responsible for the growth in success and popularity of cricket, a sport which had previously been something of a "cinderella" sport. Dr Whalley's tenure saw KGS playing and winning fixtures against leading teams from the UK and overseas, and culminated in a successful and enjoyable tour to Grenada in 2010. Outside the sporting sphere, Dr Whalley was for many years Head of Middle School, where his calm and measured approach helped many generations of pupils through a difficult time of their school career, and most recently, along with his wife Tracy, he brought those same qualities to the post of Boarding House Master, where his care and concern for the welfare of the mixed multinational community of boarders was much appreciated by boarders and their families.

Mr Syl Sampey (photo right with Mr Whalley) finally steps down from the staff after many years of service, again in a variety of roles. It was as a sports coach that he first joined his daughter Mrs Jane Glover on the PE staff, and successive generations of girls have looked to him as a wise, calm, knowledgeable and demanding coach of hockey and athletics. He is the quiet driving force behind many girls' achievements, always pushing his charges to perform at their very best yet with a benign and understanding demeanour. He has accompanied numerous fixtures and tours at home and abroad and is a well-loved father-figure who will be hugely missed. However, there is far more to Syl than sport: he was for many years an English teacher, and his love of books, his passion for writing and for high standards of grammar inspired many pupils to standards way beyond their expectations. This love of books was equally apparent in the Library, where his stewardship of the Scribblers' Club with successive Librarians provided a haven for those who shared his love of writing and reading. Moreover, he has also been a knowledgeable and genial master of ceremonies at the Annual Christmas Concert for many years. A true renaissance man, Syl will be sorely missed, but thoroughly deserves a restful retirement, which for him has been very long delayed.

Mr Grant Ferguson (photo left with his wife Hannah and daughter Amelia) leaves the Biology Department after a short tenure during which he has entered fully into the academic and sporting life of the school. Grant came to us with a reputation as a hard taskmaster and enthusiast for his subject, which was greatly appreciated by those whom he taught, and as a sports coach, he developed talented rugby players as they moved from the junior years to the Senior Squads at Under 16 level. We wish him success as he moves to teach overseas.

Miss Alice Jordan leaves the English Department where she has been a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher of language and literature. Her quirky style and kind understanding have helped many pupils to achieve great things in this most fundamental of subjects. We wish her well in her future ventures.

Mr **Doug Lloyd** leaves us for a deserved promotion to Stonyhurst College, ending many years of one of the longest commutes to school from his home in East Lancashire. Mr Lloyd is the epitome of a KGS teacher: knowledgeable, dedicated and interested in far more than just what goes on in the classroom. His sympathetic maths teaching at all levels made him one of the "go-to" teachers for pupils of all ages who were struggling with a maths question, whilst his passion for the CCF, and in particular for shooting, meant that he developed this sport to a level of popularity and excellence hitherto unseen here. Our loss is Stonyhurst's gain, and we wish Doug every success there.





Retiring from the Maths Department is Ms **Deborah Rogerson** (photo below with Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Read) after over twenty years of dedicated service. Ms Rogerson's reputation for high standards of work and behaviour belies a kindly and caring concern for her pupils, which was widely acknowledged and appreciated by those whom she taught. Successive generations of KGS students are grateful to Ms Rogerson for her dedication and refusal to accept low standards, but also for the concern and interest that she shows as a form tutor.



Top of the bill in terms of long and dedicated service to KGS are four teachers whose retirement comes after a combined total of almost 150 years at the school:

Mr Tim Miller (Photo below with his daughter Jenny at the Sixth Form Ball) joined the History Department in 1984, and took over as Head of History in 1992. As a history teacher, he has been loved by successive generations for his personal and engaging style as well as for his famously awful jokes. It is a measure of his success that dozens of his former students have elected to read History at university, inspired by what they learned in their own schooldays. However, there is so much more to Tim than just History teaching; he is an old-fashioned schoolmaster in every sense of the word, an all-rounder whose love of school life saw him devoting hours of his free time to the broader life of the school, most particularly in hockey and CCF. He added his expertise as a coach and umpire to the PE Department in the days when girls' hockey was in its early days, before even the Astroturf pitch had given our girls the chance to develop their skills properly. He has taken part in overseas tours, including the legendary 1992 World Tour of which so many girls of that era have such fond memories. He also joined the CCF straight after his arrival, and again has devoted countless days of his holidays and weekends to camps, field days and expeditions, enjoying the camaraderie of his fellow officers and above all the cadets under his supervision. Tim also accompanied History students to the First World War battlefields on several occasions in recent years, and demonstrated in all that he did a concern for the welfare and enjoyment of his pupils. We wish Tim a long and happy retirement with his wife Barbara (formerly Mrs Cassidy), herself a former member of staff.

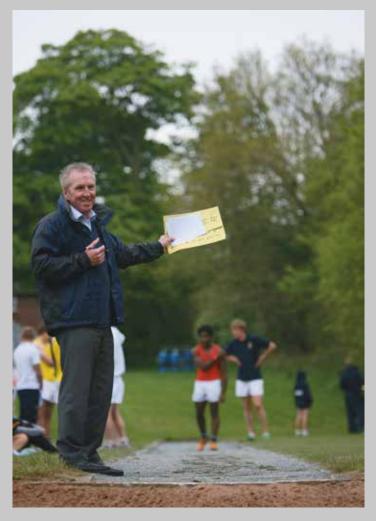


Mr lan Rushton (photo top right) joined the Modern Languages Department in 1981 and has devoted an entire teaching career to teaching German and French at KGS. As a teacher, he will be remembered not only for his skill as a linguist, but also for his mischievous sense of humour and for his manifest love of other countries and cultures. For many years, he helped lead the Easter Languages trips to France and Germany, often well over fifty strong, and many pupils will recall with affection a trip up the Eiffel Tower or highlights of one of the great museums. His love of theme parks was legendary, and he shared with pupils of all ages a love of Disneyland, Camelot or Europa Park. However, Ian's serious side is also very apparent to all who know him, and his work for the charities in which he so passionately believes has been a prominent feature of his years of service to KGS. The School's sustained awareness of and concern for good causes is very much his creation and legacy. The weekly collections, charity concerts, non-uniform days, cake sales and sponsored events which have been so much a part of school life over the years are all products of his wish to help good causes, and stand as proof of the Christian faith which means so much to him. Ian has also worked as a tennis coach and was for many years one of the sessional duty staff in the Boarding House. We wish him a long and fruitful retirement.

