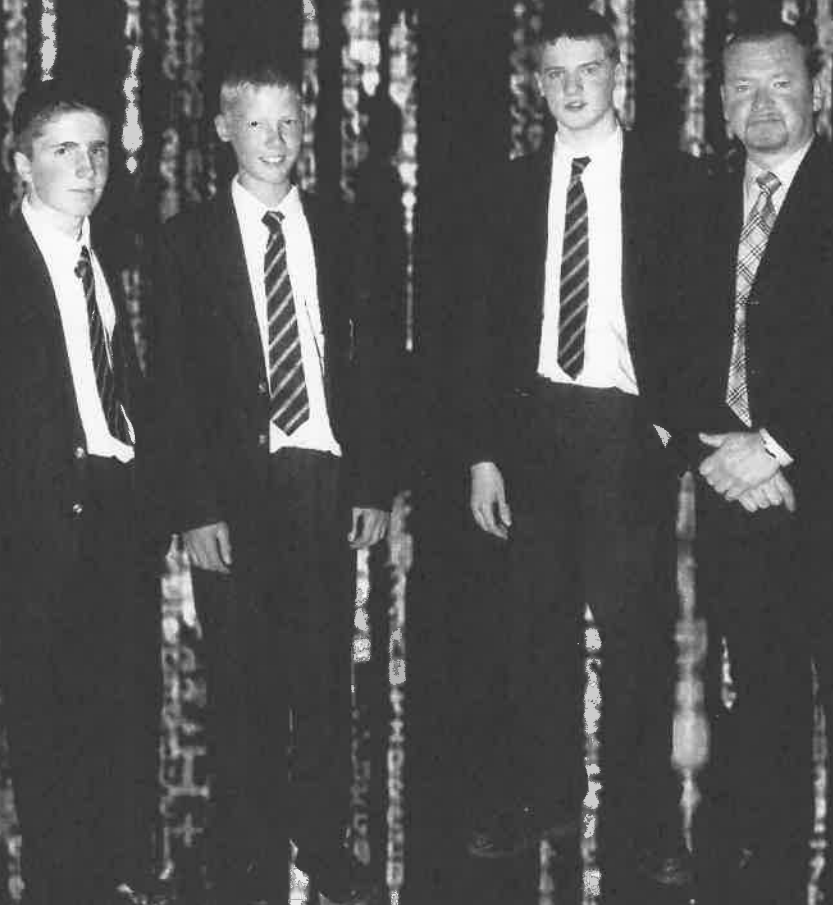


# Kirkham Grammar School

Headmaster's Letter to Parents

Summer 2003

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# KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Headmaster



Having now arrived at the end of my first year at Kirkham Grammar School I can hardly believe that it is ten months since I nervously walked through the door on that first morning. The year has passed so quickly, yet I have been able to witness a busy and thriving community. The ethos of the school was an attraction to me before my arrival but I have been impressed by the reality of that community atmosphere and family values. It has certainly been a truism amidst various difficulties that have struck members of the school community and on a more personal level it has made entering into the school as a newcomer all the easier. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have gone out of their way to say "hello" or bid me welcome. Inevitably there are aspects that must evolve over coming years as the school strives to develop in many varied areas but I would hope that the family ethos of the school always remains at the core.

While the annual pressures of examinations have been felt by the whole school, staff and pupils alike, the term has remained a busy one. The first half of the term was notable for the school going 'worldwide' as we launched our new website officially. Old Kirkhamian and successful businessman Marshal Parker performed the ceremony after creating considerable excitement by arriving in a helicopter!

His address at the launch stressed the global exposure that the website gives the school and how he had recently grasped the opportunities presented by this powerful tool for his own ventures. Certainly at school we see this as an exciting advance. We were very proud of the 'Web Wizards' who played such an integral part in the presentation on the day and who are assisting in the utilization of this new resource. We look forward to its development over coming months under the direction of Webmaster, Mr Simon Gardiner.

The term has been notable also for the variety of activity that has gone on even amidst a busy exam term. Without repeating matters documented later I have once again enjoyed many achievements of our youngsters both within school and outside it. The team and individual achievements are detailed within the pages to follow but it is important to note that we must applaud and congratulate all those who have participated in the various opportunities on offer. This willingness to get involved has been such a hallmark of the school and has struck me forcibly in my early months here. I commend all our pupils to continue this trend and to sustain their enthusiasm. I am sure the summer holidays will do much to recharge the batteries and see them all coming back refreshed for the challenges ahead.

## STAFF

This year sees some changeover in staffing at school with four retirements and one or two other departures.

Mr Brian Taylor (photo right) retires as Head of German at Kirkham Grammar School after 35 years' service. Brian arrived in 1968 after taking his degree at Leeds University and his PGCE at Liverpool. Arriving as a fresh faced youth Brian has overseen the development of German throughout the school extending the teaching to junior forms and to A-level. He was appointed initially by Bill Kennedy and has subsequently worked with four Headmasters.

During his time here Brian has made a significant contribution to the life of the school. He was Housemaster of Lytham House until its demise – at which point he transferred to Preston House and remained at the helm for several years. On the sporting front Brian was in charge of junior cricket for many years and held the lofty position of Captain of the successful school staff cricket team. Legend has it that he was a fine wicketkeeper who always kept the slips on their toes! Brian even drove our 1st XV on their first ever tour abroad, to Narbonne in 1977. He has, of course, led many trips abroad in his role as a linguist and has been single handedly responsible for the success of the German Exchange with the Anne Frank Schule in Linden.

As Chairman of the Fell Walking Society, Brian has led generations of Kirkham Grammar School pupils across the hills and dales of the Lake District and more recently has managed to encourage the ladies of the staff-room to take to the hills at weekends. His talents also extend to the school choir where he was a stalwart for many years and more recently who can forget his role in the school play as Mr Peach, the adjudicator of the Farndale production of Macbeth. Pink is indeed his colour!

In his twilight years Brian has assumed the unenviable task of President of the Staff Common Room and has led this diverse body with good humour and patience.

He now looks forward to a long and well earned retirement and takes with him the best wishes of all at KGS.

Mrs Barbara Williams has taught at Kirkham Grammar School for six years as part-time Religious Studies teacher and regularly illustrates her commanding presence by speaking unscripted to the school in assembly. Her stories always capture the audience and mirror the success she has with her pupils within the classroom. Her contribution to the Religious Studies Department and school in general will be missed but she leaves with our best wishes.

From the Physics Department we were all disappointed to recognise the final departure of Mr Ray Noble. Ray has taught Physics at school for thirteen years and recently undertook the immense task of Examinations Officer. Held



dear by so many pupils Mr Noble has suffered heart problems of late and has thus not been in school since November. His cheery smile and ever-helpful response to any problem will be missed. We hope Mr Noble enjoys his retirement in Mawdsley and continues to visit us on a regular basis.

Also from the Physics Department we see the departure of Mr Brown who is undertaking not his first retirement but his third! He has worked part-time in the Physics Department in recent years and done much to support this excellent department. His experience as a Chief Examination Officer has always been of great assistance and we wish him well on this his – definitely – final retirement!

Mrs Lynda Poole left us in May to take up a new post at Teeside School for Girls where she has accepted the position of Deputy Headmistress. Mrs Poole has run the Drama Department with great energy over the past four years; most recently with the school production of 'Grimms Tales'. Her enthusiasm for drama has never dampened and she has left some treasured memories for many pupils.

From the Technology Department we lose Mr Steve Crowther who moves on to pastures new. Mr Crowther, as Director of Technology has overseen the transformation of the Department with an exciting newly fitted series of workshops for our pupils to use. The link with BAE Systems

has also benefited from Mr Crowther's sure grasp of his subject and the further development of ICT within school has continued under his stewardship. We are grateful for Mr Crowther's contribution to school life and hope he finds happiness in his future career.

Mrs Helen Parkinson also leaves us to play a greater role in the family farming business. Although with us for only one year Mrs Parkinson has quickly made an impact with the care and concern she has shown in her preparation and the delivery of her lessons.

One further departure has seen Mr Alan Shelley leave the Reprographics room after three successful years overseeing its inception. Mr Shelley developed an excellent rapport with all the staff and established this key role in school as a successful support for all our teachers. Mr Peter Ford has now taken up his post as Alan's replacement and we hope he will be very happy here at Kirkham Grammar School. He appears already to be carrying on Mr Shelley's impressive routine. We hope Alan enjoys his increased leisure time.

## Student Teachers

Our three student teachers from St Martin's College, Lancaster, leave us at the end of term, having successfully completed their PGCE year. We were delighted to hear that Miss Suzie Oliphant (Geography) was appointed to a full-time post at Millfield High School, Thornton Cleveleys. We hope that Miss Nafisa Patel (English) and Mr Jim Russell (History) are successful in finding posts soon. We are grateful for all their hard work and for the enthusiasm which they bring, under the close supervision of our team of experienced mentors.

Throughout the term, a number of aspiring PGCE students have visited KGS in order to observe the teaching methods of various members of staff. The Art, Business Studies and Maths Departments have played host to graduates currently applying for teaching courses. We also welcomed two trainee teachers from Boras University, Sweden: Katerina Fasth and Marge Sundstrom are learning to teach English in Sweden and spent a week at KGS observing a range of lessons. It seems that the School's reputation for exemplary teaching has spread internationally.

