

# Kirkham Grammar School

Headmaster's Letter to Parents

..... Summer 2001

## DINING IN STYLE AT KGS

**S**uperb new dining facilities greeted pupils and staff when they returned to begin the Summer Term. Initial teething problems were quickly resolved as a growing number of pupils acquired their Smartcards. We are grateful to our architect, Mr. David Spedding for his innovative design and our builders, Tysons, who are always so helpful and reliable. However, there would be little point in having such spectacular dining facilities if the food were poor. What our pupils and staff value most is the high quality and variety of the cuisine masterminded by our Catering Manager, Mrs. Angela Hodgkinson and her staff, who have worked phenomenally hard throughout the school year. We owe the greatest debt of thanks to them.



### Images of the Summer Term 2001



## FRIEND'S LIBRARY



The official opening of The Friends' Library

Work has continued to develop the service, with much of the stock now catalogued. We went 'live' with computerised borrowing and this has not been without it's problems: "to err is human - to mess up requires a computer" is a truism much in evidence this term! It was extremely complicated running two issue systems but the changeover was accomplished and life has settled down.

The major event this term was the official opening on May 19th. Mr Jim Cartwright gave a very good speech and the event was so well attended that extra refreshments had to be provided! Visitors enjoyed a leisurely perusal and there was a display of the books purchased in memory of Andrew Morson, a pupil at KFS from 1985-1990.

The development will continue; a library cannot be developed within a fixed time scale, unlike other areas of the school, so watch this space...!

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

I am delighted to be able to report that KGS students continue to attract external scholarships against strong opposition.

We congratulate fifth former, Rachael Horton, on her Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, the School's fourth such award in as many years.

We also congratulate fifth formers Jak Berry and Janyll Rawlins, who have both been awarded Rank Foundation Scholarships.

## LAMDA

Once again it is good to see so many pupils (41 in all) who took the examination with the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. All succeeded in passing with high grades.

The highest award of Honours was achieved by Adam Tuck "Reading for Performance" Grade 3 and Grace Hobin "Acting Performance" Grade 5.

Special congratulations to:

Lebetina Mwenda	Acting Bronze Medal	Distinction
Amanda Schofield	Acting Bronze Medal	Honours
Michelle Hordern	Acting Silver Medal	Distinction

## OLDKIRKHAMIANS' ASSOCIATION



Mrs. Hayton greets Old Kirkhamians at the OKA's Reunion Weekend

On a warm and (sometimes) sunny weekend in mid-May, the Old Kirkhamians' Association staged a Reunion Weekend, opening with cricket and culminating in a Thanksgiving Service led by former School Captain, Reverend Christopher Swift.

Friday night's cricket match was followed by a "Bar and Bite" when over 100 former pupils collected in the Old Hall to quench their thirst at the bar and "bite" on chicken and chips. Saturday saw even more sport - hockey and rugby played by former pupils and staff alike. The Old Hall and two rooms in the '38 Block were transformed into archive rooms where photographs from seven decades or more were put on view, along with old copies of the KGS Chronicle, Minutes of House Meetings and Mark Books.

There was music in the New Hall and drama in the Old Hall, one of the principal actors being James Cartwright, son of playwright Jim Cartwright who opened the newly extended Friends' Library.

Saturday was rounded off with a formal dinner in the new Dining Hall. Guests were impressed not only with the fine wine and good food produced by Catering Manager, Angela Hodgkinson, but with the tasteful décor both of the dining facilities and the French Café which forms the frontispiece to the whole new development.

A good time was had by all and, who knows, another similar event may follow in a few years' time! Watch this space.



Mr. Long with OKA's Sarah Horrocks, Jodie Billington and Martine Martinez

## externalexAMINATIONS

Some interesting examination facts and figures:

### GCSE

90 students sat 1241 student papers

### AS Level

75 students sat 615 student papers

### A Level

71 students sat 714 student papers

With the introduction of the new AS level it was noticeable that the numbers of papers timetabled in the same session has increased. On one particular afternoon session we had no fewer than 11 A Level / As Level papers taking place as well as GCSE Maths.



## SENIOR PREFECTS

School Captains and Senior Prefects, 2001-2002 are:

**Captain of School:**

Jane Meloy

**Vice Captain:**

James N. Holmes

**Boarding House Captain:**

Amanda J. Schofield

**Senior Prefects:**

John S. Bowden  
Caroline E. Brown  
Eleanor L. Cairns  
Joanne A. Crook  
Joanne E. Dudgeon  
Nicola C. Hendy  
Luke J. Newell  
A. Phillip Pearce  
Kymberlee W. Rawlins  
Rachel E.A. Sissons  
Paula Wilson

(Back Row) Ellie Cairns, Caroline Brown, Phillip Pearce, John Bowden, Luke Newell, Nicola Hendy, Paula Wilson, Rachel Sissons  
(Front Row) Joanne Crook, Kymberlee Rawlins, James Holmes (Vice Captain), Mr. Barrie Stacey (Headmaster), Jane Meloy (Captain of School), Amanda Schofield, Joanne Dudgeon

### Student Teachers

Throughout the term three PGCE students from St Martin's College, Lancaster undertook their main block of School Experience with us. Mrs Hall, Miss Orritt and Miss Schofield assisted in the Biology, Art and Geography Departments respectively. We were delighted to learn that all three successfully attained Qualified Teacher Status and that Miss Orritt and Miss Schofield have been offered positions in local schools. One of our previous PGCE students - Mrs Whalley who was here earlier in the year - has been appointed to teach Geography at Stonyhurst. We wish them all well as they embark on a challenging first year in the teaching profession and we thank them for the contributions they made to life at KGS.