Dr Tony Hall (photo right) joined KGS in 1979 at a historic turning point in the school's history, as it became independent and co-educational. He became Head of Chemistry in 1989 and was for many years also Head of Science. In the classroom, he has been a good-humoured and inspirational teacher, whose greatest legacy is that there are countless scientists of the highest calibre who trained under his expert guidance. The medical and dental professions alone boast dozens of "Doc" Hall's former students. Again, however, the classroom is just the start of Tony's contribution to KGS life. He was for many years a rugby coach, including as an accomplice of the legendary 1987 World Tour. He also ran the KGS Harriers for many years, and in the early days of Barrie Stacey's headship, Tony was the only member of staff who dared to join Barrie's famous training runs, and Barrie learned much about the school and its workings whilst pounding the pavements of the Fylde with the "Doc". Tony was also for many years a ski trip stalwart, and an organiser of the Friday night after-school, staff football against Sixth Formers. One of his proudest moments as a teacher was when a former pupil and star A-Level chemist, who had become a professional footballer had to text his apologies for the "staff" team because he was on the bench for Bolton Wanderers at the Allianz Arena for a EUFA Cup match. Yet like all KGS teachers, it is for his astute and caring concern for his pupils' welfare that he will be most remembered. His beautifully formed handwriting expressed many times in eloquent terms, a deep and perceptive awareness of his tutees' skills and qualities when writing UCAS references. Tony's measured and thoughtful contribution to staff meetings revealed his sharp and discerning mind, with an ability to get to the essentials of any issue. Tony retires to a quieter life as a grandfather after a career of which he can be truly proud.

Top of the bill in terms of length of service is Mr Richard Watson (photo right). "Doc Wat", as hundreds refer to him, joined KGS back in 1972, meaning that he retires this summer after a remarkable 44 years of service to the School in almost every role imaginable as a teacher. The boys' state grammar school that he joined in 1972 is in many ways unrecognisable compared to the school as it is today, yet the values and qualities that Richard has demonstrated over such a long career are timeless and enduring, and have truly earned him the status of a "KGS legend". As an English teacher, Richard's versatility has been a distinctive asset: for years he has chosen to teach lower sets for English to GCSE, where his insistence on high standards and his quirky and humorous approach have always ensured that pupils perform to their best. Meanwhile at A-Level, his love of great literature shines through in teaching A-Level Literature to some of the sharpest minds to have passed through the Sixth Form, many of whom carry their love of words, ideas and arguments through into distinguished careers, in areas such as the law. Yet again, however, to talk about Richard's career and only refer to teaching would be a gross misrepresentation of what he has done. He has at various times been a rugby coach, boarding house supervisor, year head (he pioneered the Head of Middle School role as the first incumbent of that post), as well as an enthusiastic participant in school trips, particularly the ski and Modern Languages trips. But it is perhaps in his latest incarnation that he has most displayed the qualities as the "Schoolmaster" that he so completely epitomised. Since 2005, he has been Senior Master, in which role he in effect runs the school in day-to-day terms, dealing with cover of staff absences, staff duties and school routines. Successive Headmasters and numerous colleagues have looked to him for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the "Kirkham way", whilst many younger pupils have felt the chilling "oi!" bring them to order for some disciplinary misdemeanour, only to discover in later years the warmth and humour that lies beneath that fierce bark. Old Kirkhamians of all ages always ask first after Doc Wat, and recall with affection his influence on their lives, careers and personalities. Richard retires, with our warmest good wishes, to a life of indulging his many and varied interests, from birdwatching to sport.











Junior School

We say goodbye to Miss **De Maine** (photo top left) who has been with us for one year, employed to teach our third J4 class. We thank Miss De Maine for the wonderful contribution during her short time at KGJS. She has been very fondly thought of by the pupils in her care and all her colleagues. We wish Miss De Maine every success as she packs her bags and moves down to Cornwall. Please come back and see us when you are visiting your family in the North West

A familiar face will also be leaving us at the end of this year. Mr Peter Lockett (photo Middle left) joined KGJS in 1999 as Head of Music and he has seen this area go from strength to strength. In the seventeen years he has worked at the school he has accomplished an amazing array of musical events. In 2002, he organised a Music Tour which saw 44 musicians, aged 7-11, perform at a number of venues across Holland. In 2009, he accompanied a group of children to AJIS Orchestra and AJIS Sings and in 2012 he helped the school to achieve the prestigious Platinum Sing Up Award. Over the years, Peter has forged links for our Junior School Ensemble, conducting joint concerts with three famous brass bands; the JJB Brass Band, the Suzume Brass Band from Japan and the Flixton Brass Band, as well as joining forces with Military Bands and our own Senior School Band on a number of occasions. He even managed to put together a Teachers' Brass Band! Looking back, Mr Lockett has achieved so much. In numbers, in his time at the school he has led seventeen Christmas Carol Concerts, directed the Music in eight Junior School Productions, organised seven Year Group Concerts and six Inter-House Music Competitions, worked alongside Pear Tree School on five annual Music Projects, overseen five Performing Arts Concerts and as many Tea Concerts and helped produce three CDs. Let's not forget that Mr Lockett has done all of this alongside working full time as a Junior Teacher, beginning his KGJS career in J3 and more recently working in J2. Many children have benefited from Peter Lockett's caring style of teaching and dry sense of humour! Mr Lockett may be retiring from teaching but he has no plans to reach for his pipe and slippers just yet! After recharging his batteries, he intends to keep himself very busy. He has aspirations to become a J.P., training in the first instance with adults, before being able to deal with younger people. He will continue to support the many charities that already benefit from Peter's help and he will carry on conducting a charity band in Chorley. He hopes to get back into his golf, too. When his wife, Pam, retires in the near future, they hope to spend time travelling around the world visiting the numerous destinations they have on their 'hit list'! We all wish Mr Lockett the very best as he moves on to these exciting times ahead.