# PREFECTS 2003-2004



## Senior Prefects:

Back row, left to right:

Katherine Llewellyn, Lorna Sissons, Laura Martin, Jack Ward, Alex Wilkinson, Alex Bennett, Katie Mellor, Stephen Johnson, Sophie Cairns, James Cooper, Sarah Harrison

Front row, left to right:

Lyndsey Tuck, Stuart Harrison, Caroline Cheadle, James Anderson, Louise Robinson, (Mr D R Walker), Christopher Gorman, Lara Schofield, James Wigglesworth, Claire Taylor, Adam Kwasnicki

## School Captains and Senior Prefects, 2002-2003 are:

**Captains of School:** Christopher Gorman  
Louise Robinson

**Boarding House Captains:**  
Lara Schofield  
Jack Ward

**Fylde House Captains:**  
Lorna Sissons  
James Wigglesworth

**Kirkham House Captains:**  
Katie Mellor  
Leanne Soper  
Andrew Stevens

**Preston House Captains:**  
Alex Bennett  
Laura Martin

**Senior Librarian:**  
Jack Ward



The Governors remain determined to maintain the momentum in creating an exciting environment for all our pupils and teachers. We have seen the new Girls' changing rooms, extended common room facilities, newly launched website and now a purpose built nursery for the Junior School. This development will allow pupils to enter the Kirkham Grammar School community from the age of three in outstanding purpose built accommodation.

Within the Senior School, Mrs Frances Piercy has continued to further the Appeal, having now launched the Isabel Birley Society; undertaken a central role in the recent Auction Dinner and developed the Appeal Newsletter to keep all our generous donors informed of developments. Her work here now nears its end and Mrs Piercy will move on in August after three years undertaking that most difficult task of raising funds for school developments. She has done so with impeccable professionalism and both Mrs Piercy and her daughter Emma leave with our grateful thanks and our best wishes for a successful future.

We now await the outcome of the Appeal but the following statement has been issued to all donors and to staff at the school to ensure we are kept up to date with developments as they arise.

## SCIENCE LABORATORY AND CLASSROOM DEVELOPMENT

The Governors are currently finalising plans for Phase 1 of our new classroom development. This has involved a curriculum audit, projected over coming years, and a broad look at the geography of the school.

As a consequence, the original concept of enclosing the quadrangle may not prove to be the most favourable position for our development and the likelihood of building to the west of the school is now being seriously considered, involving construction in place of current temporary classrooms.

Our aim is to provide modern, well-equipped laboratories in Phase 1 to allow all Science to be taught in an exciting environment where pupils' involvement in practical work is central to teaching throughout the curriculum. We believe these fully networked and highly equipped facilities will enhance the current Technology and ICT provision within the school to provide an outstanding educational experience for all our pupils. There will also be provision made for new classroom facilities.

It is hoped that an announcement confirming these developments will be made in September 2003 for a building commencement date of Easter 2004.



# THE WEBSITE EXPLAINED

As websites go, this is no ordinary site, the school have purchased a state-of-the-art web content management system that empowers individuals with a minimum amount of training to publish on the web instantly. The School have teachers and pupils actively creating and updating personal areas of responsibility on a daily basis. This system is used by large corporates such as: The Royal Opera House, London, Mastercard and Diesel. These pages are intended to show some of the features of a site that is constantly evolving not just a static prospectus.

The main News starting point


This area is an information start point for specific subject areas, updated by staff. With links and contacts etc.

Information linked to Houses, Clubs and Societies, School Officials, Exam Information etc., as and when it goes on-line.

This section is a starting point for parents and the main information area for all events and fund raising that the Friends of KGS undertake.

There are so many areas that the site covers, so really what you have to do is log-on and browse the site. All sections are flexible which means they can be moved from section to section at ease or feature in multiple sections. The home page is due to change reflecting the diverse areas that the site covers. In addition a What's New and a Sports Results section have been added to reflect the weekly additions so you can see how the site is constantly being updated by Mr Gardiner, the 'Webwizards' and Staff.

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The calendar feature has all the events that occur during the present term. The calendar can display by day, week and month depending on where you click on the right hand calendar. Events have further details when clicked on. On the far right side there is an events section where you can search to find specific events, like hockey matches or Parents Evenings.

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5 Events

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## News

**KGS Website Launch**  
BY: Simon Gardiner  
14 May 2003 11:52 GMT



## Website a flying success

Old Kirkhamian, Marshal Parker (39) flies into his old school to officially launch the schools' new website. The occasion was attended by pupils, parents, staff and various representatives from companies that support the school.

Webmaster Simon Gardiner and his third year pupils "Web Wizards" demonstrated the organic content management system to a very receptive audience.


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In addition to the main contact section, there are dotted throughout the site specific contacts related to the page you are viewing.

There are relevant external links to other websites. As the Academic Departments and other sections build up their own mini sites within the school site, they will have links to external websites of interest. A good example at the moment that uses this feature is the Ski Society within the Extra-Curricular Section at:  
<http://www.kirkhamgrammar.co.uk/clubsandsocieties>

# Sixth Form Leavers Ball 2003



Mr A Hall with Katie Gough, Ashleigh Gregory and Rebecca Anstiss

KGS Sixth formers got all dressed up for this year's Sixth Form Ball. There were well over 300 plus in attendance, that included the present Upper and Lower Sixth Forms and their guests. The Headmaster and Mrs. Walker along with many staff were also present.

The evening's event started with a champagne reception in the Old Hall. Following this it then moved on to the huge marquee on the school's front lawn.

We wish all our Sixth Form every success with their AS and A2 examinations.



Alex Wilkinson and Jess Williamson



Alastair Horabin and Sally Rotherham





Sarah Kellogg, Katie Gough and Fiona Morgan



Stuart Blackburn, Chris Brannigan, Mark Darlington, Richard Westerman, Sam Bensky, Danny Greehalgh and Alastair Horabin, Adam Glover, Ivan Teri, Adam Newton, Marcus Plowright and Dimitris Kazantzidis



Ivan Teri and Milly Hooke



## OLDKIRKHAMIANs' ASSOCIATION

**Reunion Weekend 16/17 May 2003**

Although a cricket match had been arranged for Friday evening, water polo would have been more appropriate! The rain came down by the bucketful and cricket was cancelled. Divine intervention one might say as, when told that one of the teams was named "Headmaster's XI", there was mention of 'ringers', namely Liam Botham!!!!

The Bar & Bite scheduled for after the cricket match went ahead as planned with a hot and cold selection of mouthwatering delicacies, and it was good to see new faces amongst the regular supporters of OKA events.

Saturday came and so did the rain – again! Valiant rugby and hockey players braved the elements and put on a show for the hardiest of spectators. (Those involved in the shooting match had made a wise choice as this was held indoors!) Meanwhile, the rest of the school was thrown open to those with umbrellas who ventured out to explore their old haunts, re-live their student days through the photographic displays and enjoy cream teas.

The Headmaster and his wife gave the ever-popular guided tours, taking in the old and the new, one of the most popular stops being the Technology Centre where two of our young "web wizards" gave a full and informative 'surf' around the newly launched website.

Thanks must go to all those who gave up their time to bring some sunshine to what was an otherwise damp weekend.

## Rosemere Cancer Care Foundation Fun Run

On Sunday 11th May, a large number of students, staff and parents braved the heavy rain to take part in fundraising events for the Rosemere Cancer Care Foundation, a local charity which funds cancer care in Lancashire and the Lakes.

The first event was a sponsored walk with a number of KGS parents and pupils taking part. It was then the turn of the fun runners to complete the 5 km course. With over 20 entries, KGS was very much on show and the students did themselves proud. All the runners tried their best and completed the course with true KGS determination. Special mention must go to Terry Ogden, Max Fulford-Brown and Tristan Brooke who were placed 2nd, 5th and 7th respectively. However all the runners gave of their utmost and raised a large amount of money, (£363 to date), for a very worthy charity.





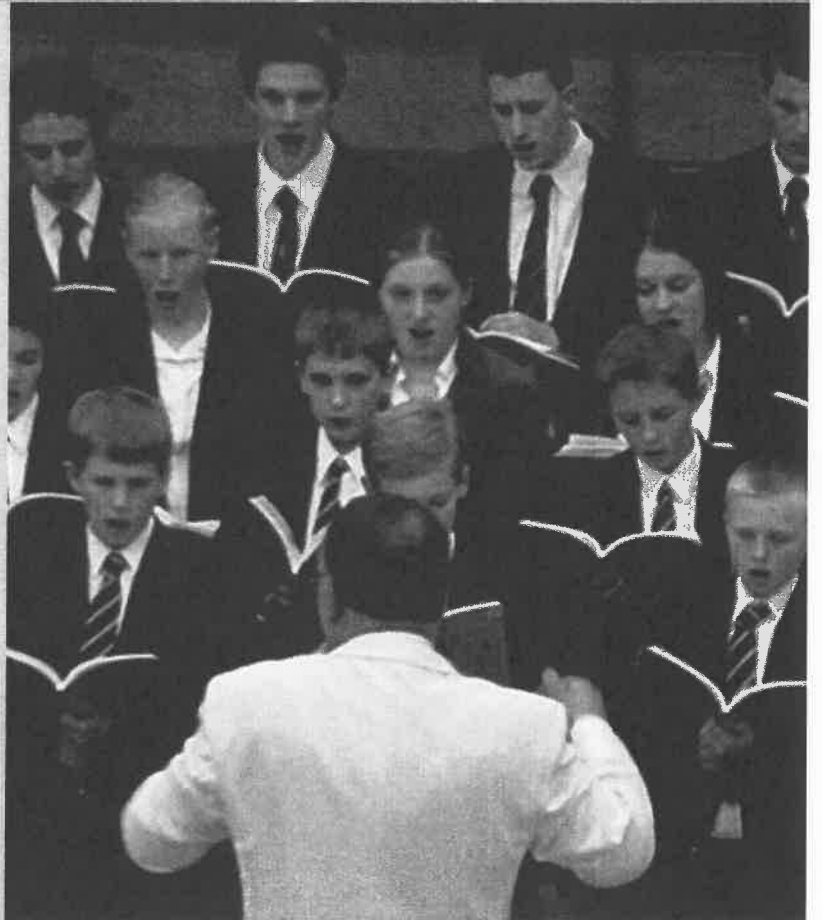
## SUMMER CONCERT



Beautiful sunshine greeted the audience at our 'Music for a Summer's Evening', held in the MPH on Thursday 15th May. This was a very special concert as we said farewell to a large group of Upper 6 musicians who have played an integral role in music throughout their time in school. That group of talented musicians largely provided the solo items in the concert. Matthew Hopton and Hannah Smith gave us very assured piano solos whilst Jak Berry performed Berio on the flute, a late programme change owing to lost music! Marcus Plowright and his group 'Illusory' gave us a foretaste of their forthcoming Manchester Concert and, by popular request, Felicity Long, Rachael Horton, Jak Berry and Matthew Hopton sang Bruckner's beautiful 'Locus iste'. In complete contrast Helen Thrower, a national dance champion, performed 'Blue Skies' to the delight of the audience.