## SIXTH FORM BALL

Over 170 Sixth Formers and their guests, including many of their teachers, enjoyed the tenth annual Sixth Form 'Leavers' Ball on the sort of balmy Summer's evening that you dream about when organising such events.

Looking resplendant in evening dress, they danced the night away to the sound of live jazz and Robin Ross's ever popular disco roadshow, proving yet again that the Sixth Form Ball really is the 'original and best'.



Sophie Harrison, Paula Wilson, Vicky Peters, Jeena Rees and Nicola Hendy

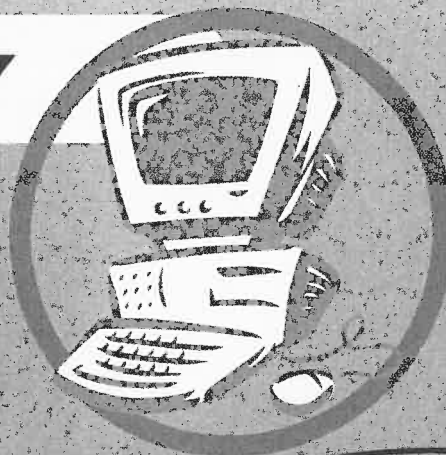


# TECHNOLOGY

This is always an interesting term as all the hard work applied to projects comes to fruition and lumps of metal, wood and plastic begin to look like actual products. Once again we had an interesting range and diversity of projects, which, a few months ago, caused a few sleepless nights as it looked like they would never be completed. We needn't have worried.

We have been under the spotlight a number of times this term as we have played host to many foreign visitors as guests of BAE SYSTEMS. Visitors have seen a large range of activities including: graphics, CAD/CAM, virtual reality, ICT and CO2 car racing. The pupils involved in demonstrating the equipment and showing their work, have once again been confident and competent and their efforts have been much appreciated by all visitors.

At the time of writing, preparations are underway for the second round of technology days for some of our feeder schools. Year 5 pupils from 3 local schools will come to the department for a day to have a taster of the type of technology available to them if they were to attend Kirkham Grammar School. Similar days were held last year and were extremely successful and enjoyable for both staff and pupils alike.



## Blue Peter

KGS pupils Cathryn Critchley, Joella Clegg, William Bruton and Phillip Hingley contributed to the televisual frenzy that is Blue Peter on the 6th June.

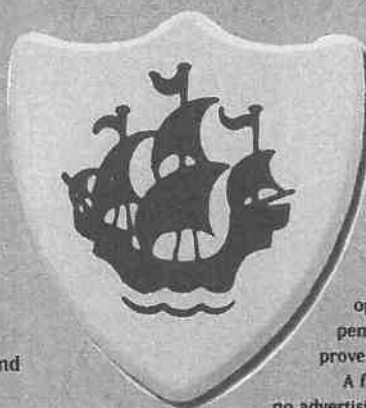
On arrival at BBC Television Centre in London, the team were shown to the Blue Peter studio where rehearsals and filming were already underway. Watching Konnie Fluff her lines on a series of takes did much to calm the nerves of the fledgling presenters. Apparently the environment created by the authoritative instructions of the producer, to a large team of cameramen, sound personnel and various technicians was "just like being in school". As our team were walked through their section by the producer, comments to the air by various crew members in single ear pieces were media madness, but rather comments to the director who presided from above behind a darkened glass wall. On their second try, the team was almost word perfect, although 'micro router' threw Joella for a while!

A visit to the Blue Peter garden proved poignant for the older members of the party, since Petra's plinth and Shep's footprint are still on display. Such moving significance was lost on the IX team! Lunch in the BBC canteen was an opportunity to star spot and Joella and Cathryn were armed with pens and autograph books. Those doodles and signatures may prove valuable in years to come, girls.

A final run through also served as a dress rehearsal to ensure that no advertising through logos would take place. The KGS windmill did not make it onto screen although Denford Engineering and Jaguar managed some covert product placement!

With 10 minutes to go the reality of cameras and a huge audience including the terrifying peer group of IX caused a flurry of nerves, but once the signature tune began and the red light went on, the four rose splendidly to the occasion. Quite how the Blue Peter team managed to win the race we could not figure out, but the KGS team assured the producer that they would be back again after the regional finals.

A paparazzi moment of photographs with the presenter and assorted pets on the Blue Peter settee was allowed, before the driver returned to take us through the rush hour traffic to Euston. Accompanying staff are, of course, also entitled to a Blue Peter badge!



