

Kirkham Grammar School

Headmaster's Letter to Parents

Spring 2007





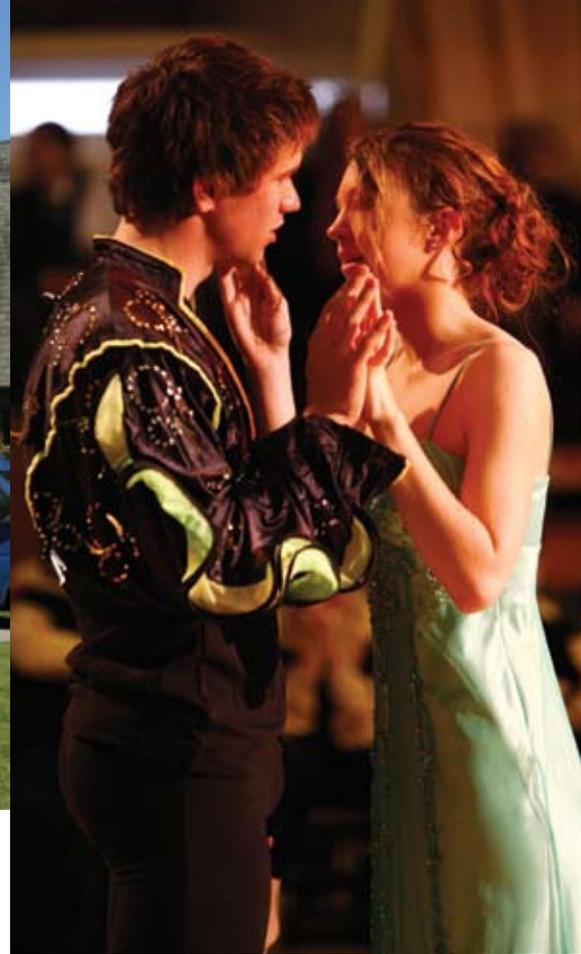
From the Headmaster



Another exciting year is well underway at Kirkham Grammar School with a number of new developments completed and further improvements to facilities announced. The Lawrence House Pavilion now overlooks the All Weather Surface and provides an elevated view for parents. The building also houses an outstanding Drama Studio where our thespians practice their excellent performances as displayed in 'Romeo and Juliet' in November. The opening ceremony saw Richard Rhodes, JP, BA, open the building officially and nearly 100 guests enjoy performances by the drama group and our hockey players. Unfortunately, Tupele Dorgu was unable to join us as planned as her engagements at Coronation Street proved too great on this day. Added to this we have seen a full refurbishment of the Boys Boarding House providing superb facilities within comfortable study bedrooms. This development continues apace with the Governors announcement that we will be building a new twelve classroom block commencing in May 2007. This existing facility will have full ICT multimedia teaching aids and replace the last of our temporary buildings. To complement the new Pavilion the school is also to lay a new All Weather pitch allowing the highest quality surface for our sporting activities.

The aerial photo below features the May 2007 build (also artist's picture directly below) in red and the recent completed build of the Lawrence House Pavilion in orange.





School is not all about new facilities, however, and we remain as busy as ever. I hope that parents have enjoyed the music concerts and drama productions this year and certainly the fact that a full house attended 'Romeo and Juliet' (photo top right) for three nights suggests this was the case. Our recent visit by a military helicopter provided a real focus for the Cadet Force and our sporting activities have continued a full programme. I am particularly pleased to see our swimmers doing so well; once again we have over forty girls representing Lancashire this year in hockey and our rugby players continue to put out eleven teams each week against some of the best schools in the country.

Recently we have learnt that our GCSE results (photo above, KGS GCSE students celebrate) in 2006 put us at the top of the local league tables for Preston and the Fylde. The recent Government initiative to ensure English and Mathematics are taken into account within the statistics has shown the real picture for many schools. The fact that our pupils achieved 100% pass rates in both ensures the success of our pupils is reflected properly in these tables rather than being usurped by schools that choose options that are more readily achieved. Clearly league tables do not really do more than give a very superficial view of a school and it is dangerous to give too much credence to these statistics. Yet it is pleasing to see that in academic terms our pupils are gaining results that are receiving an increasingly high profile and this is one aspect of the balance within our school that I am sure we can all applaud.



The year has seen the usual arrivals and some departures. In September we welcomed Mr Douglas Lloyd who joined the Mathematics Department having taught previously in the North East. Mr Lloyd has already involved himself in the CCF and various clubs and societies. We have also seen a number of new arrivals on the support staff who have already made an impact around school. In ICT, Mr Martin Kitchen is supporting Miss Knight while Mr Graham Eccles is assisting in the DT Department. Many visitors have recently commented on the positive impact our new groundstaff have made. Mr Ian Holme and Mr Edward Griffin have settled in well and fought hard to keep our pitches playable amidst recent awful weather. Also around the campus, Mr Russell Curtis has busied himself and enhanced our caretaking provision. In the realms of administration, Mrs Claire Dunn has made an immediate impression with her quiet efficiency. We certainly hope all our new arrivals will be very happy at KGS.



While it is always nice to welcome new colleagues it is equally sad to say farewell to long serving members of staff. This term we say goodbye to Mrs Ann Coulburn (photo bottom right) who has worked in the Boarding House for no less than 22 years. As a school which is very proud of its family ethos it is never easy to say goodbye to valued colleagues but we wish Mrs Coulburn well for her retirement.



This year has been an exciting one thus far and I am personally looking forward to the moment when we drive bulldozers through the Wareing buildings. The provision of a new suite of classrooms will further transform the learning environment and provide us with an outstanding set of teaching facilities. Further evidence indeed of our desire to continue moving the school forward.



Pavilion Opening

The Lawrence House Pavilion incorporating the Katie Caine Studio and the Friends' Lounge was officially opened by Mr R D W Rhodes, Chairman of the Lawrence House Trust on 31 January 2007. The unveiling ceremony took place in the Old Hall and Mrs Sandra Tomlinson, Trustee of the Katie Caine Trust and Mrs Lorraine Wareing, Chair of the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School also presented plaques to mark the occasion. Around 100 guests joined Mr Simon Fulford-Brown, the Chairman of Governors, and the Headmaster to watch the drama students perform a short production and then viewed the superb new facilities which are available to students and community partners.

The development programme continues with the start of the next phase of the Classroom Development which is due to start in the Spring.





Speech Night

This year's Annual Prizegiving proved a highlight of the Autumn Term. The audience were captivated by the words of our chief guest Ranvir Singh, BBC News presenter, who reminisced about her days at Kirkham Grammar School and how evenings such as Speech Night were for the whole school. Her address focused on those who didn't win prizes and the strengths that each individual brought to the school. The pupils and guests thoroughly enjoyed her address. Alex Bonney and Tristan Brooke imaginatively gave a vote of thanks, encapsulating the gratitude of the audience.

The event was well attended and saw excellent performances from the Junior Choir and the orchestra.



Diary Dates

South Africa Tour Auction Dinner,
Fylde Rugby Club
Saturday, 24 February

Third Year Parents' Evening
5.00 pm, Monday, 5 March

CCF Regimental Dinner
7.00 pm, Saturday, 10 March

Vicky Peters Memorial Hockey Match
9.30 am, Saturday, 17 March

U19 Invitation Hockey Tournament
9.00 am – 6.00 pm, Saturday, 24 March

Second Year Parents' Evening
5.00 pm, Monday, 26 March

Founders' Day Service
2.30 pm, Tuesday, 27 March

OKA Southern Reunion Dinner
Saturday, 31 March
St Edmund Hall, Oxford

Rosemere Cancer Foundation 5km Fun Run
Monday, 7 May

South Africa Tour Golf Day
Fairhaven Golf Club
Wednesday, 23 May

Friends of KGS Family Fun Day
Sunday, 20 May

Sixth Form Ball
7.00 pm, Friday, 22 June

Friends of KGS Summer Ball
6.45 pm, Saturday, 23 June

EASTER AND SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

EASTER 2007

Kings Sport	2 – 5 April 2007 (4 Days)
David Shaw Tennis	10 – 13 April 2007 (4 Days)
Rugbyclass	10-11 April 2007 (2 Days)

SUMMER 2007

David Shaw Tennis	27 April to 29 June Friday eve.
David Shaw Tennis	16 – 27 July 2007 (10 Days)
Kings Sport	30 July - 17 August 2007



Passion about Fashion

A talented trio of students from the school's Debating Society have won the Kirkham and Rural Fylde round of the Business and Professional Women's public speaking competition.