It is with great sadness that we wish one of our longest serving members of staff goodbye this summer. Mrs Christine Brindle (photo left) joined KGJS in 1997 as a part time teacher covering a number of different age groups. A year later she was appointed as a full time member of staff and in her nineteen years here she has taught all age groups, but has spent most of her time with J1, J3 and latterly with J4. Mrs Brindle has worked under all three of our Junior School headmistresses as well as four Senior School headmasters. She has seen many colleagues come and go and she remembers them all fondly. One of her resounding memories has been the camaraderie of the staff and of the friendly atmosphere within the school over the years. Mrs Brindle has seen many changes in her time at KGJS. The school building itself has changed quite significantly; eight classrooms are now twelve, the front entrance is now the library, the school offices are now the front entrance, the kitchen is now the Pre-School and of course we have an upstairs! She has many wonderful memories of past events that will stay with her, too. Mrs Brindle has taken school groups to Euro Disney, to Valkenburg in Holland as well as trips to London. As the teacher in charge of Design Technology, Mrs Brindle has climbed windmills on a windfarm, flown kites on Lytham Beach and sailed catamarans on Fairhaven Lake. She has also organised a debate with MP Michael Jack and even welcomed Prince Edward on his Royal Visit. Mrs Brindle has certainly offered a varied and enriching curriculum to all the children she has taught in her time here at Kirkham. Christine Brindle has played a huge role in the history of our school and she will be greatly missed by everyone at KGJS. She may be retiring from teaching but she is certainly not going to be putting her feet up just yet! Mrs Brindle is about to become a Grandma! Her daughter, Yvette and partner Mike are expecting their first child, a girl, any time soon! Christine also plans to spend more time on her hobbies, exercising and on walking her dog. Ruby. We wish Christine health and happiness as we say farewell to her at the end of this term. Don't be a stranger, Mrs Brindle! Please come back and see us soon!

Ms Linda Baxter started teaching at Kirkham Grammar School in 1996. She immediately had a huge impact on the girls' Physical Education Department with her drive and enthusiasm. Her major contribution was her role as coach to the U12 and U15 Girls' Hockey teams. Success soon followed with all her teams playing with flair and grit! In 2000 she took her U15s to the National Finals in Milton Keynes, which was an outstanding achievement. Whilst Hockey was one of her major strengths, she also made fantastic contributions to all the Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Squads which went on to be very successful at District and County level.

In January 2003 she made the decision to move from the Senior School to the Junior School Physical Education Department, having worked between the two sites for the previous two years. At the time, the Junior School could not have imagined what an impact she was going to have over the next 13 years. Linda immediately raised the standard of performance in all areas whilst also ensuring pupils played sport with a smile on their face.

There is probably no better way to highlight her achievements than to list the successes of the teams she has coached.

North of England U11 Girls Hockey Champions. 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016

AJIS U11 Girls Hockey Champions 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016

Lancashire U11 Girls Hockey Champions 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Budge U11 Girls Hockey Champions 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

St Mary's Hall U11 Girls Hockey Champions 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

KGJS U10 Girls Hockey Champions 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015

AJIS U11 Boys Hockey Champions 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2016

AJIS U10 Girls Cross Country Champions 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

AJIS U11 Girls Cross Country Champions 2008, 2012, 2015

Sedbergh U11 Girls Cross Country Champions 2015

St Mary's Hall U11 Girls Cross Country Champions 2014, 2015

St Pius U11 Girls Rounders Champions 2013, 2014, 2016

AJIS U11 Girls Rounders Champions 2016

AJIS Athletics 2004 - 2016 Medals Galore !!!!!

As can be seen, her level of success is astonishing and she will be clearly missed by everyone at Kirkham.







AJIS Athletics

On Thursday 16 June, Kirkham travelled to Stanley Park in Blackpool for the annual AJIS Affiletics Championships. Competition is always very tough with 23 schools from throughout the North West taking part. There were four different age group categories, U11 Boys, U11 Girls, U10 Boys and U10 Girls. By the end of five hours flerce competition KGJS had achieved the following results;

GOLD

U11 Boys 600 metres - Ardne Dowds

U11 Boys Long Jump - Archie Dowds

U11 Siris Long Jump - Hattle Madden

U11 Boys 4 X 100 metres relay - Aiden Hayward, Archie Dowds, Freddie Tarrant and Ben Wiggins in a NEW RECORD TIME!

SILVER

U11 Girls 4 X 100 metres relay - Anya Baxter, Bo Madden, Talia Armstead and Hattle Madden

U11 Boys 150 metres - Freddie Tarrant

U11 Girls Hurdles - Bo Madden

U10 Boys Hurdes - Austin Clutterbuck

U10 Boys 150 metres - Alexander Kane

BRONZE

U11 Boys Hurdles - Thomas Shuttleworth

U11 Girls High Jump - Talia Armstead

U10 Boys 600 metres - Alex Maude

U10 Boys 4 X 100 metres relay - Alexander Kane, Alex Maude, Austin Clutterbuck and Owain Heathcote-Jones

These are fantastic results and everyone should be very proud of their performances, even if they did not win a medal. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who braved the wet weather to offer their support.













SIXTH FORM ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS TAKE INSPIRATION FROM RENAISSANCE ITALY













For the past six years the Sixth Form artists and photographers have travelled to Europe as part of their preparation for their A-level examinations. Cities visited to date include Berlin, Paris and Rome. This year was an emphasis on Renaissance Art and Architecture so Florence and Siena were the destinations of choice. Once again it was a trip that was visually rewarding for everyone including staff, Sixth Formers and a small group of GCSE photographers. The following is a report by U6 Fine Artist, Sophie Coplestone.