The Concert Band, conducted by Mr. Andrews, set the ball rolling with a Lloyd Webber medley, which was followed by 'Rock Around the Clock'. The newly formed String Group played Mozart, and the first half concluded with the Girls' Choir. One of the groups that has made the most progress over the last six months is the Orchestra, which started the second half of the concert with Roman and Debussy. The Choir, in lighter mode than of late, gave us 'I Got Rhythm', 'Tea for Two' and 'In the Mood'. This last piece was given an encore with audience participation, although the audience never really coped with 'Der do 'n da 'n do da do n' do 'n do da'!

As always, our grateful thanks go to the Friends' Association for providing refreshments and to the parents and friends who played in the various ensembles.



## Chess Club

Five players from KGS qualified for the Regional Final of the UK Chess Challenge, held at Rossall in May. Three of the five – Andrew Bayliss (U12), Thomas Fielding (U12) and Lee Ryan (U16) – subsequently qualified for the National Final, which takes place at Keele during the summer vacation. We wish them well and send particular congratulations to Andrew Bayliss who won the U12 Regional title.

## CADET

Early April adventurous training in the Lake District can be troubled with very wet weather. This year's camp in St. John's in the Vale Diocesan Youth Centre was blessed with sunshine all week and all concerned had an excellent time. Several of the fairer skinned individuals suffered from quite red faces after having tramped the fells and forests of Cumbria.

This pre-Easter period seems an ideal time to perform our adventurous training as not only is the weather better, but there is more daylight available than in February. Next year we are hoping to return to St. John's and possibly include canoeing as an additional activity.

This year's cadets were treated to several different and varying training activities during their week. Immediately on arrival, a group were sent out to Borrowdale for a 24-hour self-cooking, camping out, map reading and walking exercise devised by the devious Flt Lt Callister. This was by far the most arduous but also the most enjoyable activity. Various fells were scaled: Great Gable, Blencathra, and Haystacks to name a few, all in superb weather conditions. The evening meal was always interesting. For some cadets this was their first time using 24-hour ambient ration packs. The cadets were given sufficient food but pot noodle seemed to be the favourite, (even for breakfast!). James Best concocted a strange chocolate mixture and Mr Scott's cooking back at base was certainly appreciated on return.

In Winlatter forest a day was spent orienteering around a very competitive course set by Stanny and Lt. Sutcliffe. The best recorded time was by Marcus Plowright. This day usually ended up with a relaxing swim in a local pool, or was it just to clean off? Another morning was spent rock climbing with Mr Gaddes and Mrs Scott, on various challenging rock faces. The afternoon session varied from either mountain biking with Capt. Miller around the Keswick area, or a select band of equestrians were invited to pony trek with the Colonel. Despite his advancing years, FWS displayed quite adept horsemanship and even managed to get a gallop out of good, old 'Trojan'. It was noticed that the colonel's gait did become a little stiffer as the week wore on and his muscles wore out.

All these fun and arduous activities were

complemented by the excellent culinary skills of Major Scott. What he can create out of army composite rations is simply amazing. The beef in red wine went down very well, especially as he put a full bottle of the Colonel's best claret into it. The final day's exercise was another Point-to-Point, testing the map reading and navigation skills we had been learning all week. Nobody got lost this year! Success at last! This consisted of a low level walk around Derwentwater and back to Keswick. The devious Directing Staff failed to pick us up so we had to determine a safe route back to base, (all written in to the exercise we were told).

Thanks must go to all officers, staff, civilian instructors and 40 Cadet Training Team, (and Guinness the dog!) for all their help, time energies and enthusiasm in all the different activities. A special mention must go to Flt Lt J W Callister as not only did he spend every night out under canvas, he then stayed on for several more nights in the Lake District to supervise the D o E expedition. A final thanks to the colonel for all the years he has put into KGS CCF. This was his final adventurous training camp after starting in the CCF in 1969! — Does that mean he has been on 34? — He deserves his long service award.

This year KGS CCF was fortunate again to be granted a place on the annual Cadet Leadership Course over the Easter break held at Nesscliffe Camp.

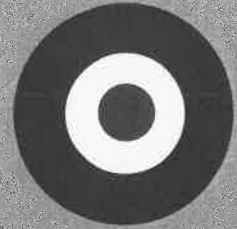
The week's assessment is very arduous and is closely monitored by the regular army training units and puts senior cadets under pressure where they are closely scrutinised. Corporal Jack Ward was selected for this honour and completed the course successfully. Under the various assessment categories, (ranging from leadership, initiative, expression and organisation) he came out with an overall classification of 'Good'. Comment was made that 'he was very much a team player who managed his resources well and was never

phased with the tasking at hand' He is to be congratulated on his result. Well done.

Also, later this year, for the first time ever, we have been awarded two places on the Junior Cadet Leadership course held in July, just after our annual camp at Warcop.

This course is aimed at potential cadet NCOs and organised and hosted by the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley. Tom Brodie and Oliver Boardman have both been selected for one of these courses and deserve congratulations. We hope they too will come out with a good assessment.





We have been very lucky this term with the large number of Gliding places we have been offered by the RAF. This has meant a number of our cadets have had the unique thrill of controlling an aircraft in flight. Our summer field day will be held with the army section at Halton Training camp near Lancaster where we intend to use the range and obstacle course. We are now also looking forward to our forthcoming annual camp at RAF Cottesmore, and to a visit later in the summer, to RAF Fairford for the Royal Air International Tattoo. Finally, I am pleased to report that Richard Walker has been promoted to Flight Sergeant and will be the senior RAF cadet for 2004.



Since the last report we have managed to complete two separate expeditions in good weather. The first, over the Easter period, saw a Gold and two Bronze groups complete expeditions around Keswick in the Northern Lakes. The Gold group were monitored by external assessors and complemented on their resolve and expertise in completing a gruelling 5-day, 75 kilometre expedition over the high fells. The Bronze groups completed their required 25-kilometre expedition over 2 days and finished at the well-known beauty spot of Watendlath Bridge. (photo left)

The second group completed a practice Bronze expedition over the summer half term in the Langdale Valley. A number of students were also presented this term with certificates for completing their Bronze or Silver Awards.



## CCF "Secret" Dinner

As you read this article possibly the most "open" secret dinner in history should have taken place at school on the evening of Sat 28 June. The dinner, organised along the lines of a traditional officers' mess, has been planned for a number of months to mark the occasion of the retirement of Lt Col Fredrick Sayer from the CCF after almost 34 years service! Many senior Army and RAF Officers are expected to attend as well as former pupils, staff, and current members of the CCF. As you can imagine, keeping such a large event "secret" has been rather difficult at times especially since Col Sayer is also the Senior Master! Many of the staff and former pupils have contributed to a fitting retirement present, a silver statuette of a First World War officer known as a "Sam Boast". Col "Fred" Sayer has been the driving force behind the CCF at Kirkham Grammar School for many years and his successor, Major Ian Scott, has a difficult act to follow! Mr Sayer will remain in his role as Senior Master for one more year before contemplating retirement for good!