Grace Garlington, the main speaker, supported by Chair Caitlin McMillan and Expresser of Thanks Corin Heney, delivered a passionate speech on the ethical issues arising from the fashion industry. Describing herself as a "young campaigner", she attacked the preconception that young people are obsessed with clothes and designer goods by showing what the cost of fashion really is, and explaining how large companies exploit the poorest people in the world in the name of "maximising profits".

Grace's bravura performance was a powerful plea to the audience to consider the consequences of their own buying habits. As consumers, she argued, we have a moral responsibility to make ethical and informed choices: if we can convince Big Business that we care more for the welfare of those who produce the goods we buy than saving a few pence, then the future of those less fortunate than ourselves will be much brighter.

Grace, Caitlin and Corin now progress to the regional round of the competition. Their verve, conviction and passion will make them formidable opponents!



LIBRARY NEWS

Life continues to be busy, with visits from classes across almost all year groups and pupils researching a variety of topics, ranging from medieval history to space exploration!

A Christmas recital for Scribblers' was held at the end of the Autumn Term with a wide variety of good readings delivered to an appreciative audience. Our next recital is at 12.30 on Friday 16 March – you are welcome to attend.

Miss Kelly has started a Quiz and Games Society, which is held in the Library every Monday lunchtime. There are board games, crosswords and sudoku as well as jigsaws. Why not come along? All are welcome!

Jenny Patel and Chris Box, in Year 12, are providing 'Homework Help' in the Library, on Mondays after school; this is for the Service Section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and will be available until the end of the Summer Term. Younger pupils who would like some extra help with understanding their work are welcome to come along at 4 pm any Monday – a wonderful opportunity to 'pick the brains' of our A-level students!

The biggest change has occurred with the library website. Danny Yu, a Year 13 student from Hong Kong, foolishly volunteered to turn the dull and uninteresting pages into something more informative and attractive, little realising what he was letting himself in for! He has applied his considerable skills and technical expertise to create some colourful graphics but soon discovered that his biggest challenge was the education of a web-challenged librarian; with typical thoroughness he has produced a manual which has proved very useful! I have found that the better layout has inspired me to produce better content and I am in the process of writing information pages to enable pupils to develop and improve their independent learning skills. This will be a continuous process and I hope to report more progress in the next Newsletter!

The next few weeks will see the start of a 'New Year makeover' to provide more storage and display space in the library. The first part of this will be a radical 'weed' of the book stock in order to make room for the new resources, so that they can be displayed and used to optimum advantage. It will be a long and time-consuming process but will hopefully lead to a more attractive layout.

Mrs Copland



Sporting OKA's in the news

Two former 1st XV players, Richard Wigglesworth and Warren Spragg, (photo top right playing for the OKAs) battled at Edgley Park, home of Sale Sharks in the home leg of the Heinekin Cup matches between Sale Sharks and Calvisano (Italian RUFC). The game saw some thrilling rugby where Sale scored freely in the last 15 minutes as their fitness kicked in; both players played good rugby.

Warren, a former Sale winger, said: "It was nice to come back and play where I started out. We lost it a bit in the last 10 minutes but I thought we put on a good show against one of the best teams in Europe."

Within the last month both players have received national call ups. Warren, now playing for Calvisano in Italy, was called up to play on the left wing for Italy against Canada in November. Warren qualifies for Italy through an Italian born grandmother. He played for England Schools 18 Group (photo above, left next to Richard Wigglesworth) while at KGS and then England U21s. He moved to Calvisano from Orrell this season.

Richard was recently picked for the England Saxon team after putting in some first class performances for Sale. Coach Jim Mallinder announced his 23 man England Saxons training squad ahead of the match against Italy A.

Another former 1st XV player, Pat Sanderson (Worcester Warriors No 8) captained the England tour to Australia and played for England in the recent series of matches last Autumn.



Young OKA Christmas Reunion

Once again, this was a wonderful, informal, social gathering with many former pupils from recent years enjoying the chance to catch up with friends and KGS staff, whilst soaking up the hospitality of Preston Grasshoppers RFU Club.

The atmosphere, if a little warm at times, sparkled with the smiles and laughter of all present. There was much chatter about the university courses presently being studied, career plans and relationships, but most of all everyone just wanted to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and find out when they could meet up again over the festive period.

This event is not just for the recent leavers, all Old Kirkhamians are welcome to attend and next year we will be in a larger function room at Preston Grasshoppers and it would be great to see you.

Next year's OKA Christmas reunion will be held on Sunday 23rd December from 7.30pm. Hope you can make it!

OKA Reunion Dinner

Top table or no top table, flowers or no flowers, wine out already or not – all these decisions to be taken before the Northern Dinner of 2006! More problems with numbers – would all the guests fit into the Old Hall this year? Should we limit numbers? Who will take photographs? Can we 'con' Fred Sayer into being the Toastmaster – Will he want to be paid? Who will set up? Run the bar? Act as 'bouncer'? All these thorny problems were ironed out at the Committee meetings prior to the dinner and when guests and OK's arrived on Saturday 7 October 2006, the Old Hall looked welcoming and attractive. The President had worked wonders with the ladies of the Committee and huge care and thought had gone into the layout and decoration of the Hall for eighty guests. Anyone who has set the table for a family Sunday dinner – (do those still happen in the 21st century?) – will realise the amount of effort that had gone into the presentation of the dinner. Thanks are due to all who were pressed into service!

Time rushed on and before the carriages turned back into pumpkins the evening was over. Good Food, Good Wine, and above all, Excellent Company made the Northern Dinner 2006 a most enjoyable one.

Ranvir back at school

Ranvir Singh, a familiar face to TV viewers across the North West thanks to her work as BBC North West news presenter and reporter, came back to her old school as Guest of Honour at the annual Speech Day and Prizegiving at the Guildhall in her home town, Preston.

Ranvir grew up in Ribbleson, and attended KGS, where she enjoyed a successful school career, studying languages to A Level, taking a leading role in school plays, and excelling in LAMDA Speech and Drama awards. Throughout her school career, she always expressed the ambition to work in TV journalism, and her success in realising her dreams stands as an inspiration to current pupils.

In advance of the day, Ranvir visited the school the previous week as a guest of the Headmaster, and much enjoyed meeting up with the many teachers who taught her. She enjoyed seeing the impressive progress that the school has made over the eleven years since she left, but was equally impressed by the way in which the school's happy atmosphere and spirit remain unchanged.

Despite spending her professional life in front of the cameras talking to large TV audiences, she admitted to feeling somewhat daunted by the task of addressing pupils and guests at Speech Day. Ranvir is, by some distance, the youngest ever presenter of prizes at the event.





Old War Birds

We had two old war birds drop into the school to visit the Combined Cadet Force. The first was Freddy Hudson, an Old Boy of KGS, who was on hand to present a signed copy of his book "Loyal to the End", along with the original manuscript, to the school Archives and Library.

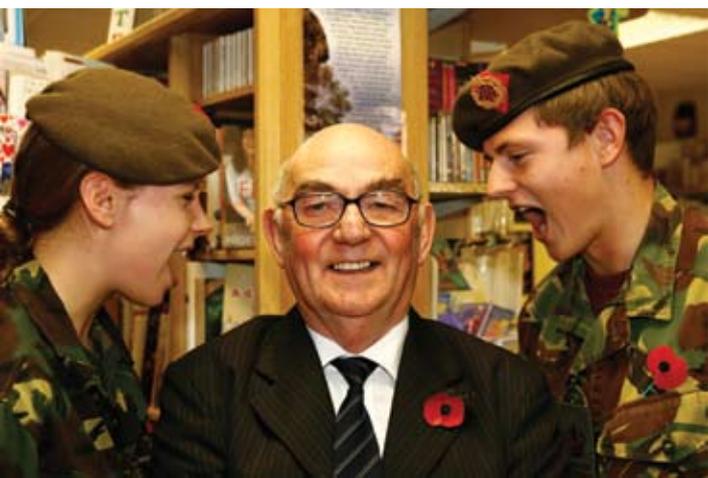
It is 40 years since the last call up for National Service but Freddy remembers his time only too well. Freddy Hudson was called up for National Service in the late 1950s, a few days after getting married, which meant he didn't get to see his wife for two years. The link with the school was recently rekindled when Feddy attended a book signing at Silverdell's book shop, Kirkham. A small "Guard of Honour" of senior NCOs, consisting of RSM Natalie Roberts and CSM Jonathan Knowles, were on hand to "get some in".