This year, the KGS Art department took 17 of us lucky art students on a fantastic trip to Florence, Italy. It was an amazing opportunity for both photography students and fine artists as we visited many different places full of culture and tradition.

We stayed in a lovely hotel facing the River Arno and were perfectly positioned, within walking distance of everything. On the first day we walked to the San Marco church and convent (which is now a museum). It was home to Fra Angelico, a 15th century painter, and holds many of his masterpieces. We were able to spend a good few hours here sketching (photo right of me sketching), photographing and appreciating the history and art behind it all. In the afternoon we took a trip to Il Duomo di Firenze, the Florence Cathedral. This was incredibly beautiful and to get a good view of the city, we all climbed up 463 steps to the top of the bell tower. This view allowed us all to capture some fantastic photos of the Duomo itself and of Florence.

I think, for me, the highlight had to be seeing Michael Angelo's sculpture of David. I remember visiting the Galleria Dell' Accademia









when I was younger and being blown away by it so I knew coming back to Florence, I definitely wanted to see it again. The Uffizi Gallery was wonderful and we were able to appreciate the works of Botticelli and Da Vinci; my favourite was The Birth of Venus.

On the last day we got the train to Siena, this was incredibly idyllic as it was full of history and really narrow backstreets which were perfect to take photos of. We were given plenty of time to explore the city and visit the gothic cathedral. This gave the artists the opportunity to sit in the sun and sketch our surroundings.

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Florence, the weather was lovely, but the trip was made by the people. Everyone got on really well and the staff were extremely helpful and organised which altogether made for a wonderful trip!









U6 Examination Art & Deisign Work featured on these pages

Seline Turner at work on this page







Ellen Whitehead











A-LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography as an A-level subject continues to be very popular with the standard of work increasing each year. The variety of themes also continues to grow as was evident in this year's end of year exhibition. A good volume of the work featured photographs taken whilst on the Florence & Siena Trip over the Easter break. Works of note were the exhibition by Georgia Ansell (photos left & bottom) who put together a varied portfolio that should gain her a place at Falmouth to study a degree in Photography. Also of note was a series of work titled 'Powder' by Cara Roberts (photo below and right), L6. The shots were taken in our Senior Art Studio with the talented dancer and model Tilly (a friend from Cara's dance school). Guests were very impressed by all the department's photography at the annual exhibition held in all the Art rooms and Dining Hall.



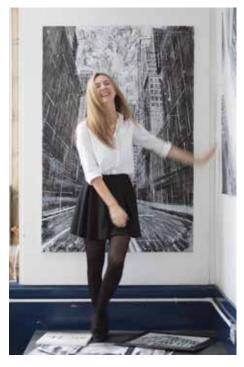












The Art & Design's annual Exhibition was once again a great success, with pupils, parents, staff and other guests attending. On show was over fifty students Fine Art and Photography projects marking the end of the two year GCSE and A-level courses. All work had been marked by the examination board, so it was time to invite everyone in, to see what talent we have here at Kirkham Grammar School. Taking an examination course is a huge commitment of the students and their parents, as so much is done outside of school, be it family visits to places of interest on the Fylde coast or a family holiday to New York. One such trip by the Coplestone family led U6 student Sophie to take photographs of New York street views then sketch and draw from them, then finally create large scale paintings that are featured on this page and the front cover of this Kirkhamian Magazine. Her progress was well documented on the department's twitter feed. The A-level work will be on display in E8 for a while to come as too is the GCSE Exhibition in the Dining Room. Do enjoy viewing our students fantastic work.















KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE REPORT

The term as a whole has been busy, with House Tennis, Cricket, Rounders, Technology and Drama all taking place in addition to the Athletics and all credit must be given to all four Houses for consistently having people participate in the myriad of activities that represents the Whitby Cup competition. The key to the House System's success is participation and leadership, and this term has certainly seen genuine levels of commitment from pupils of all ages.

At the time of writing there is a battle for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in the overall Whitby Cup standings, but one House has been the clear front-runner all year, and congratulations must go to School House on their well-deserved victory.

School House once again proved too good for all the other Houses on Sports Day, amassing a fantastic total of 682 points and winning the House Athletics Trophy by quite some margin. Preston, Kirkham and Fylde Houses were

way behind despite some great performances across all age groups.

Individually, the Senior Girls competition was won by Sophie Warden, with the Intermediate competition being won by Hannah Mears and Ella Moulding, and the Juniors by Darcey Lonsdale, who set a new school record for the Junior Girl 800m race. For the Senior Boys the competition winner was James Maddrell, with Evan Powell for the Intermediates, and Luca Sempers for the Juniors.















KGJS CHARITY TRIATHLON





On Saturday 7 May, thirty three children, along with Ms Baxter, Mrs Aldeen, Mrs Tickle and Mr Butterworth, took part in a Charity Triathlon to raise money for Brian House Children's Hospice. Everyone swam 10 lengths of the Kirkham pool, with most choosing different styles for each length. As well as the traditional strokes, they also swam backwards and somersaulted their way down the pool! Next, all competitors travelled to Preston Sports Arena to take part in the running and cyding disciplines. This involved running round the track four times to complete one mile before completing three miles on their bikes. The event displayed great sportsmanship and team effort. In total over £1300 was raised, which

is a fantastic achievement from everyone who took

part.





