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# ARTWORKS 2003

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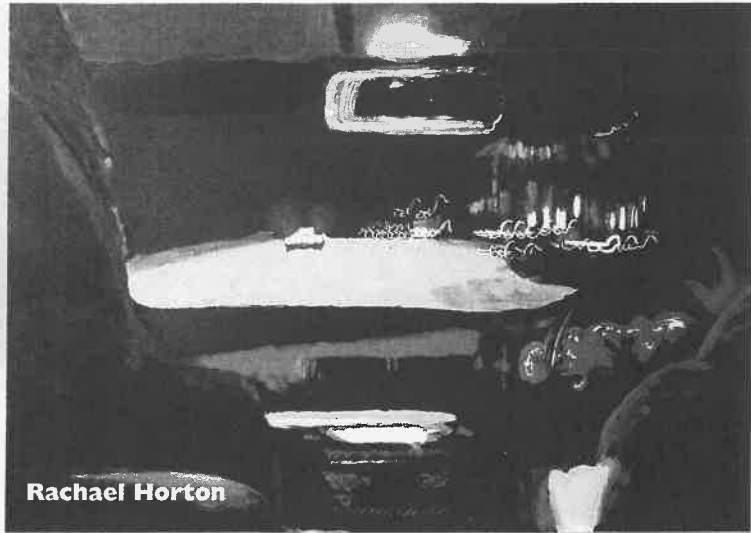
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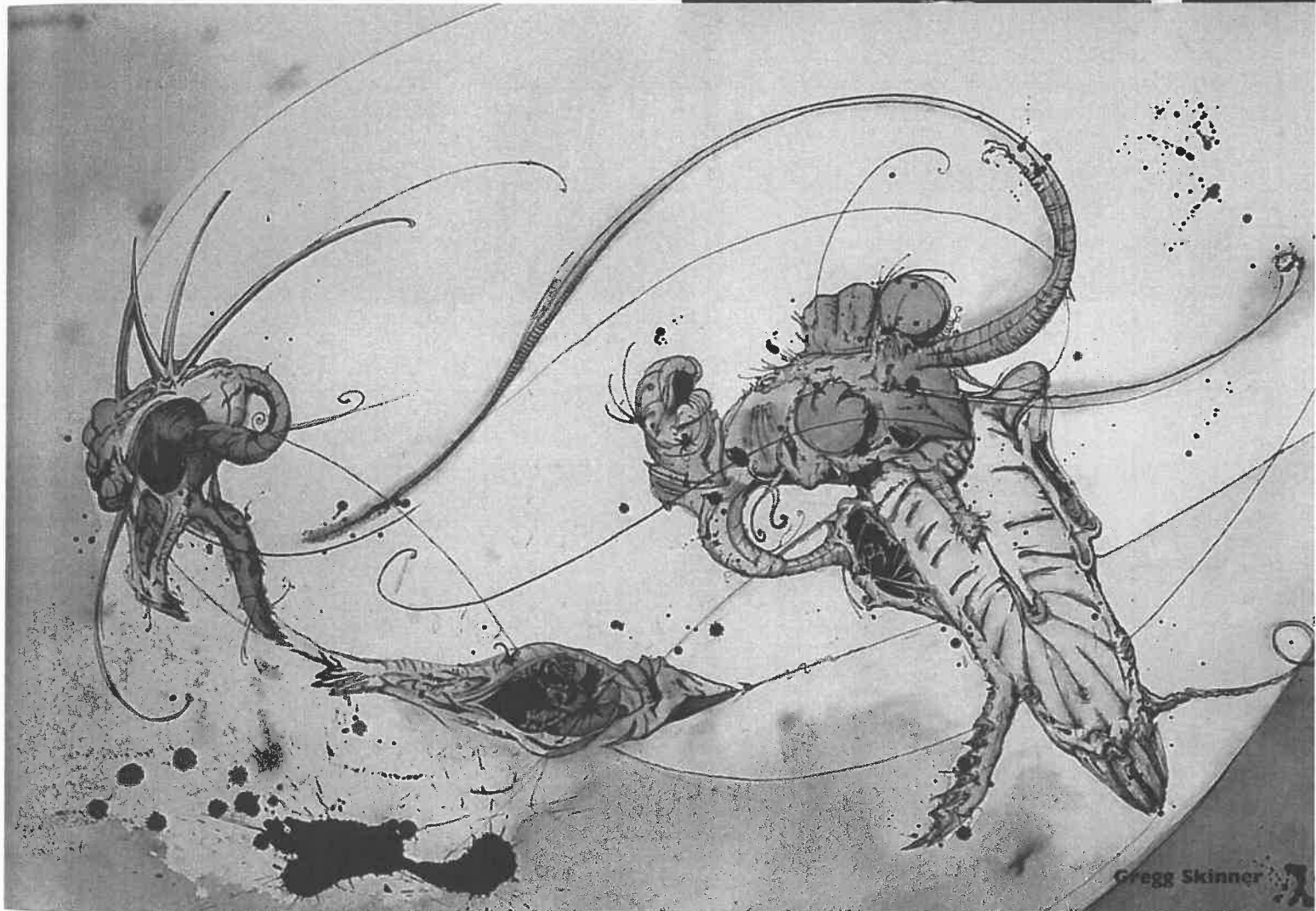
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## ART WORKSHOP

Third year pupils who have opted to do GCSE artwork next year were involved in a two day workshop based on the work (top left) by artist Laura Ford whose exhibition "The Great Indoors" was held at the Harris Museum, Preston. Her work was based on an idea of camouflage, where she wanted to create a forest of stags with oversized antlers suggesting trees, their bodies hedges, their legs trunks and undergrowth. Our students with the aid of a team of three artist teachers that included Rachel Chester (OKA), started the workshop with a visit to the exhibit at the Harris, then an intensive developing of ideas and construction of sculptures that resulted in six impressive stags heads (example above) and various camouflaged woodland creatures. The finished pieces have a very 'Contemporary Art' feel and will be going on temporary display at the Harris in August. We have yet to find a more permanent hanging in the school so for the meantime they can be seen in the senior artroom which is always open for viewing.



## GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

The week before the Spring Bank half term always sees the current fourth form geography students released into countryside and town for their annual data capture exercise. This means that they spend a full day in the Trough of Bowland collecting information, measuring hydraulic variables and getting thoroughly wet, and half a day in Kirkham collecting human geography information.

All this is essential preparation for the internal assessment, or fieldwork report, which has to be completed by next October and constitutes 25% of the final GCSE grade.

The weather this year was appalling. Very heavy rain actually caused a shortening of the second group's work, as the water was too deep for safety! They also had quite a wet morning collecting information in Kirkham as it rained all day. However, not to be put off both groups successfully completed their assigned tasks and collected the required information and can now begin the more arduous task of writing the report.

With the increased use of ICT, the laptop computer was an essential and very valuable addition this year. As the information was recorded it was immediately transferred into a spreadsheet and all the data, from all groups on both days, can now be accessed on the school's intranet, or J drive by all the pupils. This greatly overcomes problems of lost data or the results sheets falling into the river!

Despite the weather, both GCSE sets worked well and seemed to enjoy themselves even though they were exceedingly wet through.



## Scarborough Field Course

Straight after Easter the annual Lower Sixth field course prepared to depart for Scarborough. Once the minibuses were packed, we were ready to set off east over the Pennines. Final head count.... 'Where's Tom?' We then lost Bob and decided that he would catch us up on the motorway.

The weather en route was simply appalling. Very heavy rain, low cloud and even wind – why were we venturing into Yorkshire? Even when we arrived in Saltaire, Bradford, it was still spitting so the walk around Sir Titus Salt's factory village was cut short slightly and we were forced to adjourn to a McDonalds for lunch!

By the time we arrived in Scarborough the sun began to shine. The Cliffside Hotel, (a new venue this year) was ideally placed and we could leave the minibuses safely without risk of parking tickets. It was decided to walk up to the castle for the historical introduction by Mr Scott and so that Mr Harrison could point out the coastal defences being constructed in the North Bay. A brief drive through the old town and a walk around the harbour soon gave the hearty geographers a renewed appetite for more food. In the absence of McDonalds, Mr Scott insisted on seafood. Cockles and mussels were tasted by only a few, but Tom even tried an oyster, with some reluctance. Many thought that ice cream was much safer.

The evening work session went on till 9.00 pm as much had to be prepared for the river survey the following day. We were fortunate to have excellent, sunny weather for the River Derwent study. The area of Hackness and Harwood Dale (all part of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park) was very attractive and restful until KGS geographers disturbed the peace. A hearty meal was enjoyed by all that evening as appetites had been built up during the day, as there was no McDonalds in the countryside.

The second full day was spent in the beautiful city of York. Here the heritage and tourist industry was being studied, as specified in the AS Module 3. Mr Harrison also guided the group around the Foss Flood Barrier and other river defences that have been built to combat recent flooding on the River Ouse. Evidence of the terrible floods of 2000 was seen along the riverside. Mr Scott gave a guided tour of Clifford's Tower, Fairfax House, The Merchant Adventurers Hall and the Shambles. After lunch with the pigeons, the afternoon was then spent in the famous Castle Museum.

After a full and very tiring day, again the group work lasted till 9.00 pm preparing the coastal survey day. Some of the party required even further sustenance and Alex Newton (despite four Weetabix for breakfast and a full fry-up) discovered a nearby take-away Chinese and was determined to eat his way through North Yorkshire!

The introduction to the coastal module was covered from outside the hotel. Here we could observe the various sea defences that have been used along the cliffs and the new, reinforced sea wall. The site of the Holbeck Hall was visited where a plaque informed us of the demise of the hotel which slipped into the sea a few years ago. We continued the coastal work all the way down to Bridlington. The classic case study of Flamborough Head was studied, much to the delight of Charlie! This area had been mentioned and studied in class, but here it could be studied first hand – read the book - get the tee shirt! (Much of this information, along with the coastal management scheme in Scarborough, was actually examined in the module!). The burgers at the café were not up to McDonalds!

On returning to Scarborough Mr Scott took the group down to the North Bay again, to see the force of the waves, as it was high tide. Despite health and safety warnings from IMS some of the group managed to get a drenching from the waves. The final night's work finished the group was allowed a little R and R but more was in store the next morning. Breakfast as usual, several Weetabix, full fry-up and lots of toast for Alex to give him strength to load the minibus!

Our return trip took us through York, again a little wet, but a very impressive walk of the walls to the North of the city visiting King's Manor, the Minster and, of course, McDonald's to see how it has been architecturally blended in to the surrounding buildings!

Thanks must be given to Mr Scott, Mr Harrison and Ms Oliphant for all their help and organisation. The work that was covered was all very closely linked to all three AS modules examined at the end of May. Although this was a much shorter course than previous years' it was much more concentrated and ideally placed just before the assessment sessions.

## Young ENTERPRISE

Realize have just liquidated after another successful year of Young Enterprise.

At the start of the term, the company competed in the Fylde Area Board Finals, where 12 schools were judged on an 8-minute presentation, a written report, and a trade stand. Kirkham's company report was well received by all the judges and the whole team were delighted when we won the 'Best Report' trophy. Our presentation was also well received and entertained the audience and judges alike. This year the pupils had to 'prove' they were a good company basing their presentation in a fictitious Young Enterprise court. Judge Jenna (Lodge) was very strict with the slimy prosecutor (Greg Skinner) who was trying to prove that the company was ineffectual. Fortunately the company had two first-rate witnesses (Sarah Critchley and Caroline Cheadle) who blew the prosecution's case away and succeeded in defending the honour of Realize and Kirkham Grammar! (As you would expect of course!) Needless to say Realize won the case on the night although the company were unlucky not to scoop the best presentation award.

As we go to press the final accounts are being processed and I'm delighted to report that the company have turned over in excess of £500, and shareholders should receive a return on their investment.

Both Miss Howe and myself have been delighted with the company's success and hope they have learnt a great deal from their year. We wish them well in the cut and thrust of future enterprise.

Simon Duncan / Sarah Howe

## CHOC FOR CHARITY



The charity Barnardos will once again benefit from Cadbury's providing a confectionery machine in the sixth form common room.

This year the purchasing, stocking and finance have been successfully managed in the capable hands of Nicola Jones and Sarah Critchley (above photo). I fully appreciate all the time and effort they have given in helping to make this a smooth running operation.

Their efforts have helped raise a grand sum of £700 towards the important projects undertaken by Barnardos, and we look forward to continuing our support in the future.