Mr Hudson's adventures with the Loyal, North Lancashire Regiment took him deep into the jungles of Malaya. During the period 1957 until 1959 he fought against Communist terrorists and served as a section commander. Now his experiences have been recorded in his book,

Mr Hudson, 70, said the idea for the book came to him after a visit to Fulwood Barracks. He took his younger brother to the barracks and found a photo of himself and the lads in Malaya. He found that he could name most of the lads and it was at that point that it was suggested to him that he should write a book about his time in the Army. The book covers his full service from his enlistment to his return home. Although he didn't wish to join up with the army afterwards, he believes National Service should be brought back. He said: "My age group was brought up in a totally different era that people could not envisage nowadays - we grew up with nothing. National Service taught people to respect authority, take on responsibility and help them to grow up."

His first return visit to his old school in over 50 years was on the same afternoon cadet Flight Sergeant Will Bruton had organised a visit of a unique Vietnam War helicopter, a Huey, owned and flown by local businessman Phil Connolly.

After inspecting the cadets Freddy, along with the contingent of over 300 cadets and staff, waited expectantly for the distinct sound of the only British flying Huey UH-1H.





As reported in the annual School Magazine, (The Kirkhamian) our busy year has continued throughout the Autumn Term. After the two very successful summer camps, I would like to congratulate Natalie Roberts on her appointment as our first ever female, cadet RSM. CSMs Rachel Bird and Jonathan Knowles ably assist her. In the RAF, Flt Sgt Phil Hingley has been appointed to lead the section. I wish them all good luck in their positions and thank them, in anticipation, for all their hard work.

Numbers in the contingent continue to remain high, as another 30+ Lower Sixth NCOs have chosen to stay on, with 24 of them opting to take the GNVQ BTEC award. Our success can be seen in the fact that in the new September intake into the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, a former KGS senior NCO started her officer training. Ashley Gregory successfully completed her degree at Leeds where she continued with the UOTC. She hopes to join the Royal Artillery and, indeed, was an Army Scholar whilst at school. Ashley joins Nick Bridges, due to complete RMA soon and Warren Marginson, who shared his Officer Training course with a William Wales! This means that as of last September there was a former pupil of KGS in each of the three courses at Sandhurst – a claim, I am sure, few schools can make.

The biggest event of the Autumn Term is always the Inspection. This year we invited the new RAF Careers Liaison Officer and he was very impressed with the performance of all cadets and NCOs. We were blessed with fine weather, for a change, and several of the hardier, junior cadets enjoyed the survival aspect of the night exercise.

Half term saw both Mr Miller and Mr Reeves attend the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley, to complete their advanced training. I congratulate them both on their promotions to Captain. I also must thank Lt Knight for all her hard work in organising our Regimental Dinner. Last year's was so successful that it was decided to repeat the event for the current Sixth Form NCOs. We will dine them out on 10th March. We also welcome the experience and assistance of Sgt Devaney, formerly Duke of Wellington's Regiment, as another SSI. He will assist WO2 Savage with stores, admin and training.

We are currently working on planning and numbers for our 2007 Adventurous Training in the Lake District and also our March Field Day. As well as this, several of the L6th NCOs who manage to attend a General Studies lesson for their BTEC award, are very close to completing their qualification within the first year. Nationally, this qualification is becoming far more recognised as more people complete. At KGS we currently have 45 NCOs registered, 12 have been given a full award, (4 Distinctions, 5 Merits and 3 passes). We even had 28 partial awards from students who left recently. With more time we do hope to increase this success rate, so that NCOs can leave the cadets with a qualification, which is now recognised by many of the top universities as the equivalent of four GCSE passes.

Lt Col I.M. Scott, Cont Cmdr.



The past six months have been a very busy period for the D of E Award. During the summer holidays a 5 day expedition across the Lake District, from Pooley Bridge to Ravenglass, was undertaken by fifteen 6th formers. The route took in some spectacular views of the Wasdale valley and the Central Lakeland Fells. Two gold groups and a silver group completed their demanding expeditions with much determination and true KGS spirit. On completion of their expedition two of our students had finished all sections of their Gold Award and it has been wonderful to hear that both Joanne Box and Rachel Brown have been awarded the prestigious Gold Award and are awaiting their date to meet the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Congratulations must also be expressed to the other students who have received their Bronze awards since the start of the school year:

- Heather Reid
- Sam Dunn
- Jane Duncan
- Chris Box
- Jenny Dewhurst
- Nicola Clough
- Amy Shirliff
- Kerry Bargelli
- Heather Morgenroth
- Gareth Keep
- Abhinav Chandrasekar
- Caitlin McMillan
- Elena Gaddes

Our keen 5th years are in the process of completing their Bronze Awards; 21 of them undertook their expedition in very damp conditions at the start of the October half term. Walking in the South Lakeland fells from Langdales to Coniston and then finishing en route to Ambleside the participants were a credit to themselves and to the school. On the same trip two groups of 6th form pupils undertook their Silver expedition and although much encouragement was required for one of the groups to complete their route, all participants were successful and in hindsight had a truly wonderful experience; discovering a great deal about themselves and the great Lakeland 'wet' weather.

A number of the present 4th years have already signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and are working hard towards their skill, service and physical sections. They will hopefully enjoy some drier weather in July when the next expedition is planned for.

Any student from 4th year upwards can sign up to the D of E Award, please see the school calendar for more information about meetings.



Environmental action group

Environmental action group applied for a free pack of tree saplings from The Woodland Trust. These arrived in November and consisted of 10 Silver Birch, 10 Rowan and 10 Wild Cherry. Sixth formers assisted the Head Groundsman, Ian to prepare the ground next to the cricket pavilion and plant the saplings, protecting each with a wire mesh.

In the Spring Term we hope to receive a pack of hedge plants and a 'seeds to trees' activity pack.



Up up and away for the NW Air Ambulance



Thousands of yellow balloons were released across Lancashire, to raise money for the North West Air Ambulance. Balloons were released simultaneously at schools across the county including Kirkham where our third year let off over 110 balloons (see photos). The idea was to raise awareness of how much money the helicopter needs, to enable it to run every year. They say running costs are about £1.3 million.

Greek Club

The Greek Club has been meeting weekly since Summer Term 2006. The purpose of the club is to offer pupils a taste of Ancient Greek language and culture to complement other subjects, especially Latin, which are available on the curriculum. At the end of the Autumn Term two pupils successfully passed the first level graded test in Greek and their certificates were awarded by Leanne Bonney (photo below right), a former KGS pupil who is currently studying Latin and Greek at Jesus College, Oxford.





Young Engineers

It has been another busy term for the Kirkham Grammar School Young Engineers Club. In September we welcomed over 20 first year pupils to the club who are busy building 'Jitterbug' robots as an introduction to electronics and computer control. The first years are being assisted in the construction of these robots by the new officers of the club Oliver Evans, Rowan Leech and Stuart Spencer.

On Saturday 25 November an exhibition event was held at the Technology Innovation Centre in Birmingham to demonstrate the Schools & Colleges Micromouse Competition to a wider audience. Vincent Grumme's mouse 'Trumpmobile' claimed a very impressive 3rd place in both the Formula 3 and Formula 1 categories. This summer the Schools & Colleges Micromouse competition will be held at the same time as the full UK Micromouse competition at the TIC in Birmingham on Saturday 30 June.

Three of the longest serving members of the club, Peter Armstrong, Joe Douglass, and Oliver Youngman have once again made it through to the National Finals of the Young Engineers Royal Navy Challenge to be held at the HMS Sultan in Gosport on 29 March 2007. The team is busy finalising their design for craft which must travel underwater and then deploy an amphibious vehicle to recover items from an island.

The Young Engineers Club is also looking forward to the 2007 Rotary Technology Competition to be held on 2 March and will be entering teams into all three age categories.



Handicraft Club

The Handicraft Club started in September 2006. It meets every Friday lunch-time and has become a pleasant way to start to relax as the weekend approaches. The idea is that we, pupils and staff, can share our skills and learn new ones. So far, we have concentrated on knitting, but we are moving on to cross-stitch and are keen to have a go at other handicrafts. We are open to suggestions!

We are fortunate to be assisted by Mrs Bourne, an expert knitter and stitcher and mother of Emily in Second Year, who has willingly come in each week to pick up dropped stitches and encourage us all. If any other parent has a skill and a little time to spare (or, indeed, if you would like to learn a skill), you would be most welcome to join us.

'wear it pink'



'Wear it Pink' is Breast Cancer Campaign's biggest fundraising event during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is the original and best pink day in the UK. It has raised over £3.6 million since its launch in 2003. For one day pupils at Kirkham wore various touches of pink with their uniform in support of this cause. These photographs show how both the girls and boys accessorised on the day complementing their school uniform.



Kirkham's very happy German exchange youngsters and two staff (Photo above) returned to Southern Germany after eight days at Kirkham Grammar School. This is the second year that the Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Mr Richard McDowell has organised such a visit for our visitors.