PRE-SCHOOL

Pie-School have had a very busy term and the children have been truly wonderfull As Pie-School. approached the end of the academic year, they were very excited to start preparing for their Summer Production. This year, they decided that the theme of their show would be about what makes the children who they are, 'Amazing little people'. The production was all about being different, whilst living in 'Our alien world', so the children became aliens and astronauts in search. of uniqueness. The production was amazing and really showcased an explosion of talent that we have at Pre-School!! On Saturday 18 June, parents, family and triends joined the Pre-School children for their own Sports Dayl The sun shorte and all the children had a wonde full time, taking pair in the different races. A few of the dads even took pair in an egg and spoon race. .. of course purely for fun with no him of competitiveness!! Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all afterwards and it was lovely to see so many (amily members there including able siblings, supporting the children. On Wednesday 22 June, the Pre-School children visited Turbary Woods Owl and Girds of Prey Sanctuary in Presion and they had the besitting event They met some of the birds that live there and were able to feed some of the different types of owls as they watched them tly onto their arms. Wer this super experience they may be talking about birds for quite some time to come!



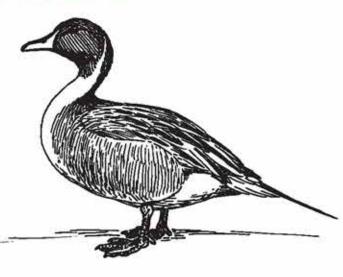




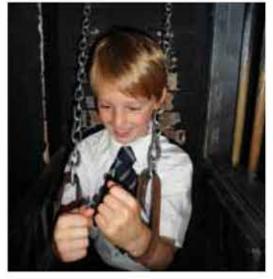


11 Trip to Martin Mere

During May, the I1 children enjoyed a wonderful day out at Martin Mere. On arrival, they had an educational talk in the classroom about the different ways birds find food and how they move. Everyone enjoyed learning the flamingo dance with their hand puppets! They were excited to have a tour with Kirstin and Helen to see the wonderful variety of wildlife, including the otters and flamingos. After enjoying a delicious picnic lunch, the children had a fantastic time on the extensive adventure playground. They finished off a perfect day by feeding seed to the ducks, ducklings, geese and goslings.



J1 Trip to Chester





On Wednesday 22 June, J1 made their annual journey to Chester, otherwise known as Dewa, to complete their work, learning about the Romans. When they arrived, they were met by a Roman legionary who took them to the Roman gardens to train them to become soldiers. After this, they moved on to the amphitheatre to watch a gladiator fight between Mr Butterworth and Miss Cooper! Next, they had lunch at the museum and began their tour. They learned all about what life was like in Roman Chester for the soldiers who came here. J1 really enjoyed the hands on section, pretending to be archaeologists and trying on armour. The children finished their trip with a visit to the gift shop. They had a fantastic day!











13 Trip to Samlesbury Hall

The I3s were extremely excited as they began their journey to Samlesbury Hall in the middle of May. They embarked on a historical journey and travelled back in time to meet the Tudors to learn all about how hard it was for children in those times. From the age of three, they were scrubbing floors, hunting for animals, cooking and building fires to keep their families warm. I3 really enjoyed exploring all the different rooms and even met King Henry VIII! They designed their own shields and

gargoyles to scare away the evil spirits and they all loved the Priest Room even though it was very cold! Trap doors and secret passages were discovered and the king told them about how they were used in battles. The children all asked some very interesting questions and, whilst they were having lunch, Miss Fountain even played the piano! A super day, with everyone thoroughly enjoying consolidating their knowledge about the Tudors!







The J3s had an excellent day at Waddow Hall on Wednesday 11 May The main focus of their visit was to reinforce and extend their friendships and work on their team building skills. The children were split into three groups and then headed off to complete their tasks. They had fun being blindfolded before being led around the 'Nightline' course. Here they had to follow a sighted leader who guided them through the woods with a variety of obstacles and trip hazards to negotiate. The 'Rabbit Warren' challenged those afraid of small, dark spaces and, with the help of their peers, were able to overcome their fears. At lunch, they whizzed down the hill on grass sledges and then finally they completed Team Games and Team Building' activities. A great time was had by all and the weather was perfect!















J2 MOSI Trip

In the middle of June, the J2 children enjoyed an exciting trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. They set off bright and early and arrived feeling enthusiastic. The children enjoyed looking at a range of vehicles from periods of history, finding out about war planes and the development of cars. They then experienced an explosions workshop where they had to be explosives detectives and solve a crime from 100 years ago, looking at evidence and observing different kinds of explosions. The 4D theatre was enjoyed by all, as we accompanied Neil Armstrong on his trip to the moon and felt all of the movements and effects that would be felt on-board a rocket. Following his they found out about the history of steam engines and how the modern train was developed and then we had time to enjoy the experiment room. The day came to an end with a visit to the gift shop before returning to school. A wonderfully busy and productive day!



noda

Be inspired by amateur theatre

Actors claim Top Awards

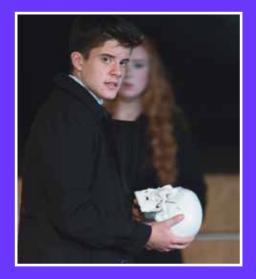
Kirkham Grammar School were delighted to receive four nominations from NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) for their production of Hamlet. The awards evening on Saturday 30 April was held at the Mercure Hotel, Manchester and KGS were astounded to win three of the top awards: Year 11 student Mason Forrest won Best Male Lead Actor for his outstanding performance as Hamlet, Elyssia Cockshott won Best Female Lead Actor for her haunting portrayal of Ophelia and Sophie Coplestone secured Best Female Supporting Actor for her role as Hamlet's tortured mother

Gertrude. Anthony Hudson was also nominated, and although he was not successful, received a NODA in the Blackpool District Awards for Most Entertaining Performance for his role as the corrupt King Claudius.

Both Elyssia and Sophie are hoping to go on to Drama School at the end of this academic year; Elyssia has secured a place at the Guildhall School in London and Sophie is through to the final round of auditions for the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and LAMDA in London. Both girls have been involved in all

of the school Shakespeare productions, and clearly this has stood them in good stead for their future acting careers.