On the Blue Peter Set

## on the small BOX



It's all happening for James Cartwright, currently a fifth year pupil at Kirkham Grammar School. He recently made his television debut playing alongside Martin Shaw in ITV's 'A&E'. But we are set to see more of this talented youngster in the autumn in an eagerly awaited Mancunian tale 'Vacuuming Completely Nude In Paradise' and in a starring cameo role as the young Morrissey from 'The Smiths' in '24 Hour Party People'.

James is determined to make a career in the theatre and television and may even try his hand at writing following in the footsteps of famous Dad, Jim Cartwright, writer of classic stage plays such as 'Road', 'Two' and 'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice'.

## Careers

Careers interviews continued this term enabling all our 5th Years eventually to be interviewed. Once again we are grateful for the help we receive from the local careers service, CareerLink, and particularly to Mr Ian Fazackerley, our CareerLink representative. A number of 4th and 5th Years also participated in Morrisby Tests. This is part of a service provided by ISCO - the Independent Schools Career Organisation. The tests are designed to identify the kind of careers for which individuals are best suited. Mr Melling can provide further details of the scheme.

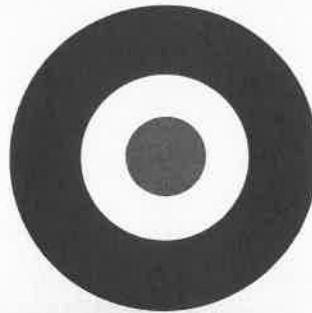
## COMBINED CADET FORCE

A difficult term - no weapons available and no training "beyond the wire" but salvage and "make do and mend policies" have worked. Field Days have been pruned and modified but have taken place, thanks to the good offices of the C.O. of The 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, Lt. Col. Plastow (one of our KGJS parents!)

Some cadets will go on Summer Camp in Scotland and we are hugely grateful to M.O.D. and H.Q. Scotland for letting this happen. Hopefully we shall all, military and otherwise, be back to normal in September 2001!



Thanks to everyone for their patience and fortitude.



**Top gun Jason Sannegado**

Notwithstanding the foot and mouth crisis, the RAF section has managed to have an interesting and productive term. We have been fortunate to be offered a large number of gliding and flying places at nearby BAE Samlesbury and RAF Woodvale and many cadets have enjoyed the experience of flying and controlling an aircraft under expert supervision. Cpl Norman Ralph and Cpl Dominic Rhodes went one stage further and qualified for their "wings" after completing an intensive gliding scholarship, culminating in solo flights.

The forthcoming summer field day will be held at RAF Woodvale, where it is hoped that all cadets will be given a chance to fly and participate in a number of initiative and leadership exercises. Finally, last minute preparations are underway for the RAF Summer Camp which will be held at RAF Henlow near London.

# KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS



At the end of last term, animal ark club members enjoyed an afternoon visit to The Sea Life Centre, Blackpool. We were made very welcome by the centre staff and given an informative talk on sharks. We were impressed by all the displays but particularly enjoyed the 'feely tank'. The highlight of the day was being in the underwater tunnel whilst the sharks were being fed.

This term, we are looking forward to our trip to Blackpool Zoo, where we will listen to

a presentation on how the Animal behaviourists, employed by the zoo, ensure that the animals are kept physically and mentally healthy.

Animal Ark Club, likewise, endeavours to teach the importance of keeping pet animals, at school or at home, in clean and stimulating environments. Each cage is cleaned weekly and tunnels, toys and wheels are used to provide interest and exercise. Fresh fruit and vegetables, such as apples, celery, broccoli and cabbage are included in the animals' diet. (supplied by Mrs Gault and Bethan Watkin - thankyou)

A special thanks should also go to Eloise Tideswell and Isobel Morley for their hard work this year, as Club Treasurer and Secretary. Their reliability and patience has been much appreciated.



All afloat at The Sealife Centre

## Geography

### SUMMER GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

The first week of the summer term saw the annual trek into Yorkshire for the Lower Sixth Geographical field course. The venue was Scarborough - 'Queen of the Watering Places' and also Mr. Scott's former hometown. Fifteen eager AS students and three staff set forth for a hard but enjoyable week of interest, participation and academic work in a different environment.

The new AS level did cause some changes, such as a different route via Titus Salt's factory village at Saltaire, near Bradford and the foot and mouth problem did shorten and restrict the access to the North Yorkshire Moors and river survey.

Much work and data collection was undertaken in preparation for both the new lower sixth AS modules and the practical exam which now occurs in the A2 level and will be examined next January in the upper sixth.

Days were spent in the town, in local villages, studying York's heritage, and along the Yorkshire coast. Much time was spent collecting data and then collating the results at the evening work session. As well as the practical work on the methods and handling data, teaching in the field was undertaken to cover much of the option papers on the historical development of settlement and the coastal unit.

With the recent acquisition of a digital camera for the department many of the photographs are accessible to the students on the school's Intranet. This should help them with their studies and can be used in the report writing.