Our German students were delighted both with the warmth and hospitality of their host families and the reception they received at Kirkham. "The school is just like one very big family", commented one of the pupils from the Eugen-Bolz Gymnasium in Rottenburg am Neckar. The party enjoyed a variety of visits and outings and three full days improving their English in school.

The pupils from Kirkham Grammar School will make their return visit in early April 2007 to brush up their language skills before their GCSE exam and to gain an insight into life in Germany.



RSC Contemporary Theatre Practice Training Day

In the spirit of sharing our wonderful new Drama Studio with the wider community, KGS Drama Department hosted a Royal Shakespeare Company training day for teachers from KGS as well as staff from other schools in the area. Drama and English staff were delighted to take off their teaching hats and go back to school for the day under the expert tutelage of Juliet Foster, Associate Director from the RSC. The day was entirely practical with Juliet taking us through a huge number of exercises relating to 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Much Ado About Nothing', and 'The Comedy of Errors'. Memorable moments were Mrs Walker and Mrs Jones as leering builders, Ms Barrie, Mrs O'Flaherty and Mr Sampey as brittle ballet dancers and Mrs Fyson as a capricious dictator surrounded by a throng of simpering advisers. A firm favourite was the creation of a bustling street scene for the opening of 'Romeo and Juliet' which allowed for the development of a myriad of cameo characters including Ms Barrie as robotic street theatre, Mr Sampey as artist and Mrs Fyson as Mercutio on the way to the Masked Ball. Third year pupils will be pleased to note that they will be attempting this exercise as a framework for their Italian Commedia dell'Arte improvisations.



The day was thoroughly inspiring with many of us taking the exercises into lessons the next day; it was also a reminder of the day to day life of pupils at KGS as we were set complex tasks, requiring us to work efficiently and effectively with everyone in order to draw out and communicate the meaning from complicated text. A wonderful route into different perspectives as well as an opportunity to share good practice with Drama and English teachers from other schools.

Jane Barrie



School Night at the Apple Store Directed by me



KGS art students showcased their creativity during School Night at the Apple Store, Apple Centre Manchester (Trafford Centre). Our students have spent countless hours creating artwork that has been recorded and presented digitally via the school's Macs online. They've learned how to edit presentations with iMovie and iPhoto, created a project website with links to their own podcasts, which can be downloaded to their iPods. Best of all, they've had fun learning.

Apple invited us to showcase our project "Coasters". On the night all the GCSE students and Mr Gardiner were given t-shirts (See photos). The students interviewed staff and the general public using video cameras whilst Mr Gardiner and Heather Cara demonstrated the software that the "Coasters" project used. As a reward for our hard work Apple gave a new iPod Shuffle to the school. Ryan Hutchings name was drawn out of the hat and he had an early Christmas present.



KGS art students use macs





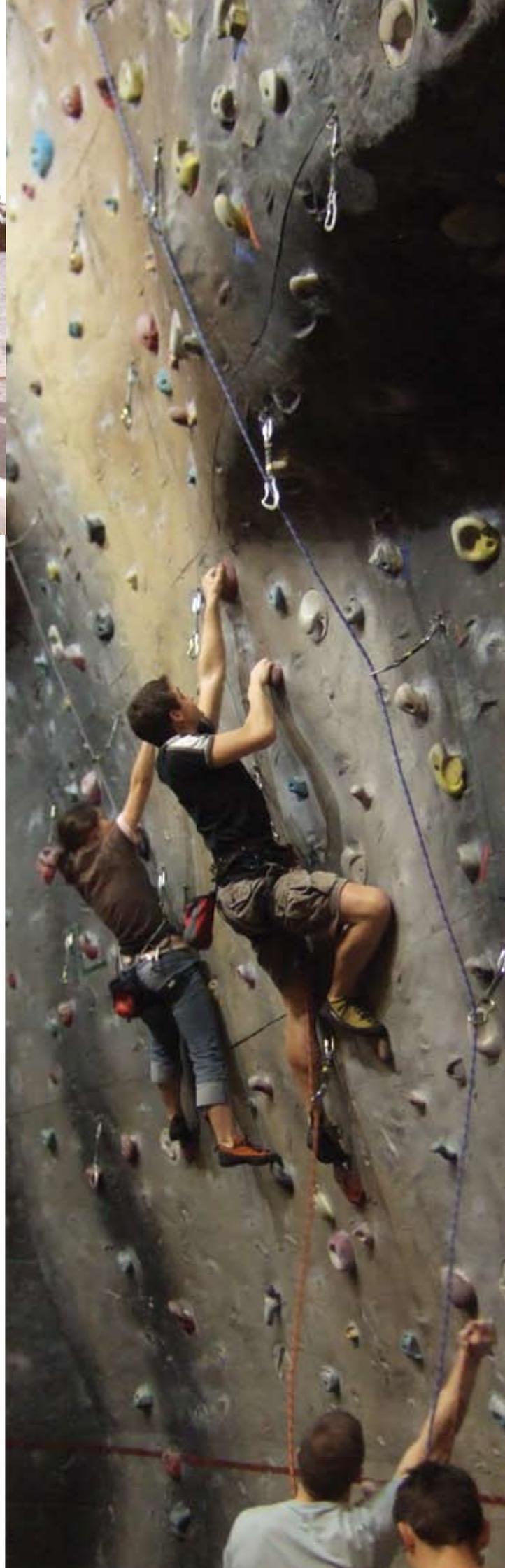
World Champion Angler

Lisa Isles has been a member of the England Youth Fly-fishing Team for the past four years and in September 2005 she qualified for the England Youth Fly-fishing World Team. She travelled to the Czech Republic for the World Championships last year and gained the title of Female World Champion. Additionally, in September of 2005, she also took part in the European Grayling Championships. This was purely a senior competition and the whole point of entering the competition was clearly to see how good she really was. Lisa was Captain of the England 'B' Team, otherwise known as the "Red Spiders". Overall she was top England Rod, and her team finished in 7th place overall. This required a huge amount of dedication and motivation to go to sleep at around 2 am after tying flies for several hours and after getting back from the river and getting up at 4 am several times. Lisa also qualified for the World Championships in 2006 and travelled to Portugal in the A team, where she retained her World Champion U19 Female title. Lisa is now Captain of the A team and her next event is in the USA later on in the year. Lisa has also done a PADI Open Water Diving Course and is now a qualified diver.

Climbing Club

During the early part of the Autumn Term, the Thursday after school sessions were used to climb on the gritstone quarries which lie in the hills south of Blackburn. Anglezarke, Wilton, Troy and Denham were all visited, before the shorter evenings of October forced us inside to climb on the indoor climbing walls in Preston and Blackpool. There was a welcome influx of new members to the club, to replace the large number of Upper Sixth Formers who had left at the end of the last academic year. Most of the new members were drawn from the Fifth Form, so that there is now a significant presence from this year group in the club. Maria Hindley, Edward Askew and Richard Draper have impressed with their innate abilities and their committed approach and both Rebecca Baines and Carolyn Evans have successfully made the transition from the Tuesday lunchtime group to the Thursday after school group.

A large new indoor climbing wall has been built in the leisure centre in Stanley Park in Blackpool. It looks like an impressive facility and the climbing club is eagerly looking forward to climbing on this wall as soon as it is open to the public. A sponsored climb to raise funds for a charity is planned for later this term and we are already anticipating being able to climb outdoors on a real rock as the weather improves this term.





Young Enterprise

As another hectic year began, our group of potential entrepreneurs elected Directors of various departments within the business, before attentions turned towards a company name. After much deliberation, we realised that the customers were the prime concern of our company, and from here, "Chameleon" was born, the company which "adapts to your every need." We then decided that, with popularity for personalised products growing, this was an area for us to exploit, and we began to sell personalised mousemats. The project is ongoing, and we have so far generated a considerable amount of profit.

Early in the term, we were asked to provide refreshments at the Hallowe'en Disco, which we were delighted to do. We also supplied a photo service which proved popular. Our largest project of the term was the production of personalised tea towels. This massive organisational feat involved collecting self-portraits of every child at the Junior School, pasting them to a template, receiving payment, and delivering the items to the customers. I am delighted to report that this was all carried out to the highest of standards, and I commend the team involved with the project. With Christmas fast approaching, we also provided a shop at the Christmas Fair (pictured above), and in the last week of term, sold novelty gifts.

Having recently held our first meeting of 2007, we have formed a plan for our latest project, although this may have to be sidelined as we concentrate our efforts on preparing for the Fylde Area Board competition, for which we must prepare a written report, a presentation and a trade stand. We thank our teachers, Miss Howe and Miss Johnson, and our adviser, Mr Paul Desborough, for their help and encouragement.