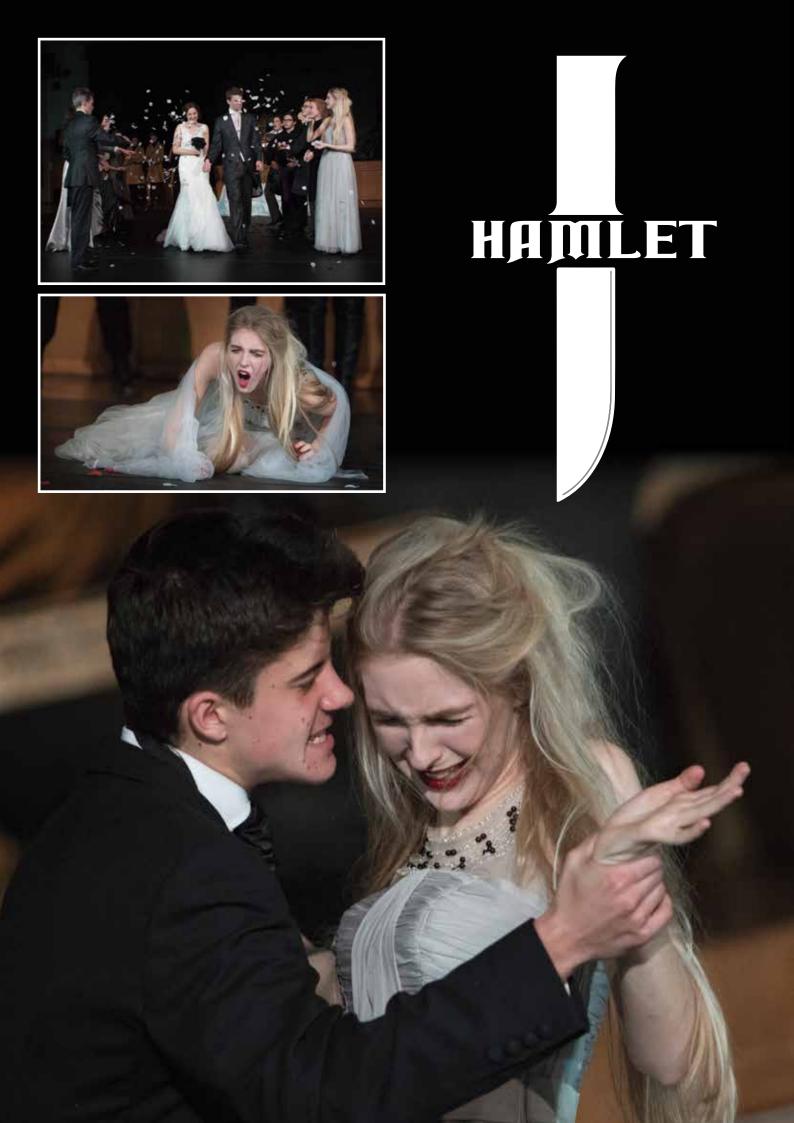
Jane Barrie, Director of Drama, said, "We are very proud of our students and delighted that their talent has been recognised. We won five NODAs last year for The Tempest and our Junior School production was also recognised at the District award ceremony. It is a wonderful organisation for all involved." It's onwards and upwards for Drama at KGS!















half term 63 pupils from our 1st, 2nd and
3rd year together with 6
staff, travelled to North Wales
for a 4 day adventure trip involving
lots of outdoor activities. The challenges
included: abseiling, raft building, caving,
problem solving, leap-of-faith, Jacob's ladder,
aeroball, 3G swing, bouldering and many more. All the tasks were designed to enhance important life skills, such as

Our students were fartastic throughout the trip; they took part with vigour and enthusiasm and supported each other when the sessions tested nerves and pushed comfort zones. During the trip communication skills also improved greatly as pupils realised that the importance of listening to each other, as well as the instructors, is crucial to helping everyone achieve their potential and work together successfully.























Our Summer: Music Festival on Sunday 26 June was a huge success. The rain certainly clich't dampen the warm and magical atmosphere in our grand marquee! Musical performances, inducing solos from our Senior School pupils, the Junior School Choir and Upbeat Rock Academy, entertained our guests while they browsed the vast array of stalls on display. Guests enjoyed the culinary delights from our Catering Manager, Mr Ian Veevers, and enjoyed a glass of Prosecco from Rizz and Rute! Thank you to Mr Ian Hooper for his help with the musical arrangements and to everyone who performed so beautifully. It really was a truly wonderful occasion! Thank you also to all plour parents, family members and triends of our school community who supported our very first music festival! Watch this space. ...next year's event should be even bigger!



AJIS Music & Last Choir Singing

On Tuesday 8 March, thirty members of the Kirkham Grammar Junior School Choir, along with Mrs Shuttleworth, Miss Evans and Mrs Tickle, travelled to Bury Grammar School for the AJIS Music Festival. This event tested the range, coordination and harmonies of the young voices and, with fourteen schools taking part, the level of competition was high! The adjudicator for the event was top Manchester opera singer, Tina O'Brien. During the course of the day, in both the morning and afternoon sessions, each school choir sang two songs. Kirkham chose to sing 'The World's Greatest' and 'The Rose' and they sang their hearts out! Kirkham Grammar Junior School were the winners of the afternoon session and, after being judged as the overall winner of both sessions. were awarded the AJIS Music Festival trophy. This is an outstanding achievement! Following on from this event, on Thursday 10 March, the Kirkham Grammar Junior School Choir also took part in the 'Last Choir Singing' competition at Marine Hall, Fleetwood. Again the competition was high with seven schools taking part in Heat 1 and Kirkham Grammar were awarded the runners up trophy. The KGJS Choir went through to the 'Last Choir Singing Final' at King George's Hall in Blackburn on Friday 17 June and competed against nine schools from across Lancashire. Even though the choir didn't get placed in the final results, their performance was simply outstanding and each and every one of them should feel very proud. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support and well done to all the children who took part in these events!



