### GCSE FIELDWORK CUT SHORT

Owing to the foot and mouth outbreak, the fourth year river survey has had to be postponed. Access to the Trough of Bowland was restricted by MAFF and the GCSE candidates were limited in their data collection. This may have been covered by the time of this newsletter or it may have to be completed early next term.

However, all managed to continue with the town, shopping and traffic survey carried out in Kirkham just before half term. This year we were more fortunate with the weather and did not get soaked as last year. Again the digital photos are available to be included in the students geographical investigation to be completed by next term.



**Students on the GCSE Design & Technology course on the move!! From left to right Mark Kirkham, John Townsend, Marcus Feeley, Richard Greathead, Jonathan Roberts, Bruce Lansom, Alex McClymont**



### MICROBIOLOGY COMPETITION SUCCESS

Chloe Spencer, form 3X, has won first place in a National Microbiology competition, an outstanding achievement. Chloe's project was selected unanimously, from over 700 entrants, by the panel of judges at MISC (Microbiology in Schools Advisory Committee). Dr. Issacs, of Liverpool University, presented Chloe with the prize of £30, and £100 for the Biology Department.

The prize winning projects can be seen on the MISAC web site, [www.socgenmicrobiol.org.uk](http://www.socgenmicrobiol.org.uk) in the education section (microbes and food). Chloe's project on Salmonella food poisoning, was one of ten selected to be sent by the Biology department, to represent Kirkham Grammar School. The projects involved research, literacy and design skills, as they had to be scientifically accurate, and written and presented in a newspaper style. The other entries selected from the third year were produced by: Leanne Bonney, Michael Briggs, Ryan Briggs, Emma Crowther, Daniel Fryer, Penelope Maughan, Melissa Swain, Helen Thrower, Bruce Wright.



# CHARITY

In an already hectic term, the charity committee has had much to do during the Summer. Within days of returning after the Easter holidays, over 40% of our pupils took part in a sponsored aerobics workout in aid of Help the Aged. It was pleasing to see a number of staff also participating, although, as was pointed out, some of them had more than a passing interest in that particular charity!

Later in the term the annual visit of the children from Chernobyl took place and on a glorious day a number of our pupils accompanied them to Camelot. It was a most enjoyable and touching occasion for us.

A collection of toiletries, dried food and clothing was also organised as Kymberlee Rawlins will be going to work in Romania in an orphanage over the Summer. We wish her well in this most important work.

All in all, it has been, as always, a very busy term for us – and we would like to thank all who have helped in any way with donations of goods or money and also those who have been prepared to give their time.



Miss Fryer at the end of her Marathon



The Race for Life Team

## Young ENTERPRISE

This year's Young Enterprise Company, "Identity" has had a busy and successful year. They managed to make in excess of £650 profit from the proceeds of a lower school disco, "stress tangles", jewellery and stationery during the life of the Company from September to April.

The Company participated in the Fylde Area Finals in May with a presentation on the theme of "Who wants to be an entrepreneur?". This well compiled presentation earned them the award of best presentation and overall second place winners. This success was achieved by also winning the award of best Company Report, which had been collated by Rachel Sissons.

The next stage of the process was the Strategic Area Finals which took place at Preston North End, and although "Identity" did not win on this occasion, their presentation was justly commended by the panel of judges on the night.

We congratulate all members of the Company, together with Mr. Duncan and Mrs. Lang, who work so hard behind the scenes.

# CharityRUNS

## London Marathon

A big thank you for all the support I was given in the run up to the marathon. It really helped to motivate me with my training and to complete the distance on the day. Running in such a large event was an amazing experience, one which on reflection, I hope to repeat and improve on my time of 5hrs. On behalf of the charity Back-Up, I would like to say a huge thank you for the sponsorship I received. £1,219 has been sent so far to this wonderful charity which supports people who have been spinally injured, allowing them to enjoy a more active life.

## Rosemere Cancer Foundation Charity Fun Run

On Bank Holiday Monday, the 7th May, pupils, staff and parents took part in a 5km fun run around Moor Park in aid of a local cancer care charity, The Rosemere Cancer Foundation. All who took part completed the course in true KGS spirit and raised much needed funds for this worthy charity. The event was open to all ages and our students competed extremely well. Special mention must go to Terry Ogdin who came 4th overall in a superb time of 17 mins. and 49 secs., Max Eaves, 17th overall (21:20), Jane Greenwood, 9th lady, 49th overall (23:02).

## Race for Life

The new Sports Arena at Cottam, Preston was the venue for this year's local Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Race for Life. This is a 5km fun run just for women. Caught by the running bug, when I was approached by the 4th year girls to organise an entry, I couldn't resist. So on Sunday the 3rd of June, Sophie Cairns, Leanne Soper, Michelle Williamson, Sarah Hargreaves and I had an enjoyable morning taking in the surroundings of the new sports complex and in the process raised lots of funds for Cancer Research.