My continued thanks go to all the sixth formers who not only regularly make purchases, but who also show their support by making good any mistakes the technology sometimes throws up.

Thanks also to the Bursar's department for their role in the financial management and to Simon and Lynn at Cadbury's who continue to offer value support for this initiative in many different ways.

Mrs F Lang

## CLIMBING CLUB



The lighter evenings and better weather (in theory!) of the summer term enables the Climbing Club to climb outdoors on real rock, on the gritstone crags and quarries which are about half an hour's drive from the school. Visits are made to Anglezarke, Wilton, Troy and to Denham Quarry where we were pleased to meet up with John Maskell, a previous secretary of the club, who has lost none of his legendary enthusiasm for climbing. Other activities included manning the climbing wall at the Friends Fun Day, when we were kept as busy as has become usual and visits to indoor climbing walls such as that at West View in Preston. New members include Graham Hacking, who is a welcome addition at the senior end of the club; he moved quickly up through the grades to join the other top performers such as Terry Ogden, who enjoyed much climbing success in this his last term at Kirkham Grammar School.

We are sorry to lose Terry and thank him for the big contribution which he has made over the years.

## The Debating Society

The Society has had another successful year, albeit not in terms of competitions won.

On the debit side of the ledger, we were unlucky to be defeated at Sedburgh arguing against the motion "This House would rather be a citizen than a subject." Greg Skinner and Stuart Harrison put forward a persuasive case, but the judges found the opposition's definitions more appealing.

We were also unlucky not to be able to compete in the Mace debate because of a late change of date.

However, on the credit side, the Society has staged monthly debates which have been lively and interesting; formats have varied from traditional parliamentary style to balloon and snap.

We have a new range of competitions and debates next year: why not join us? We're always on the lookout for new speakers, and an audience is always welcome!



On a scorching hot Saturday in June, Animal club regulars were rewarded for all their 'cleaning cage duties' by a trip to Chester Zoo. We were most impressed by the large, walk through bat zone where, once our eyes became accustomed to the dim light, we could see a variety of bat species flying over our heads. Many of the Zoo's animals were 'sunbathing' in their outdoor enclosures and less active than usual but at least they were easy to spot. The tropical house with its many species of snakes, poison arrow frogs and crocodiles, was overwhelmingly hot and led to a quick exit to the ice-cream kiosk.

In recent years the zoo has developed a much more environmentally friendly approach and has specialised in collections of endangered species, which are being bred for release into their natural habitat. Displays of information about the breeding programmes explain how the gene pool of each species is kept as diverse as possible by cooperation between zoos to exchange animals. This ensures that closely related animals or hybrid animals are not bred. The Black rhino, Asian lion and Asian elephant are all examples of endangered species that we observed at the zoo.



## LAMDA EXAMINATIONS

Once again very successful results, there were 49 entrants this year.

Congratulations to so many pupils who gained Distinctions in Verse and Prose, Acting and Reading for Performance.

A special mention to Caitlin MacMillan, who gained Honours, in Grade 5 Verse and Prose. Her first exam, well done Caitlin.

A very special congratulations to the following pupils who gained medals in Acting. These are difficult exams and need a high degree of skill and ability.

Katherine Llewellyn	Silver Medal (Distinction)
Lyndsey Tuck	Silver Medal
Adam Tuck	Bronze Medal (Distinction)
Melissa Swain	Bronze Medal (Distinction)
Lucy Cherry	Bronze Medal
Rowena Robson	Bronze Medal

# interHouse events

The Secret diary of a House recorder — aged 30 —

Dear Diary,

WEEK 1: I am absolutely shattered!

I've just flown in from Santiago and I'm not sure what day it is — surely it can't be the start of term already? I'm afraid to report that my first House assembly of the term doesn't make much sense — I really must sort myself out and get some sleep!

Reminder: Mustn't forget to ask the Head's permission for that 6-week field trip to Easter Island next year...

WEEK 2: No word from the Head about my trip to South America — typical!

Time for battle with the first event of the term, the re-arranged Senior Boys cross-country. Mr. Smith's men are again in fine form with 4 runners in the top 6. The machine himself, School's Richard Newton, leads the way and finishes about an hour ahead of the rest of the field — typical! — He would be in School wouldn't he!

Thankfully my team, led by Peter Reeh, finish second, closely followed by Preston and Fylde. Mr. Kipling, the larger than life Fylde House captain, entertains the crowd with his slow jog around the rugby pitches — thankfully Mr. Wood delays his dinner to make sure he finishes before afternoon registration!

WEEK 3: Still no word from the Head — might have to cancel those 100 Business class flights from Santiago to Easter Island.

Well diary, Sports Day, the big event of the term is looming and it looks like rain. Mr. Whalley is looking nervous so I decide to ring up Michael Fish for a weather report. Good news! It's going to be warm and dry and I am further reassured when Mr. Long tells me it hasn't rained on sports day since the inaugural afternoon of sports in 1549 — phew!

Wednesday — Sports Day: I'm glad to report that the experts were right and the day looks fine. Get a shock when I arrive at school to see Mr. Whalley and Mr. Smith are checking the track. Surely the distances must be correct? Well, what an unbelievable sight, it looks like Mr. Smith has got his tape measure out and is checking his house's lane — unbelievable! I hope he doesn't work out that 'Doc Rollins' and I have given him the longest lane!

Well diary, another Sports Day to chalk off and another slick performance from Team Kirkham. I'm delighted we finish in second place. School were outstanding (especially at Senior age groups) and fully deserved their umpteenth win in a row and I am the first to shake hands with the beaming Mr. Smith. For the record the Victor Ludorum winners were, Steven Hatch, Robert Sissons and Michael Giddings, and the Vixtrix Ludorum winners were Jane Greenwood, Mel Smith and Abigail Wilkinson.

Although I don't want to admit it I think that's the

championship over now and the gold ribbon is going to be replaced with a red one — shame really, but well done to School, they really have shone this year. Decide the fight is on for 'European places' and I work out that there are only a few points separating the 3 chasing houses. Game on!

Thursday: Time to start getting some more points as the Preston team await us in the semi-finals of the senior cricket competition. Unfortunately my plans are shattered when Peter Reeh, Captain, opening bowler, opening batsmen, not to mention best fielder, is off on a jolly to London for the weekend and isn't available for selection! Typical! Time for Plan B! Soon realise there isn't a Plan B so decide to go to the drawing board! The newly formulated Plan B doesn't work and Preston's bowlers are too strong for our under-strength side. Now forgive me for moaning a bit diary but our task wasn't made any easier with Dr. 'trigger-happy' Rollins as umpire — I have never seen so many lbws! Anyway, better calm down, it is a gentleman's game after all... I take heart when I watch School overcoming Fylde in the other semi — they look too strong for Preston even with Dr. Trigger-happy in charge!

WEEK 4:

Monday: Time to defend the Senior Tennis crown but we are up against our good friends School yet again. Decide to pick an unchanged squad from last year with the exception of Jack Ward who defected to School last summer. Must remember to congratulate Jack on his betrayal — sorry — successful appointment as Head of the Boarding House. Typical! Unfortunately it's game, set and match to School yet again as we are stuffed 6-2, 6-1 with Jack wearing his new house colours with pride. For the record, School win the final against Preston in a nail biting tiebreaker 7-3 to win yet another senior boys event this year.

Wednesday: Decide to watch the cricket final to see if School also get the upper hand on Preston. Thankfully trigger-happy isn't umpiring today and Mr. Lyon is in charge with Mr. Smith. Well diary, it's hats off to School with a dazzling batting performance by Adam 'Dog' Newton and Joel 'The Mole' Unsworth who put on an unbeaten 150 without loss in 15 overs. Now, I am not one to gossip, but rumour has it that 'Dog' and 'Mole' have been offered central contracts with the ECB for the one-dayers this summer. Their agent, a certain Mr. Paul Smith, who also claims to be a boarding housemaster in his spare time, isn't available to comment as he is in Australia scouting for School's first XI next year! I let you know if I hear any more! Back to business and it's no surprise to report School limit Preston to — off their 15 overs and secure yet another victory.

WEEK 5: All quiet — the exam season is looming.

HALF TERM: Decide to write to the Head about Easter

Island again — persistence is the key I've been told!

WEEK 6: It's all quiet — everyone is revising.

WEEK 7: Exam week — decide to give Kirkham House pupils 100% to make sure we win the work cup! (Keep that to yourself diary!)

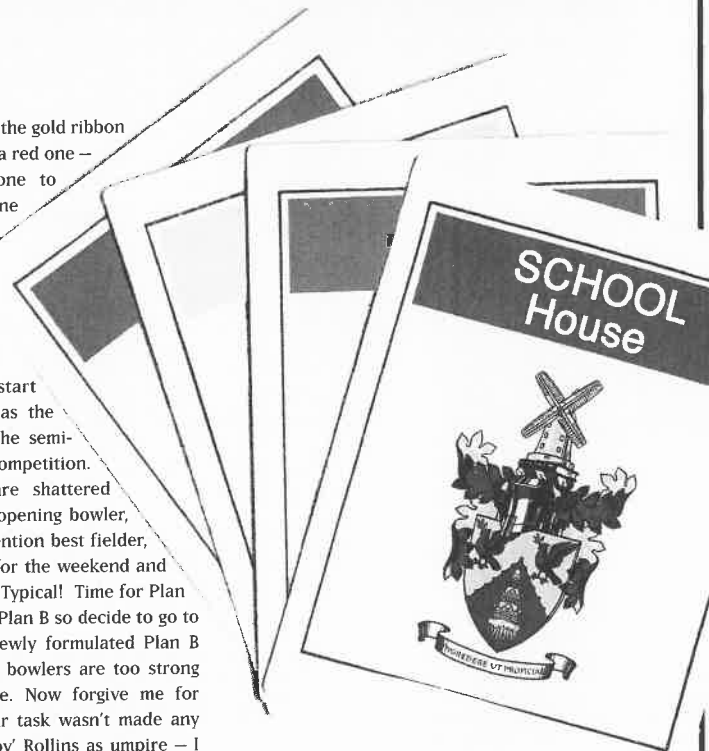
WEEK 8: The fight for Europe continues and it's time for the junior cricket semi-finals. The first match was somewhat of a non-event as Fylde's no show and 'nul points' gave School a bye into the final. Thankfully Mr. Duckworth and Lewis were not required today!