Christopher Box
Managing Director

Rosemere Cancer Run

This year's Rosemere Cancer Foundation 5 km Fun Run takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May at Moor Park, Preston. The Rosemere Cancer Foundation is a local charity which funds cancer care in Lancashire and the Lake District. Last year Kirkham Grammar School fielded an impressive number of participants and we raised over £900 for the Foundation. Partakers from KGS included staff, students, parents and Old Kirkhamians and all who took part had a great day and were proud of their achievements.

If you are put off by the thought of running 5km, there is a 2km sponsored walk taking place on the same day at Moor Park. If you would like to enter either the Fun Run or sponsored walk this year, please pick up an entry form from either Mrs Sutcliffe or Mrs Desborough in the School's Bursarial Department.

Thank you,

Mrs A Sutcliffe

Price Swimmers

The Senior School doubled up with the Junior School in a swimming gala travelling to Bolton Grammar School. The age groups competing included J2, J3, J4 and years 1, 2 and 3 from the senior school. Within these age groups we were privileged to have four swimmers from the same family, Hadley, Harriet, Dale and Antonia Price (photo right).





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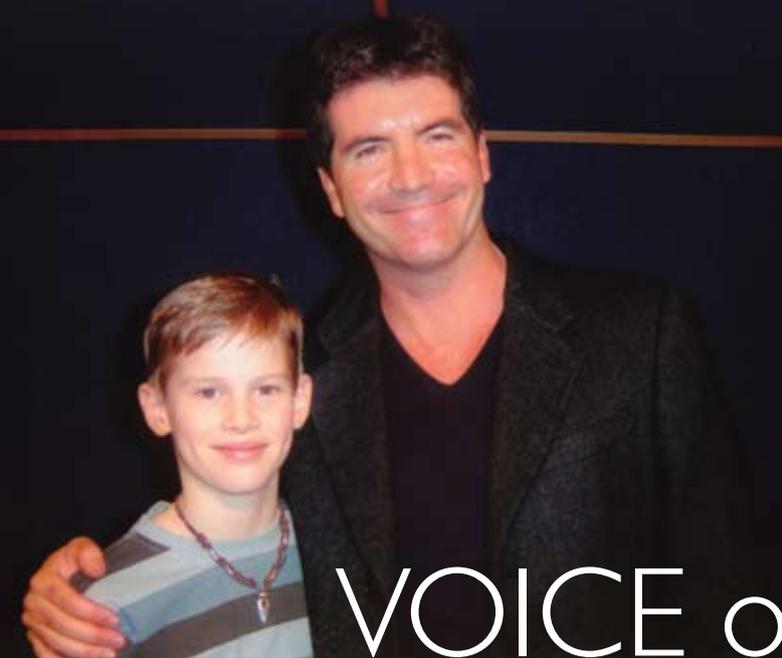
A series of excellent concerts has seen the 2006-7 musical year get off to a busy start. The regular monthly series of Coffee Concerts, held in the Old Hall at 12.35 on the last Friday of each month, has been well supported. A talented group of musicians from the 2nd and 3rd years gave the September concert, being followed in October by the musicians of the 4th year. The November Coffee Concert gave the chance for 5th year GCSE musicians to present performances that they are preparing for exam assessment.

A Celebration of Talent in November saw twenty 1st year musicians presenting a most enjoyable concert to a large audience in the Old Hall. The standard of the performances was very high, demonstrating a wide range of abilities from the year. Following on from the success of their concert in November 2005 the talented trio of James Edgar, Ashley Parkinson and Jamie Coleman gave an excellent charity concert in the Old Hall in November, featuring a wide variety of songs with acoustic guitar.

The school ensembles have been very busy during the winter months, culminating in the Christmas Concert. The Concert Band and Lower School Choir had opened the term in style with their most enjoyable contributions at Prize-giving. The String Group performed admirably in the school production of Romeo and Juliet and the Choir once again performed superbly in the Carol Service. Together with the Orchestra and soloists these groups combined to entertain a large and appreciative audience at the Christmas Concert.

Our musicians continue to be heavily involved in various county and national ensembles. Several musicians perform in the Lancashire Youth and Symphony Orchestras as well as the National Children's Orchestra and Brass Band. We were delighted when Jordan Chadwick (trumpet) was successful in being selected to play in the prestigious Hallé Youth Orchestra. Our two most recent successful applicants for orchestral places have been sisters Hannah and Olivia Fountain (photo right) who have been accepted to play clarinet and violin respectively in the Lancashire Schools Symphony Orchestra.





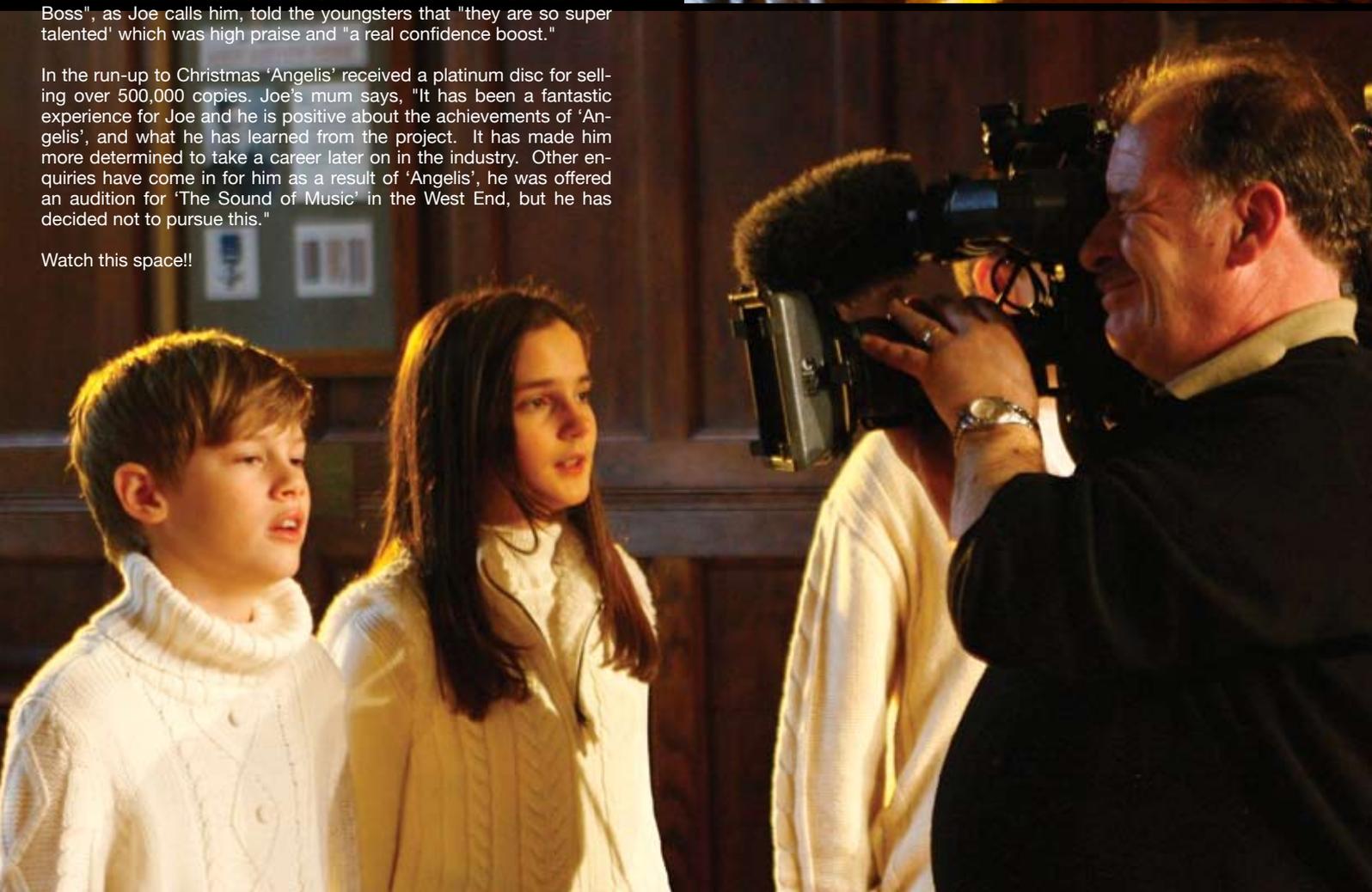
VOICE of an Angel

We have been thrilled to chart the progress of Joe Martin as he has been part of Simon Cowell's highly successful cherubic superband 'Angelis'. The band draws from some of the same traditional and classical music of Cowell's other creation, 'Il Divo' but its members are between the ages of 11 and 14. To promote the release of their debut album "Angelis", the band made radio and television appearances up and down the country. But the one performance that topped them all for Joe was the band's performance in front of his school friends at Kirkham. In front of over one hundred Year 7 pupils, with the added pressure of two TV crews recording the band's heavenly new single 'Angel', their rendition was faultless. Fellow classmates were very excited on hearing Joe perform and one was said to comment that "they should go to number 1" which is exactly what Joe would have liked for Christmas.