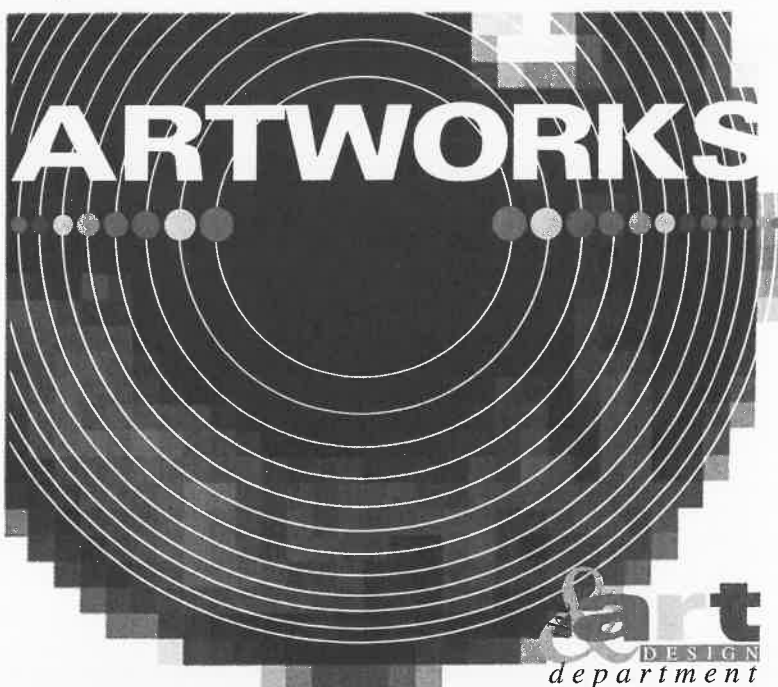
A S Fryer



## 1Y's links with Kirkham's twin town in France.

One first year form, 1Y, has established links with a class of the same age group at a similar school in Ancenis, Kirkham's twin town, which is situated in the Loire valley, about 50km from Nantes. Through a personal connection with a teacher at the College-Lyceé St Joseph in Ancenis, Mrs Long has arranged this and several similar links over the past five years. Pupils have written letters, using increasing amounts of French, and exchanged photographs and small gifts. A recent highlight was the exchange of videos where pupils in the two countries introduced themselves, visually and verbally, to each other using their newly-acquired foreign language skills.

Mrs Long comments, "The contact with real French youngsters is very motivating for pupils as they begin to learn French and writing real letters is a very effective and enjoyable way for them to practise and revise their French as they go along. It is especially rewarding when these correspondences endure beyond the classroom situation and we hope that some of these pupils may eventually meet up, perhaps by participating in an exchange visit between the two towns."



# 2001

The Art rooms have been very active this term with external exams by the Lower Sixth (AS) and Upper Sixth (A Level) students creating some very memorable images.

The Upper Sixth's work featured on these pages demonstrates the wide use of media the students at KGS have at their disposal to work with. Their work ranges from the oil portraits of Ben Russell, the acrylic "Futurist" inspired peacock of Rachel Blackley and the flower painting of Hayley Leung to the computer generated three dimensional BBC2 logo in the shape of a snooker table intro movie by Chris Carter.

