



KIRKHAM  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

# THE KIRKHAMIAN

## AUTUMN TERM E-LETTER



### KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

A very warm welcome to all of our readers and to the new edition of the Kirkhamian.

We now intend to publish three termly versions of the Kirkhamian electronically and a review of the year as a hard copy in September. This, we feel, best reflects the current channels of communication in our ever changing world and continues to keep the wider school community updated at regular intervals. Therefore, the following pages will give everyone an insight into how busy the Autumn Term has been. The hard work, enthusiasm and talents of our wonderful pupils continues to grow and flourish at KGS.

Merry Christmas!

Mr D H Berry  
Headmaster



### KIRKHAM GRAMMAR JUNIOR, INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL

The Autumn Term for our pupils from Pre-School to J4 has been filled with highlights and happenings aplenty. Our pupils have enjoyed singing together, a trip to the pantomime, a residential and the ultimate highlight for all of our families: the Infant Nativity, *"Everyone Loves a Baby!"*, and the Junior Christmas Concert. Welcoming you back into the building to share in the celebrations of our pupils during our Achievement Assemblies has been uplifting for your children and for the whole KGS community.

Throughout this busy term, our pupils have maintained their curiosity and determination to succeed, and despite the ongoing adaptations and changes to their School routine due to COVID-19, they remain calm and kind to others.

Mrs K L O'Donoghue  
Headmistress





## PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATE DIWALI

At the beginning of November, our Pre-School children celebrated Diwali.

For more information about their Diwali activities and celebrations, please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-08-pre-school-celebrate-diwali>



## PUMPKIN WEEK

In October, to celebrate Halloween, our Pre-School pupils enjoyed 'Pumpkin Week'.

To find out what the pupils got up to, please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-01-pre-school-s-pumpkin-week>

## WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK

In mid-November, Pre-School celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week.

To find out more about this year's five chosen rhymes, please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-28-world-nursery-rhyme-week>



## SEPTEMBER 2021 I1 PUPILS

At the beginning of the new academic year, it was wonderful to welcome our September 2021 I1 pupils for their first day.

To view a selection of photographs, please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-09-12-a-warm-welcome-to-our-sept-2021-ils>

## I1'S SPOOKY THEMED WEEK

Our I1 pupils loved their 'Spooky' themed week at the end of October.

More information and a selection of photographs can be viewed at: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-22-kgs-i1-pupils-spooky-themed-week>



## I3

What an incredibly busy term I3 have had! A particular highlight for the pupils was their design technology unit, "Healthy Me!".

Visit <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-08-i3-s-busy-term> to find out more!



## AUTHOR VISIT

On Wednesday 17 November, Kirkham Grammar School were delighted to host our first author visit in over 18 months.

For more information visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-12-first-author-visit-in-18-months-to-take-place-at-kgs>



## PSHE PRESENTATION

In October, Bronnie, a pop/rock artist from the North West, visited Kirkham Grammar School to deliver a PSHE session to our First, Second and Third Year pupils.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-05-pop-rock-artist-bronnie-delivers-positive-message>

## STREETWISE

In mid-October, we welcomed Performance in Education into school to deliver their Streetwise programme.

More information is available at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-21-performance-in-education-deliver-important-road-safety-message>



## EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY

At the end of September, Kirkham Grammar School celebrated European Day of Languages 2021.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-09-28-european-languages-day-2021>

## EL DÍA DE MUERTOS

Kirkham Grammar School celebrated El Día de Muertos (The Day of the Dead).

To find out how the pupils celebrated this special occasion, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-12-kgs-pupils-celebrate-el-dia-de-muertos>



## GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Our Lower Sixth Geography students travelled to Beacon Fell and Brock Bottoms for their field trip, and out Fifth Year pupils ventured to Cleveleys beach.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-28-lower-sixth-geography-field-trip>



## J3 BUSHCRAFT

In September, our J3 pupils set off for Castle Howard, North Yorkshire, to start their Bushcraft adventure.

To read all about the pupils' adventure and to view a selection of photographs, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-20-j3-bushcraft-2021>



## BOOK FAIR

In mid-September, our Junior and Infant pupils were given the opportunity to visit the Scholastic Book Fair. The pupils enjoyed looking at the huge array of books, with parents and family members also able to visit the fair after school. The book fair raised a fantastic £1339 for school. Thank you to our wonderful KGS families for your continued support.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

In September, our Junior, Infant and Pre-School hosted their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported this incredibly worthwhile charity.



## HARVEST COLLECTION FOR FYLDE FOODBANK

At the end of September, our Junior and Infant pupils learnt about Harvest and thought about those less fortunate than themselves.

To read more about it, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-01-harvest-collection-for-fylde-foodbank>

## CHILDREN IN NEED

KGS pupils enjoyed fundraising for the BBC Children in Need Appeal at the end of November.

To read about their fantastic fundraising efforts, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-03-children-in-need-2021-appeal>



## SKY DIVE FOR THE SOLDIERS LEAGUE

In October, Lower Sixth pupil, Finntan, completed a sky dive from 15,000 feet with the Red Devil's Army display team, to raise money for the Soldiers League charity.