At the beginning of March, 58 very excited pulpils, along with Mrs Shuttleworth, Mrs Case, Miss Fountain, Mr Butterworth, Miss De Maine, Mr Edgar and Mrs Tickle, set off to perform at the Young Voices Concert 2016 at the Manchester Arena. On arrival at the Arena, the children were shown to their seats for the rehearsal. After two hours rehearsing, the children enjoyed a packed tea, before returning to their seats ready for the main concert. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the event which included several aritists including Laura. Wright, The Beatbox Collective, Urban Strides and Tom Billington, as well

as a full live band and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence. The atmosphere was electric and the Young Voices Concert, who this year celebrate their 20th anniversary, sawover 7000 local school children perform together over three nights to a capacity audience of friends and family! The children (and staff) really did sing their hearts out and danced the night away! All the children were excellent representatives for KGJS and each and every one of them should feel very proud to have taken part in such a spectacular event; one they will hopefully remember for the rest of their lives!

















HOUSE Singing Competition

Over the last four weeks, the children and staff have been busy rehearsing for the first ever House Singing Competition. The standard was high and the judges, Mr Berry, Mrs Shuttleworth and Mr Lockett had a very bugh decision on their hands. The performances were outstanding across all four houses however there could only be one winner and Colborne were growned the 2016 House Singing Champions. Well done to all the children and staff!







St. George's Day F E S T I V A L



On Saturday 23 April, a number of J3 and J4 children took part in the St George's Day parade in Lytham. The sun shone and the event was a truly wonderful occasion, with the J3 children delighting the crowds with their compilation of ukulele songs! In the evening, the KGJS Choir, Vocal Ensemble and Staff/Parent Choir entertained guests whilst they enjoyed a champagne reception at the St George's Day 'Black Tie Ball'. The children, staff and parents all sang beautifully! Thank you to all the children, parents and families... your support with this was much appreciated, on what turned out to be a very busy day!!











Kirkham Grammar School's Under 15 squad had a comfortable victory against Bury Grammar School with the seeds of victory effectively sewn in the opening overs after a superb spell from Callum Doyle, who found himself on a hat-trick in the first over of the day. Doyle exploited the swing friendly conditions well as he pitched the ball up with good pace; at the other end Charlie Partington backed him up with a very accurate four over which only cost four runs. At 5-3 Bury were certainly up against it as Sebastian Roche and Niall Higham, with his leg spin, ably backed up the Kirkham opening bowlers. Bury managed to put two partnerships of 23 together to nudge the score past 50 but Thomson and Acton responded with some tight overs of their own towards the end of the innings. Bury pushed up towards 60 with the loss of 5 wickets after their allotted 20 overs.

The Kirkham reply was a positive one despite losing Captain Evan Powell who was magnificently caught at cover from a flashing drive. Joe Thomson was joined by Partington as the pair took the score to 21, before Thomson was bowled by Legg with a delivery which cut back violently. Nathan Wood then came to the crease and it was clear he had commitments in the afternoon as he proceeded to play with vigour. Kirkham edged towards victory which was accelerated by Wood who hit two magnificent straight sixes from consecutive balls, however two balls later he succumbed to a slower ball and was caught with only six runs needed for a fine 23. Cameron Wilkinson, in at number 5 helped Partington to victory in the following over.













JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA RESULTS

1st Birley 151

2nd Colborne 142

3rd Clifton 115

4th Drapers 92





U11 Boys & Girls at the North of England Hockey Finals

On Tuesday 15 March, the U11 Boys and Girls Hockey teams travelled to Leeds University to take part in the North of England Hockey Finals. The boys achieved the following results in the first round; Cullercoates won 1-0, Kings School Chester won 2-1 and \$1 Olaves won 1-0, in the semi-final, Kirkham met Marlongate from Northumberland and began to play their best hookey of the season. The score was 0-0 at full time and penalty flicks decided who would progress to the final. Fortunately, KSUS were successful and Altrincham Prep were their opponents. Kirkham again played fantastic hockey and at the final whistle, the score was 0-0. Penalty flicks decided who would be North of England Champions and the final result was a victory to Altrindham Prep. All the boys. should be very proud of how they played and were a credit to the school. The girls achieved the following results in the first round; Barnard Castle drew 1-1, Kings Macclesfield won 1-0 and Wakefield Sirts High School won 1-0.These results meant Kirkham had won their group and went into the semifinal to face Yarm. This was a slightly easier game which KSUS won 2-0. Kirkham progressed to the final along with Cundall Manor and, after full time, the game ended 0-0. Due to the tournamentrunning late, it was decided that both teams would share the title so Kirkham were growned joint North of England Hockey Champions! Thank you to all the parents who travelled to Leeds to support both teams!

U20 Rugby World Cup Visit

Towards the end of May, KGJS had a special visit from the U20 Rugby World Cup. All the classes were given the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the cup! The World Rugby U20 Championship took place in Manchester from 7 - 25 June where future stars of World Rugby took to the stage! Thank you to James Walker from the Senior School for organising this wonderful chance for us to see the World Cup.









U11 St Pius Rounders Tournament

On Friday 20 May, the U11 girls travelled to S1 Plus X for a Rounders Tournament. Seven teams competed with Kirkham winning all of their six games to win the tournament. This was an excellent team performance, but special congratulations must go to Hattie Madden who was named player of the fournament. Well done to all!





Kirkham Grammar School has long enjoyed a reputation for developing talent in Rugby Union at every level, with its teams competing with and regularly defeating schools with far larger numbers of boys from which to select. This season, however, the school has surpassed even its own exceptional standards, with teams at every age group enjoying success and former pupils starring for their clubs and at international level.

Kirkham Grammar adopted the fifteen-a-side game in 1924, at the initiative of the legendary Headmaster Reverend Creswell Strange. The story goes that he had become exasperated by the poor performance of the football team, and the school magazine records matches in that inaugural season against Lancaster RGS, Blackpool Secondary School and Hutton Grammar, all resulting in honourable defeats. From such humble beginnings the School has built a reputation as one of the leading exponents of the game: ninety-two years later Kirkham stands proudly at the very top of the schoolboy game with the 1st XV undefeated in successive seasons, a total of 28 games, with 1032 points for and 206 points against.