Tuesday: Fortunately the weather was kind and we were able to play Preston. Preston battled throughout but had no answers to Kirkham's batting, (or more accurately Darren Bell's batting, 88\*) and Kirkham's 120 for 2 proved to be decisive — roll on School in the final!

Well the term is almost over but I've just had disastrous news....

I've just been called into Mr. Walker's office and have been told I am banned from writing any more entries about inter-house events (how will you survive I hear you cry!) Apparently Mr. Smith has instructed his solicitors to sue for libel (what ever that is!). Mr. Walker and the governors don't think I have much of a chance so I'd better say goodbye. I'm off to Easter Island — I might be gone some time!

Mr S Duncan — House Recorder.







## SCHOOL OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

On Friday, 6 June at the Annual Lancashire County Rugby Dinner, (Preston Grasshoppers), Kirkham Grammar School R.U.F.C. were presented the School of the Year Trophy. This prestigious award was gained due to the success of rugby throughout the school. The 1st team won the National Tens at Sedbergh and were runners up in the Fylde Sevens. The U14 were runners-up in the Lancashire Schools Cup, while the U13 won the Lancashire Schools Cup and the King Edward VII Sevens Trophy, as well as being semi-finalists at the National Sevens in London and being finalists at the Birkenhead Sevens. No other school came close to as much all round success.



## Golden Days for the Mathematics Department!

This year the school took part for the first time in the UK Mathematics Challenges. These are national competitions organised by the UK Mathematics Trust to foster interest in mathematics and provide a challenge for budding mathematicians. Aimed at the top of the ability range, successful students may be awarded bronze, silver or gold certificates although gaining any certificate is a worthy achievement since only 40% of entrants score highly enough for a certificate.

In the Spring Term we entered fifty-three of our pupils from the fourth and fifth years in the Intermediate Challenge. We were delighted that over 60% were awarded certificates and better still that 40% gained gold or silver certificates. Of the many outstanding results Joanne Box, a fourth year pupil, deserves special mention. Her mark was high enough to gain her entry into the prestigious European round of the competition in which she subsequently gained a very creditable mark. Top mark in the fifth year went to Nick Long with other gold certificate winners being Chris Calvert, Tom Clark and Emily Martin.

This term it was the turn of the second year to enter the Junior Challenge and I am pleased to report that the results were even more spectacular. Over 75% of the candidates gained an award with gold certificates going to Harry Eakins, Samuel Rowe, Joe Brown, Charlie Baker, Chris Box, Alex Spencer and Tom Newton. A further nine candidates gained silver. Both Harry Eakins and Samuel Rowe did so well that they have joined the very select band of pupils who are entering the Junior Mathematics Olympiad. Only the top 1100 pupils in the whole country reach this level so this is a very significant achievement. We wish them every success.



## INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

It is never easy to compile a list of individual achievements but so many pupils have achieved so well in different areas, both within school and outside it, that a note of some distinguished honours seemed appropriate. There is always a danger of omission but if that has occurred we can remedy this in future editions.

Cricket	U12 Lancashire Squad	Sam Bell
	U13 Lancashire Squad	David Kos
	U14/15 Lancashire Squad	Robert Sissons
Athletics	U15 County Champions	Darren Bell (Discus)
	U17 County Champion	Robert Sissons (Hurdles) Richard Newton (1500m)
Tennis	U19 County Champion	Sarah Briggs
	U15 County Doubles Champions	Jenny Dewhurst and Jane Jackson
Hockey	U16 North XI	Kate Gledhill
	U14 North Development Squad	Becky Sharples
Rugby	U18 England XV	Mark Darlington Daniel Greenhalgh Martin Halsall Adam Newton
Sailing	Lancashire Team	Alistair Norris

# SPORTS DAY 2003

School 723 pts   Kirkham 636 pts   Fylde 594 pts   Preston 571 pts





## 1st XI

To date, the 1st XI has played six games, of which they have won two, lost two and drawn two. Better weather this season has meant that the team has played on a fairly regular basis which has helped develop a sense of continuity.

The season started off well with a good win over Arnold. KGS scored 157 off 30 overs (Peter Reeh 71). Arnold replied with Arnold 137 all out (Matthew Hopton 5 for 5, Bradley Hamilton 4 for 19). Then, the team played a strong Hutton G.S. side who could only manage 47 all out batting first (Peter Reeh 3 for 8), with KGS winning by seven wickets at 48 for 3.

Unfortunately, the game against Woodhouse Grove was cancelled due to poor weather. This new fixture would have proved a stern test for the squad.

The team then travelled to the Isle of Man to play two fixtures on a short tour. In the first time game versus King William's College, KGS posted 181 declared (Matthew Hopton 42, Adam Newton 52). King Williams threatened to overcome this score with their South African representation but eventually could only reach 136 for 6 before they ran out of time; - match drawn.

The day after, the team played a very strong Isle of Man representative team which contained many older players. The select team scored 159 off their 30 overs (Adam Newton 5 for 42). In reply, the 1st XI could only manage 53, the select bowling proving too strong for our batsmen. Nevertheless, this was a valuable learning experience.

After a break for exam duty, the team has returned to play two fixtures. In the best game of the season, KGS batted first and scored 153 off 35 overs mainly due to the efforts of the 'Marcuses' i.e. 37 by Marcus Jackson, and a late flurry of 31 not out by Marcus Plowright. In reply, LRGS looked to be coasting to victory but good tight bowling towards the end of the game (Matthew Hopton 3 for 21) put the late batsmen under real pressure. The score was only finally reached with two balls to spare.

In their last game to date the 1st XI played King Edward and Queen Mary School in an all day declaration game. KEQM, with the help of some shoddy fielding and bowling in the early part of the game, posted a good score of 237 all out. In reply, KGS responded well (Matthew Hopton 30, Peter Reeh 39), only to lose quick wickets. A late rally by Captain Bradley Hamilton (38) got the team back on track, but a lack of firepower in the tail resulted in us falling short at 190 for 8 - match drawn.

I have been delighted with the team's attitude and commitment during the season, especially during exam time when communication with each other becomes

difficult, practice becomes impossible, and the demands of revision and exam schedules naturally take precedence. But now we are back in circulation the season is picking up again. The 1st XI faces tough challenges ahead against Bury G.S, the MCC, Sedbergh School, Belfast Royal Academy and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. The U17 XI also faces a run in the Lancashire Cup.

The team has been well led by Bradley Hamilton. The all-round talents of Matthew Hopton, Peter Reeh, Adam Newton, Joel Unsworth and Marcus Jackson have created a strong back bone to the team. They have been supported by good contributions from Kit Ingam (WK), Jack Ward, Marcus Plowright, Ali Bhatti, Alex Tudge, Luke Dickinson, Liam Hanley and Sam Benskey.

Darren Bell fitted in to the team well whilst on the short tour to the Isle of Man.

M. Whalley Master i/c 1st XI.

## 2nd XI

The second eleven played two matches this season, at Hutton and Woodhouse Grove. In the first of these, Hutton were bowled out for 116 off the last ball of their innings. Ali Bhatti claimed five wickets, with Alastair Horabin and Mark Gregg bowling economically in the middle of the innings. In reply, KGS were always ahead of the required run rate, but unfortunately wickets fell at regular intervals and the team fell 27 short of the Hutton total. Jordan Emery top-scored with the bat, with Mohammed Ati close behind.

The match at Woodhouse Grove was a low scoring affair, with extras top-scoring again and only two batsmen, Gordon Kipling and Jack Ward, making double figures, just. 63 looked too low a total to defend, but a fine initial spell by Norman Ralph lifted spirits. When Mark Gregg broke up the middle order, a win looked possible. The enthusiastic fielding put pressure on the batsmen and when Gregg finally bowled the last man, victory was secured by a mere 2 runs.

## U15 XI

Whoever said "Cricket's a funny old game" has been proved correct this season. The U15 team having won only two games in three previous years, are at the time of writing unbeaten, helped only once by the weather. The advent of regular Saturday Cricket has worked in their favour, giving the players the opportunity to play longer games, eighty overs against Lancaster RGS saw them bat forty overs to salvage the game after being on the receiving end of some excellent bowling.

They are still in the Lancashire Cup and one more victory will put them in the last sixteen! In the last round they faced a very strong St Theodore's team, but demonstrating controlled and disciplined bowling and fielding managed to pull off a memorable victory. There has been a nucleus of committed and dedicated players this year who have all contributed to the success of the team, whether batting, bowling or just by excellent fielding. It has been a great team effort ably led by Mark Hodgkinson. The most pleasing aspect has been the development of many players, who with more experience and confidence will make good cricketers in the future. I hope those not already playing at a club will join one over the summer holidays. Well done on an excellent season.

# boys' CRICKET

## U14 XI

The U14 had a good start to the season. Before half-term the team led by Robert Sissons won all three of their matches against Arnold, King William's College, and Hutton Grammar School. In the opening game at Arnold, our bowlers struggled to get any real consistency and allowed the opposition to get 147 runs in 30 overs. Fortunately the whole team batted with maturity, and after a steady opening from Jonathan Knowles and Robert Sissons, Darren Bell's 67 not out was enough to secure a 5 wicket victory.

Hutton proved to be a much stronger opposition and the match went to the final over. After 2 early wickets fell, Captain Sissons scored a forceful 49 falling one short of his first 50 of the season. Kirkham's 91 for 6 off 20 overs didn't look enough but thankfully the bowlers bowled with much more discipline and composure. Darren Bell's 3 wickets for 4 runs in his 4 overs set the team up for an unlikely victory. With 6 needed to win off the last over, Ryan Drage's 'death bowling' only conceded 3 runs and Kirkham won their tightest game of the season. With Bell and Sisson's unavailable for selection in the next match against King William's College, William Norris, captain for the day, led by example scoring 74\* in a comfortable victory. It was particularly pleasing to see the team play so well without these boys.