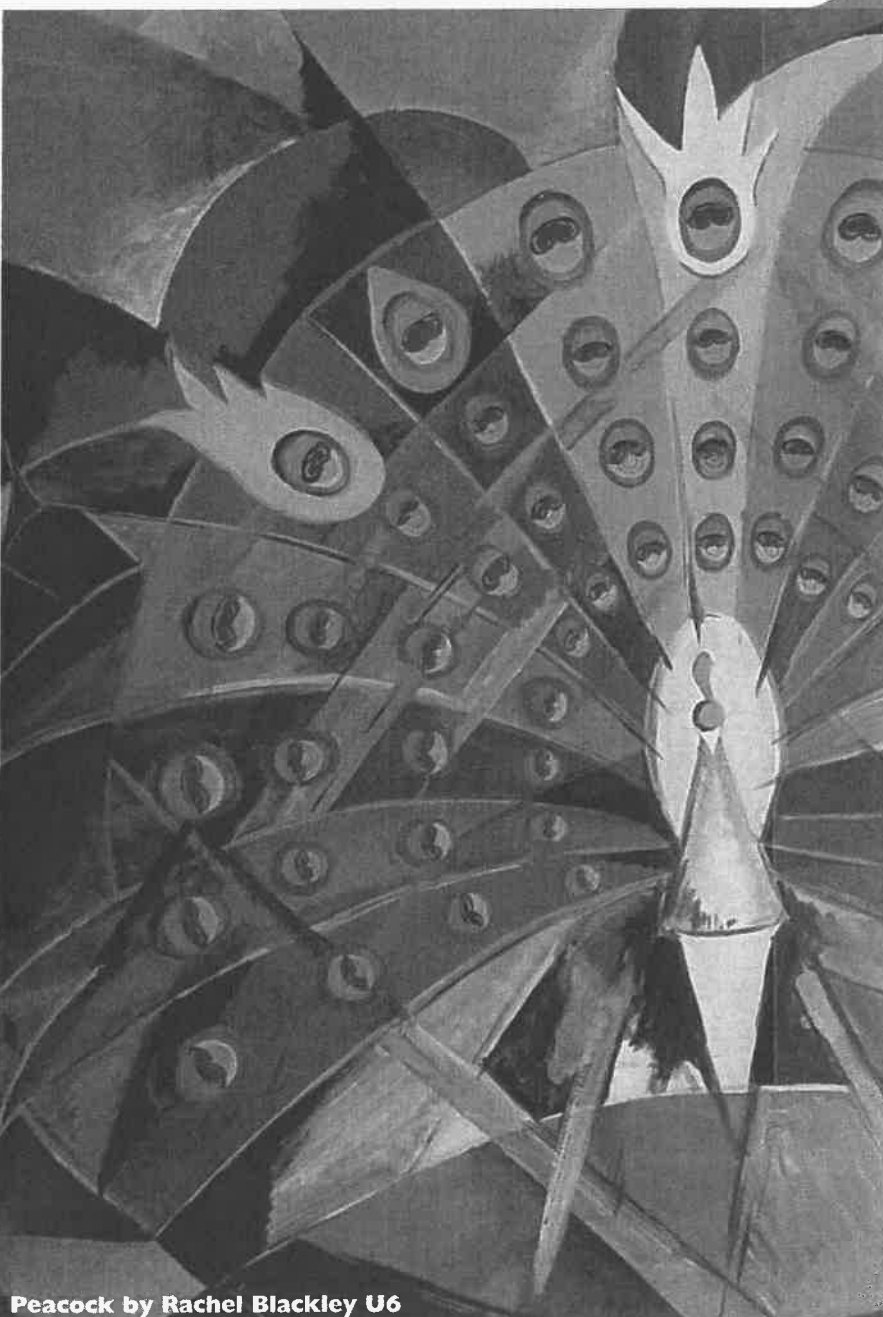
The fifth year put on a first class exhibition of their work produced over the two years which featured their coursework and final ten hour exam piece titled "Inside Outside". The external moderator was particularly impressed with the work of Anna Marsden and the prep work she produced for her exam. He selected Marcus Plowright's exhibition to take to the moderators meeting at AQA headquarters in Manchester, as an example of exemplary working practice.



**Marcus Plowright's snowboarding  
GCSE exam piece**



**The Horton family enjoy the  
GCSE Private view**

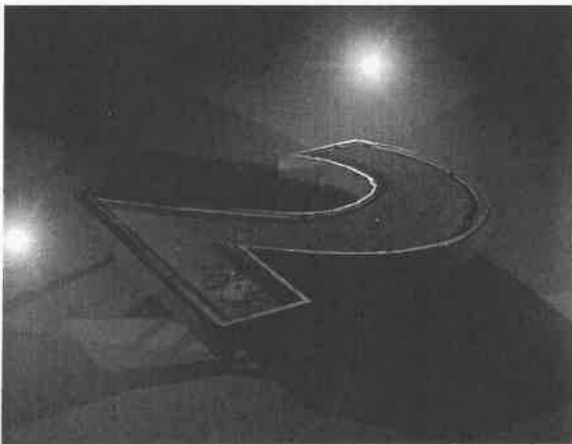


**Peacock by Rachel Blackley U6**





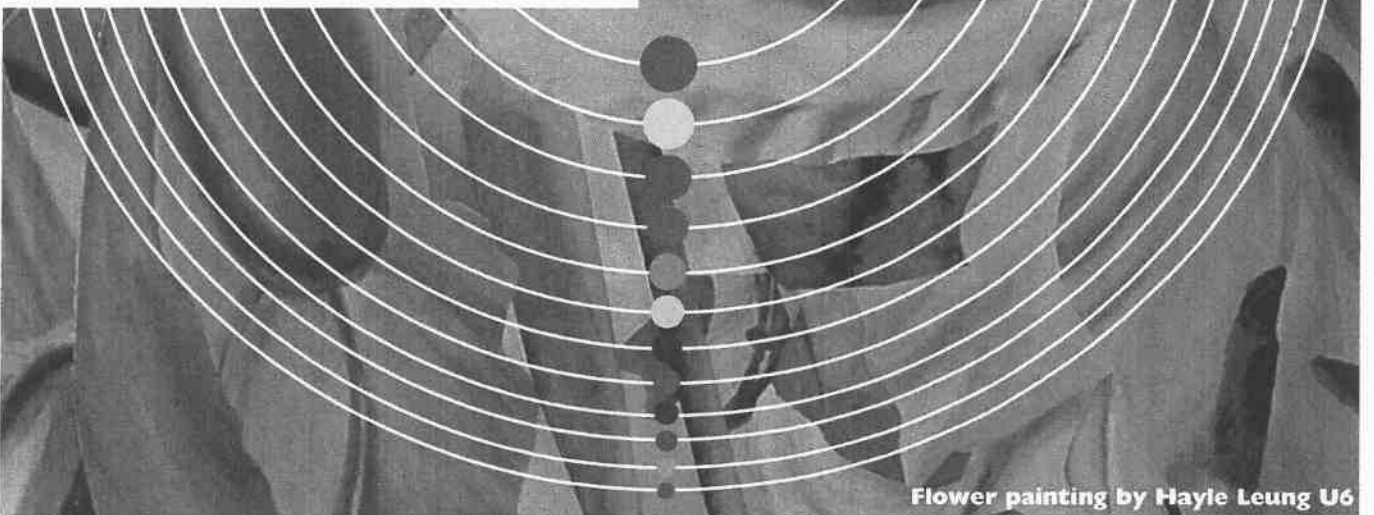
Ben Russell's U6 exam piece



A still shot of Chris Carter's U6 animation intro for the BBC 2 logo. See and hear the QuickTime movie version on the art website later this summer