This second unbeaten 1st XV season has been followed by a number of further achievements for Kirkham Grammar School Rugby. In the last month of the school rugby season KGS 1st VII won the

Durham Sevens, were Semi Finalists in the largest schoolboy tournament in the World, the Rosslyn Park HSBC National Schools Sevens where they defeated defending champions Wellington College, in a tight game where KGS ran out 17-12 winners after scoring two outstanding tries through Aron Reed and Henry Pearson. The under 15 XV's were crowned Lancashire Champions as well as winning the Kings Macclesfield Sevens and AKS Sevens. The under 13 VII's won the Packwood Haugh Sevens's and were runners up in the U13 XV Lancashire Cup. To cap it all Kirkham Grammar were awarded by Lancashire as Rugby School of the Year.

On an individual note a number of KGS players have played for Lancashire at various levels but pride of place must go to the boys who have reached International Level. George Blackwell and Jamie Ross represented Scotland U19's against Japan, Tom Carleton, Nick Ashcroft and Matt Woodward played for England U18 Counties against France and Ireland and Connor Wilkinson played for England U20 Counties side. Sam Dugdale and Kieran Wilkinson (photo right) played for England under 16's against Wales.

Meanwhile Old Kirkhamians are to be found up and down the country playing club rugby, and the School has a remarkable three players who are current full internationals for their countries. Kieran Marmion, who left KGS in 2010 and plays for Irish provincial side Connacht, won his fifth full international Irish cap during the recent RBS Six Nations Tournament. Kieran Brookes, who left KGS in 2009 and plays for Northampton Saints, won his sixteenth full international cap for England during the same tournament as well as playing for England in the 2015 World Cup. Also Richard Wigglesworth, playing for Saracens, winners of the Aviva Premiership and European Champions 2016, left KGS in 2001 has accumulated twenty seven full international caps for England including the 2011 and 2015 World Cup.



In the Sevens game, Dan Bibby and Richard de Carpentier are both regulars in the current successful full England line-up. Daniel Bibby was crowned as HSBC England Sevens Player of the Year.

All five players were prominent members of the school's powerful 1st XV during their time at the school, and have remained in touch with the school which set them on the road to success. Also former 1st XV Captain Pat Sanderson is now a Sky Sports presenter and former England Captain.

With the current 1st XV in such outstanding form this season and last, having not lost a fifteen-aside game in two seasons, defeating leading school sides such as Tonbridge and Sedbergh along the way, it would be no surprise if more ex-KGS players were seen winning full caps for their countries in future years.

KGS



LANCASHIRE SCHOOL HOCKEY CHAMPIONS in all age groups 2015 - 2016





Every girl can play Hockey at Kirkham Grammar School, experienced or inexperienced, Kirkham Grammar School prides itself on meeting the needs of all. Hockey is played two terms a year, with a full fixture lists across both terms that include games against schools, universities and clubs from across the country. Our hockey coaches are well qualified, experienced and enthusiastic, boasting past and present national league playing and coaching credentials. They are complemented by a hockey graduate gap student of high calibre to ensure the pupils have plenty of young positive role models. Our emphasis is not on winning but rather on player and pupil development whilst giving players the ultimate hockey experience

During the 2015 - 2016 all our teams had an outstanding competitive season, with all age groups being crowned Lancashire Champions. The results from all matches have been excellent from our U11 girls and boys squads at KGJS, straight through to our U18s, 8 teams in total.

On an individual level it was a very successful season for Rachel Greenwood in the 5th Year who has just completed playing for the KGS 1st XI for three seasons. She has represented the U16 Pennine Puma's team which in turn resulted in selection into the U16 England Squad. She represented England U16 XI against Holland (photo right), scoring

at Lilleshall during the Easter break with further games against Scotland and Germany. Additional games against Belgium and the 6 nations are scheduled for the summer.







ENGLAND HOCKEY



A-level Results Thursday 18 August 2016

GCSE Results Thursday 25 August 2016

1st Year Induction Day Monday 5 September 2016

New School Year begins Tuesday 6 September 2016

Archbishop of York, John Sentamu visit Sunday 9 September 2016

Senior School Annual Prizegiving & Speech Day Thursday 15 September 2016

Gary Sheffield, WWI Lecture "The Somme" Wednesday 5 October 2016

Open Afternoon Sunday 9 October 2016

New Parents' Welcome Evening Wednesday 12 October 2016

Old Kirkhamians' Association AGM & Northern Reunion Dinner Saturday 15 October 2016

Open Evening Thursday 10 November 2016

Celebrate Sport Ball Friday 18 November 2016

Friends Christmas Fair Friday 2 December 2016

Christmas Concert Thursday, 8 December 2016

Carol Service Thursday 15 December 2016

"Young" OKA Reunion at The Grapes, Wrea Green Monday 19 December 2016

Senior School Entrance Exam Saturday 21 January 2017

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 9 February 2017



Gary Sheffield "The Somme"

Wed 5 October 2016

War including his most recent book, Douglas Haig: From the Somme to Victory. He is the co-editor of Douglas Haig: War Diaries and Letters 1914-18 and has also written the feature article in this month's BBC History Magazine.

Tickets are now on sale from the school for this event and we look forward to welcoming you to hear Professor Sheffield speak in October.

As part of the school's commemoration of World War One, we are delighted to welcome Professor Gary Sheffield to lecture at school on Wednesday 5 October. Last year's lecture series proved to be a great success with sell-out audiences attending thought-provoking lectures from Professor Winter, Richard Van Emden and Professor Sir Hew Strachan, all experts in their field.

Professor Gary Sheffield's lecture, Douglas Haig and the Battle of the Somme Revisited, promises to be a fascinating interpretation of the events of 1916 in the centenary of one of the most well-known battles of the conflict. Gary Sheffield is an internationallyrecognised expert on the First World War, especially the role of the British army. He has written a number of critically acclaimed and commercially successful books on the First World