In what has proved to be a season of two halves, the team has struggled since the half-term break. After the break the team faced Lancaster Royal Grammar School, one of the top cricketing schools in the area. On a hot day Lancaster scored a daunting 201 for 6 off 35 overs as Kirkham wilted somewhat in the hot humid conditions. Kirkham's reply started strongly and at one stage the team was nicely poised at 110 for 2. Unfortunately wickets fell and the lower order collapsed to 140 all out. The following week saw a trip to King Edward & Queen Mary Lytham in what proved to be the most disappointing performance of the season. Kirkham won the toss and bowled first. Again Kirkham were in a strong position with Lytham floundering at 38 for 6. Unfortunately we couldn't kill them off and a 7th wicket partnership of over 100 was to prove decisive. Kirkham's reply lacked discipline and when Sissons fell for a duck we knew it wasn't going to be our day - Kirkham all out for 92.

In a team often reliant of the runs of Sissons and Bell the team has worked much better as a unit this year. Special mention must go to a couple of players who have broken into the team this season, Dan Naylor and 'new-boy' Anthony Bolton, both of whom have made telling contributions.

## U13 XI

I am pleased to report a successful campaign so far this season, because at the time of writing we are still in the Lancashire Cup awaiting to play Sutton Sports College in Round 4.

The squad has been pretty much the same all season but some players have forced their way in notably John Soper who has improved greatly and young Calvert who deserved his place.

The team played seven games, winning five and losing only two, one of the losses was to a good Hutton side but apart from that we were victorious over all other local rivals including Arnold, Lancaster and King Edward & Queen Mary.

The squad was ably led by Sam Bell who displayed maturity both on and off the field and along with David Kos represented Lancashire.



## U12 XI

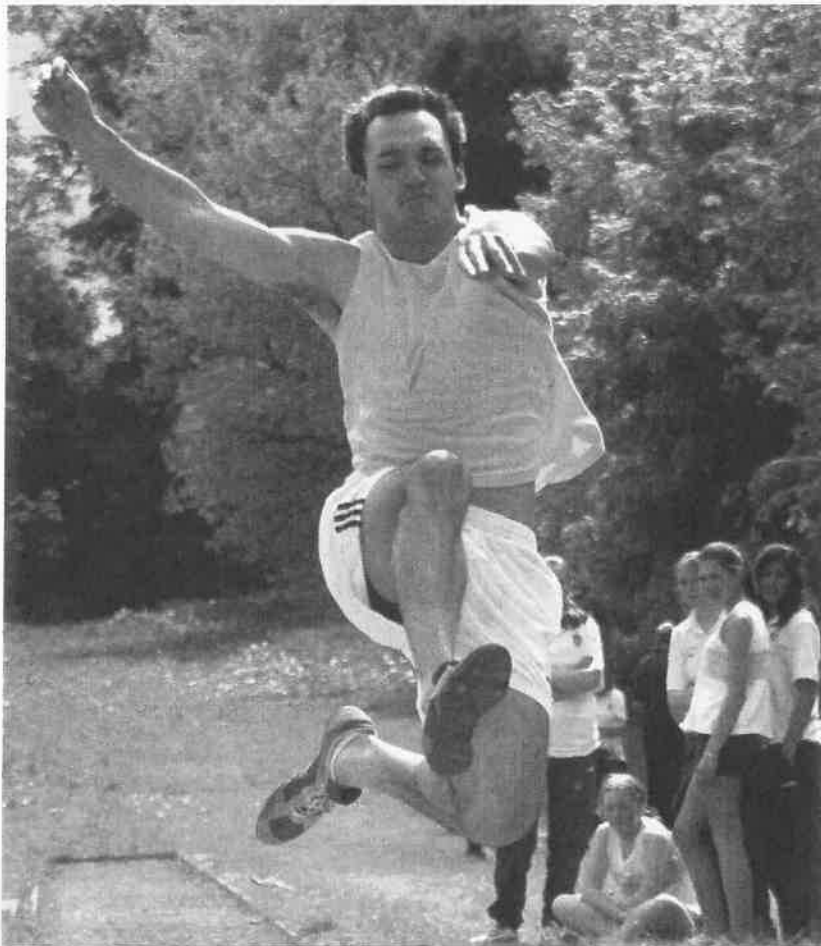
After a few weeks of practice the season began in earnest away at Woodhouse Grove, a new fixture for the school. Chasing a large total the boys managed to hang on to their last few remaining wickets, and a creditable draw. Against St Bede's, Lytham in the Lancashire Cup the batting began to be more assertive, a total of 96 was far more emphatic. The visitors crumbled to a total of 40 all out and an encouraging victory.

A loss away to Lancaster Royal Grammar School and a losing draw at King Edward & Queen Mary did nothing for the boys moral, but confidence soon returned in the Arnold fixture. Our hosts managed to score 104 for 8, during which Wasim Riley took an excellent 5 for 18 including a hat-trick. In our response at 50 for 1 with less than 4 runs per over required we managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. A final total of 91 all out was rather sad after the fine efforts of Peter Rigby 32 and Robert Kos 16.

As the games and season have unfurled the boys are beginning to play with more confidence. Our strengths are undoubtedly in the bowling department with a healthy variety of options from pace to legspin. Batting is more problematic and the side led by Peter Rigby needs to concentrate with more finesse and basic understanding and judgement. The ground fielding and catching are rapidly improving as practices are well attended and enthusiastically carried out.



## boys' ATHLETICS



All four age group teams have competed well in their programme so far this season. The first years are settling into an efficient outfit and there is much potential for the future. In a recent area competition held at Salt Ayre in Lancaster they finished 4th out of nine schools - a very commendable effort especially when they finished behind Lancaster RGS, Ripley School and Morecambe High School, all much bigger institutions. They now look forward to their own area championships i.e. The Fylde Coast Secondary Schools which is due to take place on Thursday 19th June to attempt to take the district crown.

In the same competition at Salt Ayre, the third year team finished 3rd overall. There were some excellent performances. Again, the school finished third behind LRGS and Ripley. The Second and Fourth Year teams are still to take part in their age group matches at Salt Ayre. Watch this space! They also eagerly await the Fylde Coast Championships on June 19th.

Against very powerful 3rd and 4th Year Hutton G.S teams, KGS competed very well in the field but could not compete with our opposition's dominica on the track. Although we lost both fixtures the 3rd year match was only decided on the final relay. Out first and second years are due to compete against Hutton on the 23rd June, and all four years will compete against Arnold in a rescheduled fixture before the end of term.

Earlier on in the season the Junior (1st and 2nd Years), and the Intermediates (3rd and 4th Years) took part in the first round of the English Schools Track and Field Cup at Stanley Park Blackpool. The Intermediates competed well enough to qualify for the Regional round but sadly the juniors, although strong on paper did not perform (literally!!) in two events and therefore failed narrowly to qualify for the Regional round.

In the Regional round of the ESAA Cup at Stretford, the boys Intermediate team gathered 384 points from their combined efforts, against formidable opposition. Whilst this will be not enough to carry them forward to the National finals it remains a creditable performance. Notable performance include a National Standard Pole Vault from Max Eaves (3m 20cm) and an English Schools qualifying standard 80m Hurdles time of 11.79 secs by Robert Sissons (above photo).

We look forward to some of our boys competing in the Lancashire Schools Championships on Saturday 21st June at Stanley Park. They are Richard Newton (1500m), Oliver Boardman (1500m), Stephen Hatch (100m Hurdles), Matthew Eaves (Discus), Max Eaves (Pole Vault), Robert Sissons (80m Hurdles), Darren Bell (Discus) and Oliver Moore (Javelin). We wish them well.

## boys' TENNIS

In the Lancashire U13 and U15 Leagues the teams have competed in three fixtures each. The U13's defeated Hutton G.S 5-3, lost to strong Broughton High School 8-0 and then were defeated 5-3 in a close match with All Hallows School. Unfortunately they failed to progress to the County semi-finals. The team was Sam Geny, Ashley Parkinson, Christian Martin-Roffey and James Edgar.

# girls' TENNIS

This season has once again brought both enjoyment and success to the girls tennis teams. Apart from the unfortunate bouts of bad weather during our Friday pre-school team training sessions, the weather has been kind on the whole. This has encouraged mass participation by a large percentage of girls from all years, not only at team practices, but also during lunch time social sessions. The number of girls playing socially, and for local clubs has been very encouraging, and I am delighted with the growing number who are participating in weekly 'out of school' coaching sessions.

## FRIENDLY FIXTURES

Unfortunately, the process of arranging weekend fixtures with other schools is growing ever more difficult, with many schools failing to honour Saturday fixtures. The girls, however, have experienced several successful friendly fixtures, and have made excellent progress throughout the season.

## U15

Played	won	drawn	lost
2	2		

The U15s have been worst hit for fixture cancellations which has been disappointing, as several of our U15 girls have made noticeable progress this season. Caroline Desborough and Gina Logan specifically spring to mind.

## U14s

Played	won	drawn	lost
4	4		

The U14s have an extremely strong squad captained by Jenny Dewhurst, who narrowly missed out on the National U15s tennis squad this year. Jo Jackson, Jess Ashworth, Georgina Fulford-Brown and Jess Morris have also shown vast improvement this season and have obviously benefited from playing in local ladies club sides. This age group also has a wide extended squad who train with David Shaw on Wednesday evenings.

## U13

Played	won	drawn	lost
3	2		1

The U13s have made great progress this season, and have played with determination in their friendly fixtures. Many girls in this age group are keen social players and I enjoy watching them play at lunch times.

## U12

Played	won	drawn	lost
2	1		1

The U12s have shown good promise this year and are potentially a strong squad for the future. Once again several of the girls in this age group are club players, and will hopefully make good use of their clubs throughout the summer holidays.