With the help of his new mentor, Joe has taken a big step towards his dream of a career in music that started over a year ago when a scout from Syco spotted him winning a Fleetwood talent contest. From there he went to Manchester to audition in front of experts to be selected and invited down to a London studio where he and his five fellow band members were to meet Mr X-Factor himself. "Our Boss", as Joe calls him, told the youngsters that "they are so super talented" which was high praise and "a real confidence boost."

In the run-up to Christmas 'Angelis' received a platinum disc for selling over 500,000 copies. Joe's mum says, "It has been a fantastic experience for Joe and he is positive about the achievements of 'Angelis', and what he has learned from the project. It has made him more determined to take a career later on in the industry. Other enquiries have come in for him as a result of 'Angelis', he was offered an audition for 'The Sound of Music' in the West End, but he has decided not to pursue this."

Watch this space!!

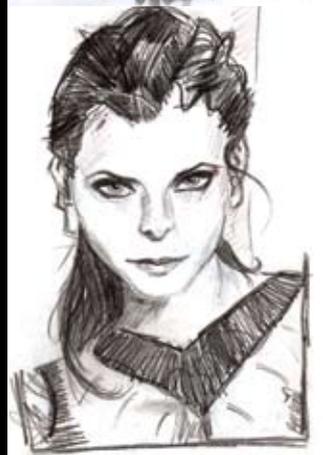
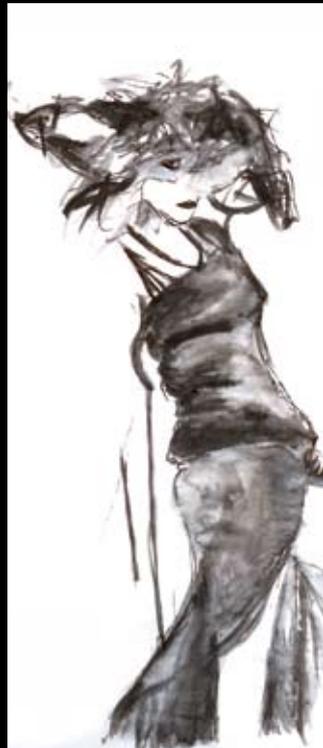




CLOTHES SHOW LIVE



45 GCSE art students, 4 staff, 1 coach, 1 driver and a dash down the M6 to the NEC Birmingham. It sounds like a shopping list, well it could be as we were visiting the Clothes Show Live 2006. This was the world's largest and most entertaining fashion and beauty event, so the blurb said. It was a fashion extravaganza with companies showcasing everything from fashion, accessories and vintage collections to lingerie, makeup and high street brands! Not only was there a huge range of collections in the main show halls, and Fashion College stands, but there was a fashion and dance spectacular where over 40 models and dancers took to the stage in the Clothes Show Live Fashion Theatre. The Music Stage pumped out all the latest tunes with live acts entertaining the screaming crowd. The catwalk showcased numerous collections that included Caprice's Lingerie range with a flying appearance by the model herself. A visual feast for our art students was had by all. Some of their work features on these two pages.





ARTWORKS 2007

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Romeo and Juliet

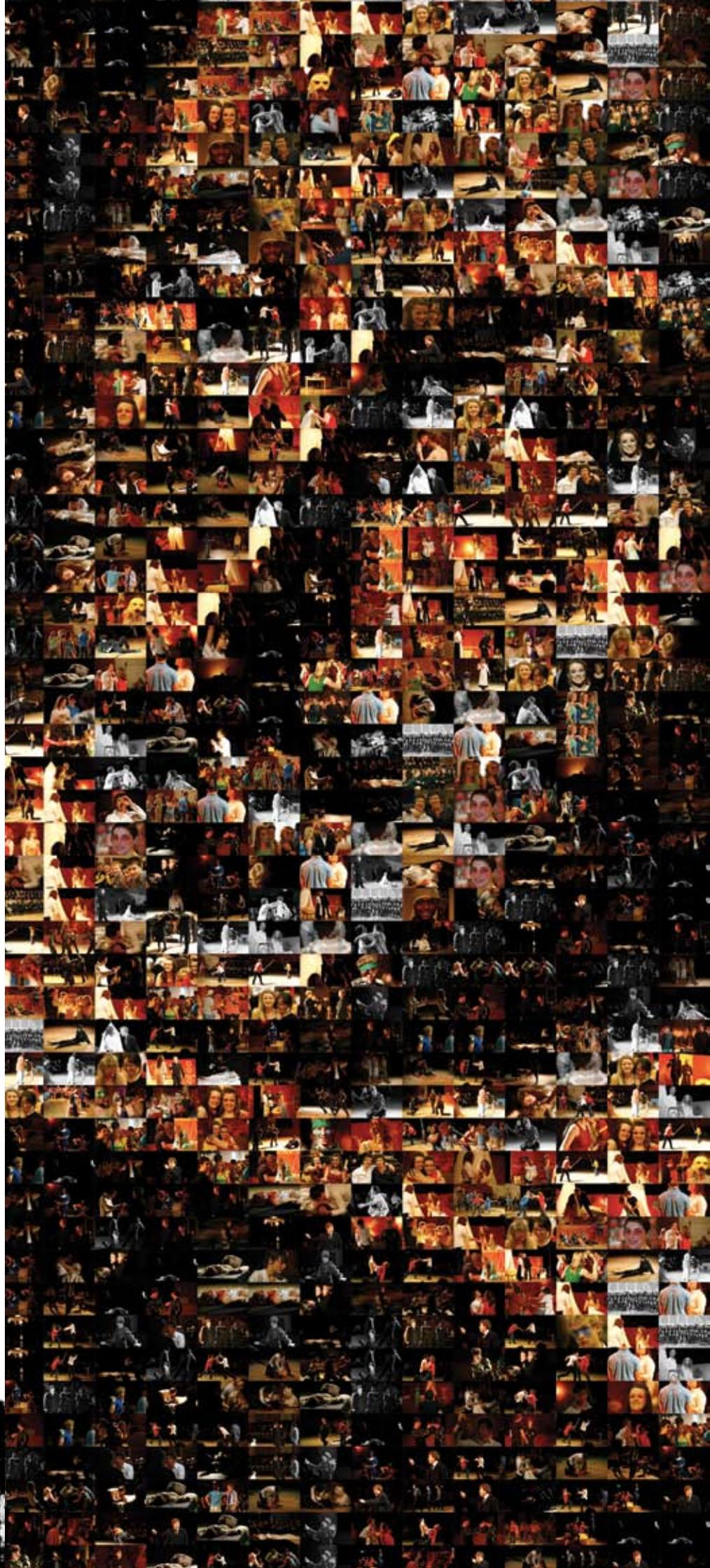
A KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION

Veronica's story begins in a world of hate



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'Romeo and Juliet' is one of Shakespeare's best-known and best-loved plays. The audience of KGS found it compelling to witness the working out of the inexorable fate of these "star cross'd lovers" by the multi-sensory approach that has characterised Ms Barrie's (Director of Drama) productions. The triumphant opening, a stylised representation of riot and discord, set the tone for the main theme of the play, that of the clash between order and chaos: the carefully-choreographed dance-like movements of the cast showed the underlying violence that permeates the play.

Music was an integral part of the production: the contrasting colours of the Montague and Capulet livery were echoed by the contrasting musical styles, from Prodigy to Prokofiev. Sarah Dickie's astonishing vocal range counterpointed the stage action, and all the musicians - Kris Monaghan, Tom Anstiss, Lucy Fielding and the String Group - were an essential part of the play's success. Of course, the play hinges on the two main characters. Charlotte Jackson as Juliet fully justified Romeo's adoration: "What light from yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun." Charlotte combined the vulnerability and playfulness of a girl not yet fourteen with the strength of will of one prepared to break from her family's prejudices for the sake of love. Her partner, Tristan Brooke, complemented her with a performance combining the physicality and passion necessary for the "Beautiful tyrant! fiend angelical!" who can both love Juliet and kill Tybalt and Paris.