Finntan raised over £1000 in less than a week - a fantastic achievement. Well done, Finntan!



## ROTARY GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

At the end of September, we were delighted to welcome Kirkham and Rural Fylde Rotary Club President, Mr Richard G Bell, to KGS to present our Lower School and Upper School prizewinners, Lydia Sanderson and Darcey Borrow, with their Rotary Good Citizenship Awards.

Congratulations and well done to you both!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our DofE participants have completed their physical, skill and volunteering sections and were recently presented with their certificates from Mrs Sutcliffe.

To read more about their achievements, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-07-duke-of-edinburgh-awards>



## CCF PASSING OUT PARADE

In October, our annual CCF Passing Out Parade took place. It was wonderful to be able to invite parents and family members into school to support the pupils on this special occasion.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-22-ccf-passing-out-parade-2021>



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

In November, pupils and staff held their annual Remembrance Day Service led by our Senior NCOs.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-11-kirkham-grammar-school-remembers>

## FIELD DAY 2021

Thursday 18 November saw the first CCF Field Day for over 12 months take place at Weeton Barracks Training Area.

A selection of photographs can be viewed at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-22-ccf-field-day-2021>



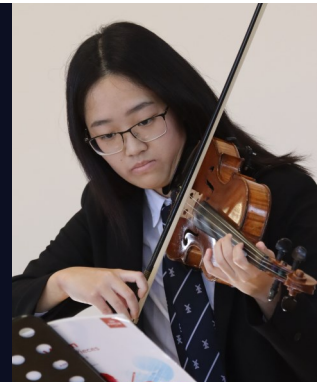


## SIXTH FORM COFFEE CONCERT

The first concert in early October, was hosted by our Sixth Form musicians in a Coffee Concert which included pieces by Ravel, Leoncavallo and various others.

Photographs and a video from the event can be viewed at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-12-sixth-form-coffee-concert>



## A CELEBRATION OF TALENT

Our First Year pupils performed a concert for parents, friends and staff in mid-October.

The photographs can be viewed at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-01-first-year-pupils-celebration-of-talent-concert>

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Both of the Junior School and Senior School Christmas Concerts, held in the Summerlee Hall, returned for the first time in two years, and what a return it was!

The photographs from both events can be viewed via the links below:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-09-a-christmas-celebration-by-kgs-junior-school-pupils>

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-10-senior-school-christmas-concert-2021>



## INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL PRODUCTION

This year's Kirkham Grammar School Infant and Pre-School Production, 'Everyone Loves a Baby', was fabulously performed by all of our Infant and Pre-School children with beautiful singing and amazing acting and dancing.

The photographs can be viewed at: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-08-infant-pre-school-nativity-everybody-loves-a-baby>

## SENIOR SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

The Senior School Carol Service this year was delivered through an online event.

This can be viewed via the link below:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-13-senior-school-virtual-carol-service>





## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY AND FUN RUNS

In September, Kirkham Grammar School held their annual house cross country races for all the pupils in J1 through to J4 and fun runs for the Pre-School and Infant pupils.

For more information and a full list of individual results, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-09-30-house-cross-country-and-fun-runs>



## AJIS CROSS COUNTRY

At the end of September, KGS U10 and U11 boys and girls travelled to Rossall School to take part in the annual AJIS Cross Country Championships.

Details of individual results and photographs from the event are available at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-07-excellent-results-at-ajis-cross-country-2021>

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT - A REVIEW OF THE TERM

During the Autumn Term pupils have been involved in many sports fixtures against local clubs and schools in a large variety of six different sports for boys and girls.

A picture review of the term can be found at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-28-junior-school-sport-a-picture-review-of-the-autumn-term>



## OUR STARS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to all of our Infant and Junior pupils who have received the Headmistress's 'Above and Beyond' award and/or 'Star of the Week' award for the Autumn Term.

A full list of award winners is available at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-06-our-stars-of-the-term>

## LANCASHIRE HOCKEY

Following their success at the Lancashire Hockey trials, Second Year pupils, Megan, Emily, Alice and Evelyn, took part in their first U13 Lancashire County Hockey Academy Centre session on Sunday morning.

Well done to you all.







## LTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2021

As the traditional tennis season closed in September, the KGS girls continued their pursuit to the regional tennis finals held in Sunderland during October half term. Success in Sunderland secured them a place at the LTA National Finals at Bolton Arena where they competed against the top schools in the country for a national ranking and title. An amazing weekend saw Kirkham Grammar School crowned as the 2021 LTA National Champions – a phenomenal achievement and a first for KGS Tennis!

To read more about the girls' fantastic achievements, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-06-kgs-girls-crowned-lta-national-champions-2021>

## SPORTS TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS 2021

The hockey and rugby team photographs for the 2021-2022 academic year are now available to view at:

Rugby - <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-06-kgs-rugby-teams-2021-2022>

Hockey - <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-06-kgs-hockey-teams-2021-2022>



## BOYS' SPORT

A review of this term's boys sport can be found at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-10-senior-school-rugby-a-review-of-the-autumn-term>

## GIRLS' SPORT

A review of this term's girls sport can be found at:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-06-kgs-girls-sport-a-review-of-the-autumn-term>





## LAMDA SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the Kirkham Grammar School LAMDA pupils who have all achieved high grades in their recent acting, verse and prose, and public speaking exams:

For more information visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-01-high-grades-for-our-kgs-lamda-pupils>



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

In mid-October, Kirkham Grammar School pupils celebrated National Poetry Day.