## U13 AND U15 LANCASHIRE TENNIS LEAGUES

The U13s league team, made up of Becky Sharples, Genevieve Melling, Jenny Bowden and Fran Britton were unfortunate not to make the semi finals, as several of their matches were very close indeed. They did, however, play very well throughout the season and have improved their doubles and singles match play.

The U15s league team is once again a force to be reckoned with, and we are hoping that they make the National Schools Tennis Finals for the third season in succession. The team is made up of 3 out of the 4 girls, who played in the National finals last year, namely Jenny Dewhurst, Jane Jackson, Jo Jackson and Jess Ashworth, who was our reserve last year. All of their league games have been won quickly and convincingly, and the girls have won all 24 rubbers played. They have hardly dropped a single game. Unfortunately, our number two lady, Jo Jackson, was injured late in the season and was unable to play in the semi finals against Westholme School. Georgina Fulford Brown, however, played superbly in the match. The match was won by KGS and they now look forward to the finals, which are to be held on Tuesday 1st July.

## U14 LANCASHIRE CUP COMPETITION - THE DERRICK HILL CUP

Kirkham Grammar School has won this prestigious trophy for the last 3 successive years, and therefore, once again, the pressure was on to bring the cup back to school. The team this season comprised of Jenny Dewhurst, Jo Jackson, Jess Ashworth and Georgina Fulford Brown. Unfortunately, Jo's injury meant that she missed the semi finals and finals, however, Jess Morris played well and benefited

greatly from playing against strong club players. The girls played some excellent tennis in the rounds leading up to the finals, beating St. Josephs 3 - 1, and Cannon Slade 3 - 1 in tie break games in the semi finals. The finals were held at Robin Park Tennis Centre on Wednesday 18th June where they met a strong and experienced team from Bury Grammar School. All four girls played well, however, on this occasion the opposition were too strong and Bury took the match 4 games to love. As runners up the team was awarded £75 for schools tennis equipment.

## THE LANCASHIRE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

### U13 SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The Lancashire U13 girls singles tournament was held at KGS on Thursday 19th June. Four girls from KGS took part, namely, Becky Sharples (reached the Semi-Finals), Genevieve Melling, Jenny Bowden and Fran Britton. All of the girls played well. The Tournament was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

### U19 SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The Lancashire U19s tournament was also held at KGS, and once again our girls dominated. Defending champion Sarah Briggs took the title for a second year in succession, and fellow Kirkham pupil Jane Greenwood was the runner up.

### U15 DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Unfortunately, this year, the only entrants for this competition were girls from KGS, and therefore, further county success was inevitable. Jenny Dewhurst and Jane Jackson were crowned champions, and Jo Jackson and Jess Ashworth were runners up.

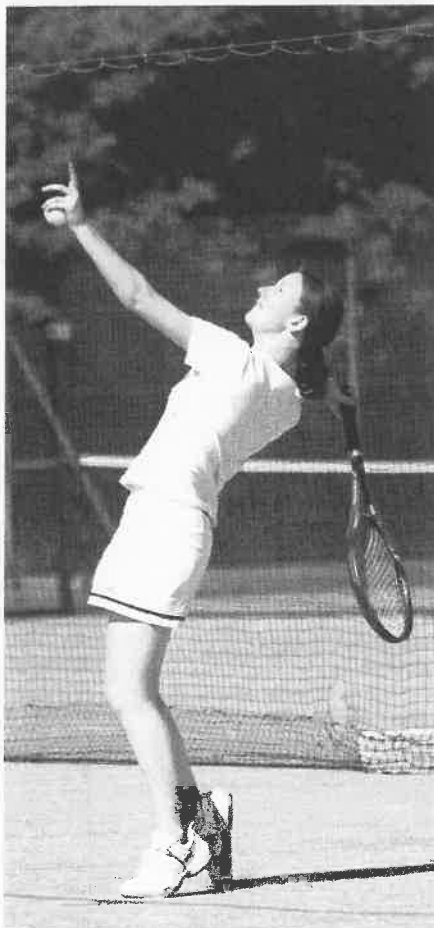
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the girls for making the summer season so enjoyable, and for their dedication and commitment to their training and matches. I would also like to thank Mr David Shaw, professional tennis coach, for all of his hard work. It is truly appreciated.

Mrs J.K.Tabb

## ROUNDERS



Due to our extremely busy summer fixtures calendar, and the restrictive length of summer term, we have unfortunately struggled to fit many rounders fixtures in this year. We have, however, played one fixture against Westholme School, who regularly compete in local rounders tournaments, and played well to draw the match.



## girls' ATHLETICS



In a very busy term the girls began their season with a match against Arnold School where honours were even with Arnold winning the first and second year matches and Kirkham being successful in third and fourth years.

Our second fixture produced a comprehensive victory over King Edward and Queen Mary, Kirkham winning all four age groups.

The English Schools Team Championships were soon upon us and in the Regional Competition at Stanley Park our Intermediate Team won their age group while the Junior Team came third in their section, both teams progressing to the North West Finals. The Intermediate 'A' final at Stretford where the standard of competitors was extremely high was a valuable experience for our girls, nine of whom will be eligible to compete again as Inters next year. Our Junior Team went to Lancaster for their 'B' final and finished a highly creditable third overall. Both competitions produced many personal best performances including Isolyn Donald-Ellison in the 100m.

These team competitions were quickly followed by individual successes in the Lancashire Schools Championships at Blackpool where eleven girls were chosen to represent the Area Team. On the day Jane Greenwood was second in the 300m, Mel Smith was second in the 75m hurdles, and Maddie Eves third place in the Long Jump and Isolyn Donald-Ellison came second in the 100m.

Three days later we filled a fifty seater coach to compete in the Fylde Coast Championships, again at Stanley Park. On another glorious day our girls competed magnificently throughout, again setting many personal best performances and at the end of the competition against twelve other schools our 1st year team came third, 2nd year team came second, our 3rd year team came first, and our senior team came second, a very fine performance from first to fifth year.

Finally in terms of reliability both for practices and for competing special mention should go to Charlotte Baker and Olivia Hawtin in the second year and Emily Martin and Jane Jackson in the fourth year.



## EXCITING ICT LINKS WITH P.E / GAMES DEPARTMENT

This year has seen revolutionary links develop between the technology and P.E departments. With the advance of digital photo technology and developing knowledge and understanding of both pupils and staff alike, numerous exciting possibilities have become apparent.

From April this year the pupils have had access to the Physical Education sport photos library found on the 'J' drive of the school computers. This gives the girls the ability to browse through the photos and print off any which they would like. Team photos are also available, as are action photos from all sports.

From September this year the Physical Education pages on the Web site will be up and running, displaying team sheets, fixtures lists, results, cancellation numbers, newspaper cuttings, tour information and photographs. This will hopefully form a useful link with home and school. It is hoped that pupils will also be able to use the web site whilst on sports tours to let their families and friends know about all the exciting activities which they are taking part in whilst they are away.



# Friends of KGS



Dear Friends

As our children are about to take another step on the academic ladder and I reach the end of my first year as Chairman of the Friends, I realise success is dependant on support.

The Friends exist to raise money for those extra special purchases the school has not budgeted for and to facilitate friendship amongst parents. Success is measured by feedback from parents and our purchases. Again, this year, both have been excellent. So far this year, we have contributed £3294 on a PA system, £1800 on a cricket bowling machine, £3000 on the KGS website and £900 for the sponsorship of the U12 XI hockey kit, which the girls and Mrs Tabb are delighted with. (above photo). In addition we have set aside money for a wildlife garden at the Junior school.

The Summer term sees two major Friends events, Fun Day and the prestigious Summer Ball. Fun Day was again a great success, despite earlier rain which put a lot of people off and stopped two attractions turning up. There were still many attractions for all the family including miniature jeeps, an inflatable tropical jungle, cream teas and a b-b-q, whilst inside there was the ever-popular climbing wall, a magic show and a fashion parade amongst the many stalls. It was only a success because of the time and effort put in by the committee members, helpers on the day, those who donated gifts and the support of parents with their families and friends who attended the event.

Similarly, the Summer Ball with its impressive marquee on the school's front lawn, where over 360 guests will dine and dance in splendour, will only occur through the hard work put in by individuals and supported by many of you.

So as I look back on my first year as Chairman, I know it's the supporters I need to thank for making my year a success. Some more than others, but for fear of missing out special names, I will thank them personally.

If you would like to join the Friends, please note that our AGM will be on the 23 September. All are welcome.

The Winter Ball will be on 15 November and again at the De Vere Hotel. Early applications for tickets are advisable and letters will be sent out next term.

Thanking all supporters of the school,

Robert Dunn  
Chairman of the Friends.

## Diary Dates

### 'A' Level results

10.00 am Thursday, 14 August

### GCSE results

10.00 am Thursday, 21 August

### 1st Year Induction Day

8.45 am Tuesday, 2 September

### New School Year begins

8.45 pm Wednesday, 3 September

### Old Kirkhamians' Association AGM

Saturday, 20 September in the Old Hall  
followed by

**OKA Northern Reunion Dinner**  
in the Dining Hall

### Senior School Annual Prizegiving and Speech Day

7.15 for 7.30 pm Thursday, 18 September  
at the Guild Hall, Preston

### Friends of KGS AGM

Tuesday, 23 September

### Friends of KGS New Parents' Welcome Evening

Friday, 3 October

### Open Afternoon for 11+ entry, September 2004

2.00-4.00 pm on Sunday, 19 October

### OKA — London Reunion — new event

Thursday, 30 October  
Commonwealth Club, Northumberland Avenue

### Friends of KGS Winter Ball

7.30 pm on Saturday, 15 November  
at the De Vere Hotel, Blackpool

### Open Evening

7.15 pm Monday, 17 November  
in the New Hall

### Speech Day Holiday

Monday, 24 November

### Friends of KGS Christmas Fair

Friday, 28 November