U6 artists: Chris Carter, Ben Russell, Chris Robert Dawson, James Mahon, Naomi Leith, Philippa Leeming, Hayle Leung, Rachel Black, and Naomi Holmes



Flower painting by Hayle Leung U6

# MUSIC

This term has seen the white heat of the technological revolution hit the Music Department. Rehearsal rooms that previously echoed to the sound of acoustic instruments such as flute, clarinet and trumpet have suddenly begun reverberating to the sound of synthesizer, sampler and drum machine. Even Mr. "That Vivaldi'll never catch on" Catterall has been seen operating a Mini Disk recorder!

What is the reason for all this excitement? Under the guidance of Mr. Baron, a professional keyboard player in a previous life, a small but perfectly formed recording studio has been set up in room M4. Pupils now have the opportunity to join the Music Technology Club, and to learn the arts of MIDI sequencing and production techniques in a variety of musical styles, including the ancient and the ultra-modern. It is envisaged that this facility will be expanded in the near future, and any contributions to this project, however small, would be greatly appreciated.

However, one question remains unanswered – will JC become a rebel MC or a superstar DJ? Watch this space.....



Hi-tech equipment in the music department!

## girls'TENNIS

After experiencing such a successful season of girls' tennis last year, I was initially a little unsure if last year's achievements could be improved upon. The girls, however, have totally excelled themselves and have played brilliantly to achieve the best set of result to date. The standard of tennis played has been exceptionally high and the girls have been an absolute delight to watch and coach.

### Lancashire girl's U13 and U15 tennis leagues.

The U13s and U15s Lancashire league matches have once again been very successful and some high standard tennis has been experienced. The U13s team consisting of Jo Jackson, Louise Lord, Amy Dupres and Susie Leyland played some excellent tennis to become group runners up, only narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. The U15s team consisting of Jane Jackson, Jane Greenwood, Jenny Dewhurst, Lorna Sissons and Sally Rotheram played consistently well through the group stage, conceding only a handful of games. The girls won their group and easily defeated Westholme B team in the semi finals to go through to the finals which are due to be played at Westholme School on the 4th July. We wish them the best of luck.

### Lancashire girl's tennis tournaments

The Lancashire U19s Girl's Singles Tournament, which is annually held at K.G.S, was a thoroughly enjoyable event and the standard of tennis was extremely high. Sarah Briggs played steadily throughout the group stage and experienced a nail biting final consisting of 3 match points. The final was eventually decided through a tie break game with Sarah eventually emerging as the U19s County Champion.

The Lancashire U13s Girl's Singles Tournament, which is also held annually at K.G.S, was a gripping event. Jane Jackson and Jenny Dewhurst, who was a year young for this event, represented the school and easily made it through their group stages to the semi-finals. As was hoped, it was an all Kirkham final, and after an exciting match Jenny Dewhurst finally emerged as the U13s County Champion.

### U14 Derek Hill Trophy

After winning this competition last year, the pressure is on to retain the title. The team consisting of Jane Jackson, Jane Greenwood, Jenny Dewhurst, Lorna Sissons and Sally Rotheram beat Queen Mary School in the first round, Parklands High School in the quarter finals and Bury Grammar School in the semi-finals. They are due to play the finals against Bolton Grammar School at Robin Park Tennis centre on Wednesday 27th June.

### Friendly Fixtures

This season it has become extremely hard to organise Saturday fixtures. This may be due to the growing number of club players who are now involved at weekends with both club tournaments, and games used for gaining rating points. Although at KGS we see this as an opportunity to play other girls, who may not have initially made it into the Saturday teams, many schools have cancelled matches with us on the last minute claiming they have too weak teams to field. This has unfortunately made our Saturday fixture list a little smaller than in past years.

That apart, fixtures have been played against Lancaster, Arnold, Westholme and Queen Mary School Lytham. The U13s squad have won 3 and lost 1. The U14 squad has won 1 and lost 3. The U15 squad has won 2 and lost 1, and the seniors have played 2 matches winning them both. The U12s squad have made exceptional progress



Sarah Briggs U19 Lancashire Girl's Champion

throughout the season beating Arnold and Queen Mary 6 - 3.

The girls have again thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast tennis sessions with David Shaw, which have proven to be a valuable and productive experience for all involved.

I would personally like to congratulate all of the girls on their excellent performances throughout the season. They have been a delight to coach and a credit to their school.