Among Ms Barrie's bold directorial decisions was the choice to have Tybalt played by a female. Charlotte Baker's acting and tumbling skills alone could have justified this original casting move; however, in the context of the production the female "Prince of Cats" underlined the depth of violence throughout Veronese society - the chaos respects neither class nor gender. Matthew Edgar made the role of Mercutio, the man who even jests in death, his own, whilst Cerys Buck deserves special mention as the Nurse, a favourite character part that she carried off with spirited and earthy aplomb. However, the success of any performance depends on more than the individual stars, and with a cast of over fifty, this was certainly an ensemble triumph, and all deserve congratulation, as of course do those behind the scenes. Without the stage crew, led by Gordon Cheng, and the other helpers and supporters, no play would be possible: lack of limelight does not lead to lack of appreciation.



Ms Barrie and Mrs Walker (Assistant Director) deserve hearty congratulation for this most impressive, involving and exciting production. Its success can perhaps be measured by the enthusiasm of the cast and supporters, and also, of course, by the audience's response. The reception of the first night led to such an outcry for tickets that sixty more seats had to be provided in the school's Multi Purpose Hall for the second and last performances. The shocking arrival of the supposed corpse of Juliet on her bier would have stilled even the most restless house; and the fateful denouement left more than one member "with his own tears made drunk".

"For never was a story of more woe

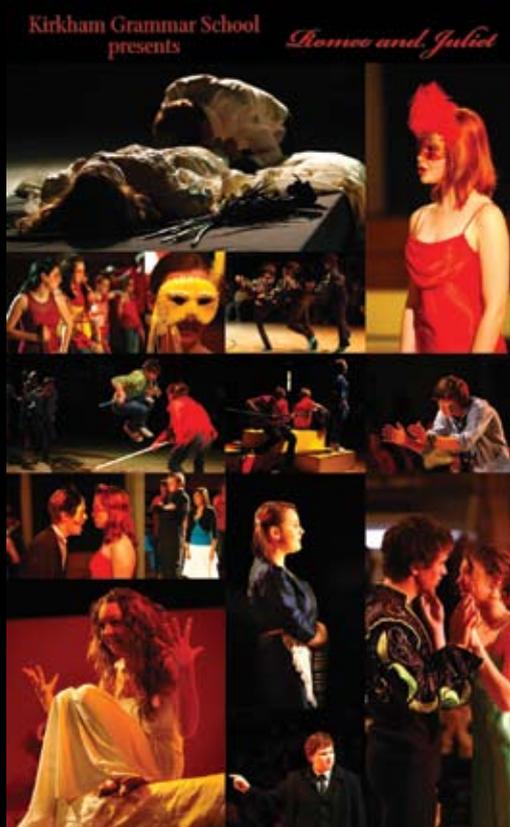
Than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

It will be difficult for Ms Barrie and her talented team to top the success of this year's performance: but we have every confidence that she will do so, and await the next production in eager anticipation!

Photographs from this production (Over 800) can be bought at £3 each (9"x6") by viewing the book of photographs available at the School Reception. There are also three posters available, the one of the portrait of William Shakspeare made up of a mosaic of some 800 photographs from this production's cast is on the previous page. These A1 posters can be viewed online at:

www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/drama/

Posters are available at £18 each (A1 in size).







FRIENDS

First of all may I introduce myself to you all as the new Chairman of the Friends of KGS. My name is Lorraine Wareing and I am married to Robin and we live in Treales. We have two children at KGS. Rachel who is in Lower Sixth and Joe who is in the second year. I have been on the Friends for over 5 years and became the new Chairman in September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert Dunn for his dedication and hard work as Chairman over the last four years.

I was not looking forward to the Winter Ball on Saturday 18 November, as it would be my first occasion to try my hand at public speaking but I have to say that we had a marvellous time and special thanks to my guests for helping me to enjoy the evening. We had a theme for the night "Reach for the Stars" and we certainly managed to do that! The room at Ribby Hall looked wonderful and the Ball Committee had all worked extremely hard to make the evening a success. We raised £5043.65 at the ball which is a record for the Friends. I do hope that you can join us there next year. It really is a lovely way to start your Christmas festivities.

The Christmas Fair held on Friday 24 November was only a week later but everyone seemed to have recovered from the ball and once again managed to transform the MPH into a Winter Wonderland. A lot of hard work and preparation goes on behind the scenes for this event and various members of the committee put in hours and hours of time getting things ready for all the different stalls we have. Father Christmas was once again in his grotto and we ran a very successful raffle. Thank you for your support buying tickets. For an event that only lasts from 4pm - 6pm we raised £3286.42.

As the Friends looked forward to Christmas and a well earned rest, we have started to think about 2007 and what family fund raising events we can hold.

I do hope that you have a chance to come along to events that we arrange as all money we raise goes straight back into school to enrich all our children's education in whatever way we can.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy and healthy 2007.

Lorraine Wareing
Chairman of the Friends of Kirkham Grammar School





interHouseevents

Lead Roles – Staff

'M' - Mr Paul Smith - knows the rules and what it takes to get results

'Q' - Mr Phil Reeves - Always has ideas and is looking for an edge

'Blofeld' - Dr Andy Rollins - Smooth and gentle exterior but an inner desire to win

'Money penny' - Mrs Jane Glover - Organised and methodical. Keeps a caring eye on everyone.

Lead Roles – Pupils

500 parts – are you going to play yours?

After the impressive victory by School House last year, all House leaders started the term refreshed and ready to do battle. Mr Reeves aiming for a second Whitby Cup in three years. Dr Rollins eager to wave the blue victory flag once more and Mrs Glover as competitive as ever striving to seriously contend for the title of Champion House. Again the scene was set for another fantastic House Competition – so let the “Thunderball” roll.

The quiz teams were first to compete. After closely contested finals Kirkham House proved they had the “Goldfinger” on the buzzer in gaining their first victory in the senior quiz with Preston victorious in the junior quiz.

The Basketball competition fulfilled all expectations. Full contact, full volume and unbelievable gamesmanship made for another thoroughly competitive evening. The grit, determination and superb spirit made this particular competition exciting and very enjoyable. Fylde House were in great form with a “Moonraker” of a performance by Ashley Wilding. Fylde enjoyed their first victory in the senior competition with Preston House being awesome in the intermediate competition.

Mr Melling organised the chess competition once again. Tom Fielding led the way for Kirkham House but this was not enough to defeat the mighty Fylde. Victory once more for Mr Reeves – no red flags flying yet at this stage of the proceedings.

Netball provided the fans with a real extravaganza of skill, balance flair and impressive spacial awareness. In the senior final, School battled really well but were unable to break down the strength of the Fylde team. Kate Gledhill led her team to another impressive victory (pictures from this games feature below and right). The Fylde junior team were not to be outdone. After losing Lamara Hill in the early stages of the competition the girls rose to the challenge. In the final Preston put up a great fight but with impressive performances from Jessica Balmer, Alison Glover and the rest of the team – Fylde were successful once more. The mighty greens were starting to frighten “The Living Daylights” out of the opposition!

After a successful Junior Hockey Tournament at Preston Sports Arena last year, the venue played host once again to this competition. Another exciting, nail-biting event was had by all. Every house played with true grit and determination. The House leaders were passionate with their support, parents were on pins as the girls took to the battlefield. The semi-finals were very closely contested and the results could have gone either way. After dominating the first half against Fylde and having a goal disallowed Kirkham were very unfortunate to lose. School House also worked hard but sorely missed an injured Nicole Pike and lost to a solid Preston team. The final between Preston and Fylde was end to end and full-time arrived at a stalemate situation. After a “Live and Let Die” performance by both teams, penalty flicks decided the winners – Fylde enjoyed victory yet again!

The Autumn/Winter Term finished with the swimming spectacle. House leaders here have to deal with two extremes, numerous please excuse letters and a sudden surge in house loyalty with umpteen house members volunteering their support. With our very own “Man with the Golden Gun” (or whistle in Mr Taylor’s case) getting things started, the fun began. The atmosphere was magnificent once again as Kirkham and Preston fought neck and neck up to the final race. The result of the senior boys relay determined the final outcome. Dr Rollins and Preston House were triumphant in the first double pointer of the year.

So, at the start of 2007 the Whitby Cup standings see Fylde in the lead, but only narrowly. Preston holds the second spot and Kirkham are close behind. Who would have thought that Mr Smith and School House would be propping up the bottom of the table!

Have School House left themselves with ‘A View to Kill’ or have they really got too much to do? Will Mrs Glover and her loyal troops have enough to seriously contend? Can Mr Reeves continue to drive the mighty Fylde to their second Whitby Cup victory? Will Dr Rollins be waving his blue flag high at the end of the Summer Term?

With the House leaders and House members “Shaken, not stirred” – Anything can happen!!

Mrs Jane Glover (Money penny)







TOURS "R" US



Kirkham Grammar School
**RUGBY TOUR
COMMITTEE**

KGS has a busy tours schedule ahead as two teams prepare for tours abroad. The boys rugby U15 are set to travel to Italy whilst the U16 Development Squad travel to South Africa. These tours are part of the school's overall commitment to sports tours as recently the girls junior squad returned from a hockey tour to Holland, whilst most recently the U14 boys toured Wales.