For more information and photographs please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-01-national-poetry-day-2021>

## HAPPY RETIREMENT, MRS MILLS

At the end of November, we said a fond farewell to our reprographics technician, Mrs Angela Mills. Although Angela had only been part of the KGS family for just short of three years, her impact has been phenomenal. She has created a small and efficient business unit out of what was once simply a photocopier in a store room! Angela's willingness to help anyone and go above and beyond the call of duty will never be forgotten.

Thank you, Angela, for your hard work and commitment and remember you will always be part of our KGS family.



## ROSEMARY CARTWRIGHT

The whole Kirkham Grammar School community was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Rosemary Cartwright in October, after a period of ill health. Rosemary is held in deep respect and affection by generations of pupils, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff and governors, and it would be impossible to exaggerate the length and scope of her commitment to KGS, and more importantly her love of the School.

To read more about Rosemary's contributions to school life, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-18-rosemary-cartwright-friend-of-kgs-governor>

## THE FRIENDS OF KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

It has been great to see The Friends of KGS return to their fundraising this year and what a fantastic start they have had.

For more information on past and upcoming events, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-13-the-friends-of-kgs-termly-review>







## OKA CENTENARY DINNER

In October, over eighty KGS alumni and partners gathered in the School's atmospheric Old Hall for a special edition of the Old Kirkhamians' Association Annual Dinner.

To find out more about the evening, please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-20-oka-centenary-dinner>

## OLD KIRKHAMIAN, DANIEL KELLY RETURNS TO KGS

We were delighted to welcome back Old Kirkhamian, Daniel Kelly, to KGS in November. Daniel kindly presented us with his England Rugby v Canada 1st Cap shirt.

To read about Daniel's continued rugby achievements since leaving KGS, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-08-old-kirkhamian-and-england-rugby-player-dan-kelly-visits-kgs>



## OLD KIRKHAMIAN, LAUREN, ON BBC MASTERCHEF

In November, Old Kirkhamian, Lauren Loudon, featured on BBC's MasterChef - The Professionals.

To read about Lauren's achievements since leaving KGS, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-09-old-kirkhamian-lauren-features-on-bbc-s-masterchef-the-professionals>

## OLD KIRKHAMIAN, LIAM, STUDYING IN PHILADELPHIA

It is always wonderful to hear from our KGS alumni and get an insight into their many achievements and experiences.

We were delighted to hear from Old Kirkhamian, Liam Gerrity (KGS 2012-2019), informing us of his recent successes.

Please visit: <https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-09-24-old-kirkhamian-liam-accepts-offer-to-study-in-philadelphia> to read about Liam's opportunity to study abroad at the University of Pennsylvania.



## 'FROM CADET FORCE TO ARMED FORCES'

The school has had a strong association with the Armed Forces for many years and much of this is thanks to the Combined Cadet Force which was set up in the 1960s. OKA President, Mike Ward recently asked on the OKA Facebook group if anyone had any stories of how KGS CCF inspired them to 'sign up' later in life or if they had carried on emulating their childhood heroes in similar roles as teacher/officer.

To read about Mike's findings, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-12-01-from-cadet-force-to-armed-forces-by-mike-ward-president-of-the-oka>



## OLD SCHOOL TIE

Old School Tie is a longstanding and popular feature of the Old Kirkhamian's section of the Kirkhamian. Devised and edited by OKA Committee member Angus Leeson, the aim of Old School Tie is to highlight KGS alumni of all ages who have forged successful business careers. Reading about the success of Old Kirkhamians is interesting and inspiring both to fellow alumni and indeed to present pupils and their families. This time we feature Paul Doughty, who has forged a successful career in financial services with investment bankers Investec where he is now Investment Director. Paul has been generous both with his sponsorship of OKA events and with the provision of work experience opportunities to KGS Sixth Form students.

To read the 'Old School Tie' article, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-11-28-oka-old-school-tie>



## AWARDS CEREMONY

In mid-October, Upper Sixth Form student, CCF Cadet RSM and recently appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, Abigail, attended an awards ceremony for people who were being honoured on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire. Also in attendance at the awards was Old Kirkhamian, Sophie, who was accompanying her dad, Peter, who received a British Empire Medal for his services to athletics.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/news/2021-10-22-old-kirkhamian-sophie-and-ccf-rsm-abigail-at-the-lord-lieutenants-awards-ceremony>



Wishing pupils, parents, staff, governors and the wider school community a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

School reopens on Wednesday 5 January 2022

If you haven't already done so, please download the iSams iParent app via Google play or the App Store. We also have a dedicated KGS Sports website which can be accessed via the main menu on our school website or at: <http://www.kirkhamgrammarsport.co.uk/>



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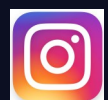
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