Forty three Kirkham girls and five members of staff returned from a most successful hockey tour to Holland. The playing highlight perhaps was at Meerssen Hockey Club where the girls' matches were played under floodlights with crowds of spectators watching. It was a great experience for all the players, and each team rose to the challenge winning their matches by numerous goals.

After a hectic playing schedule the tour party headed down to Disneyland, Paris for two days of rest and recuperation (and lots of roller-coaster rides) before heading back home.

The experience of playing against Dutch opposition will no doubt stand the girls in good stead for the continuation of the hockey season back home. Playing three matches of 35 minutes each way on consecutive days was a tough schedule that the girls met head on with enthusiasm and determination. The skills that were developed and the friendships that were made will stay with all concerned for a lifetime.

The U14 rugby squad embarked on a tour to South Wales prior to Christmas playing two matches, winning one and losing one. The victory in the first game against Plasnewydd saw a hard fought first half as KGS contended with the slightly different laws in Wales, namely lifting in the line-out and the scrum half being allowed to go around the scrum to pressurise his opposite number. The KGS pack gradually wore down Plasnewydd, who committed few to the breakdown, which allowed the forwards to dominate. James Lau being prominent scoring two tries. Lyman Choi also made some telling runs and was ably supported by Ben Jones and the outstanding Stanley Graham.

The following morning they played Llandaff Cathedral School in superb conditions and dominated from the outset, however KGS failed to score despite constant pressure, dropping the ball over the line twice. The final score was Llandaff 17 - KGS 0.

The trip also included a tour of the Millennium Stadium as well as watching the Ospreys v Calvisano in the Heineken Cup and Cardiff v Aberavon in the Welsh League

Preparations are well underway for the Summer Tour to South Africa with some impressive fund raising events set in place. An auction dinner on the 24 February 2007 at Fylde Rugby Club with comedian Phil Cool complements the impressive prize draw raffle of a £7000 first class holiday in the Maldives. Tickets are selling fast. The second major event is a Golf Day on the 23rd May 2007 at Fairhaven Golf Club, Lytham. Further details can be found on the tours' website at:

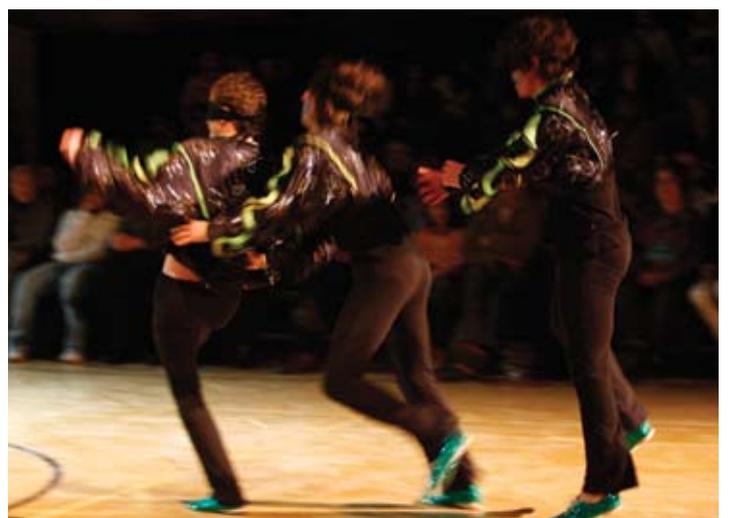
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PHOTOS06-07

Over the last six months Mr Gardiner has been busily snapping away recording images that feature in this newsletter and on the school's website. For the recent production of Romeo & Juliet he took over 1000 shots during final rehearsals and production nights. On numerous Saturdays he has captured examples of the high level of sport that Kirkham's sports boys and girls take part in. There are records of achievers ranging from the Price family's swimmers to our team photos. All these images can be ordered from the school reception and in some cases via the internet. By accessing the school website and following the photo link you can see what is available. By the beginning of next term most team photos will be available on-line.





HOCKEY 06-07







45 girls **County** honours

Following a series of successful Lancashire hockey trials, the school, coaches and parents were delighted at the selection of 45 (3 from the junior school) pupils to the Lancashire Schoolgirls' Hockey Squads for the present season, ranging from U12 to U21. This large number reflects the high calibre of hockey players the school has. Mrs K Benter, Head of Girls' Physical Education, was delighted with the performances of the girls. The number of girls representing the County is continuing to increase year on year. It is also pleasing to see that girls who may not have been successful at trials in the past have earned their place this year, which is largely down

to the excellent coaching that the girls receive at KGS. The introduction of separate Lancashire development squads at U12, U13 and U14 age groups has given more girls the opportunity to play hockey at a high standard. It is pleasing to see that the work that the pupils do in their school sessions is allowing them to develop skills and techniques that are recognised by the County selectors. We take great pride in the quality of coaching that we give all girls at the school, but place great emphasis on the time that we spend with the younger girls and their performance at the trials is well-deserved.





boysCountyhonours



KGS has provided five players to the Lancashire U18 Squad this season. Adam Anderson, Kieran Brookes and Phil Leigh played in the Roses game against Yorkshire, while Tom Bowden and Ryan Drage are members of the squad. Wasim Riley has been a member of the Lancs U16 team for the whole of the season. U15's squad members Matthew Bennett, Matthew Edgar and Chris Travis have been involved with the North Lancs U15 team which has been successful this term.





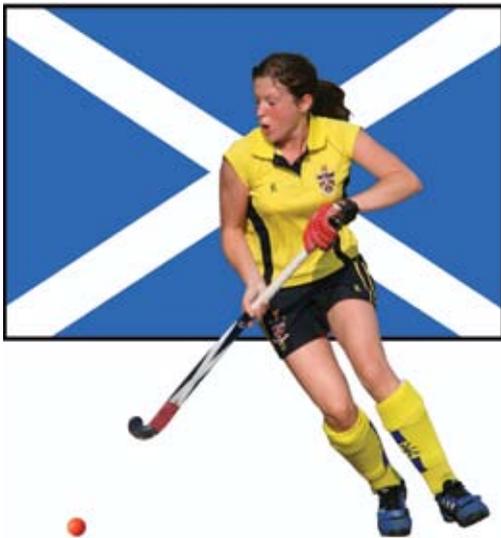
RUGBY 06-07



Photographs can be found on-line at:
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KGSport

This season has seen further confirmation of the school's excellent sporting provision as demonstrated by the breadth of competition and the achievements in junior age groups. On the hockey field the 1st XI has performed well despite their unfortunate exit from the County round of the National knockout. They will look forward to forthcoming tournaments with confidence. Also of note has been the progress of the U12 and U13 squads who have impressed at both A and B team levels. This was evidenced only last weekend when the U13's (photo below) won the County Cup without conceding a goal. The A team defeated all rivals while the B team registered victories over King Edward's 'A' team in narrowly missing the quarter finals. Nicole Pike (photo top left) in the third year was invited to attend a hockey talent camp north of the border. Nicole impressed the Scottish coaches so much they have signed the budding star up for the training programme ahead of the European Hockey Championships in 2008.

On the rugby field, while the 1st XV had a mixed season, the 2nd XV showed their mettle with some excellent displays particularly in performing against some opposing 1st XV's. Simon Hope and his squad have much to be proud of, as have the U12XV (photo above) who have lost only once this year.

Overseas trips loom large this year and the recent junior tours to Amsterdam and South Wales proved very successful. The school now looks forward to its first major overseas tour for ten years with a rugby development squad visiting South Africa in July. This will be an outstanding experience for all concerned and we have provided the players with significant opportunity to experience a different culture. Wasim Riley (photo left) the U16XV captain and Lancashire player will be one of 36 boys on the tour. His sporting success has featured in a number of local newspapers including the Asian Image.

The background of healthy inter-school competition has allowed our players to develop their skills sufficiently to attract the County selectors. Over forty girls have reached County Squads and eleven boys have attained a similar level.

Further sporting opportunity has been provided by the Volleyball League where three teams have participated but perhaps the year's highlight has been the great development of the swimming squads. While Sophie Ward (photo left) has reached International status the squads have also made themselves very competitive at all levels and this is exciting to see. These sports bring a variety of experience and allow even greater numbers to represent the school and, when combined with our netball squads, create a staggering thirty two teams and no less than 350 pupils representing the school in the winter programme. We cannot be accused of not challenging the image of an unhealthy youth so prevalent in the media today.

The school website has all the latest results and accompanying photographs when available:

<http://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/kgssportnews>