Jenny Tabb

# interHouse events

**"They think it's all over — it is now!"**

Forgive me for 'pinching' Kenneth Wolstenholme immortal words, but they seem most apt. Congratulations to School House for regaining the Whitby trophy early into the summer term. Unfortunately for me the gold ribbons will have to be removed from the trophy and replaced with red, but I'm sure Kirkham are not one season wonders and will rediscover their winning touch next year.

Results available as deadlines approach have proved School's dominance over the whole school year and as they say, the league table doesn't lie! School have won all competitions on offer so far this term with wins in Sports Day, the Senior Tennis and the Senior Cricket competitions — quite an achievement.

At the start of term we all enjoyed another hugely successful Sports Day with all houses fielding a full compliment of teams. School again performed with distinction and deservedly won the overall competition. Special mention goes to all the Victor Ludorum winners, with School thankful for the outstanding performances of Chris Briers and Amy Twambley, winners of the seniors' awards. Thanks too must go to all the Housemasters, House Captains, and Games' staff for organising such a successful day of athletics.

The Senior Cricket competition was the most exciting and memorable competition of the year, producing an upset for all those who listen to the tipsters! For the record I would like to take this opportunity to deny that both Dr. Rollins and I have had any contact with any Indian bookmakers over the last few weeks and we are most grateful for our team of lawyers for all the hard work in defending our names! Lets hope that Sir Paul Condon doesn't read the Kirkamian and ask us to meet with him at Lords! However, back to the report!

Following recent trends in the one-day game to play 'pyjama cricket' School didn't look as though they would upset Kirkham's team of 'cricketers' when they took the field. An over-confident Kirkham side didn't give School the respect they deserved and School pulled off a deserved victory, with Chris Briers' 'pinch hitting' seeing his team through. Surely School couldn't win again in the final, especially as Preston had 'MCC' Parker in the house! You've guessed it, with Parker out early the game was wide open



**Philippa Leeming and Dan Howles of School House are presented the Sports Day Cup by World Champion Rachel Jones**

and School's confidence and newfound skills saw them home for yet another trophy!

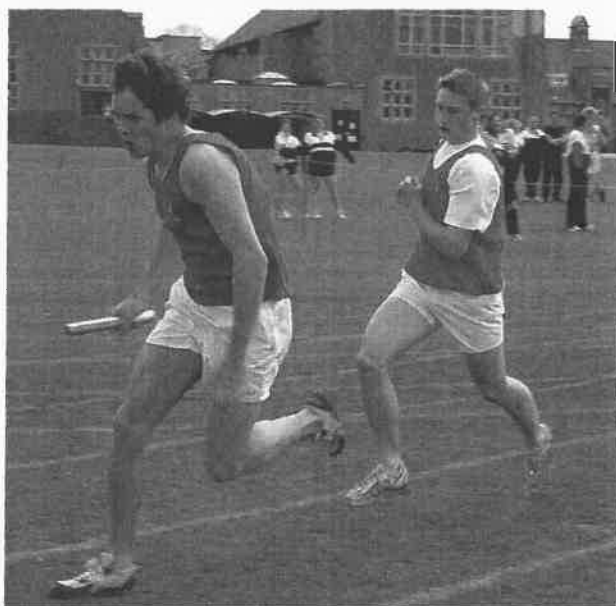
The Housemasters' new rulebook, in operation for the first time this year, came in handy for the last seniors' event of the year when 2 teams didn't field complete teams in the

Senior Tennis. With Fylde not fielding a full team in the final, School won again without hitting a ball! Surely the easiest victory of the year!

With School over 16 points clear by the May Bank Holiday, the race is on for second and will almost certainly go to the wire. Only 2 points separate the remaining houses, and with the juniors holding the key to their houses' fate, it's going to be an exciting end to the term. But, as we all know, it's the taking part that counts and one of the strengths of KGS is its keen and flourishing house system. Without the enthusiasm of all the pupils, irrespective of their house, I wouldn't have anything to write in these reports. Praise where praise is due — well done to you all!

All that is left for me to do before a relaxing summer watching England regain the Ashes (!) is to congratulate Mr. Smith and School House for their marvellous victory — he warned me last year that they'd be back! Unfortunately he wasn't wrong!

Simon Duncan  
(House Recorder)



**Chris Briers and Richard Westerman of School on route to winning the Senior Boys 4x100m relay final on Sports day**

## boys' TENNIS

The Boys' Tennis team has only recently started to play in the delayed Lancashire league. On Wednesday, 20th June, the U13 and U15 competed against Arnold School. The U15's (Adam Tuck, Michael Briggs, Jack Ward, Liam Hanley) lost 4-2, but the U13's (Michael Walker, Chris Calvert, Alex Dean and Harry Leeming) won 7-1.

The day after, the school played King Edward and Queen Mary School. In blustery, difficult conditions the U13's lost convincingly 8-0 to a strong King Edward and Queen Mary School side, whilst the U15's played well to win 5-1. Unfortunately the losses suffered during the course of the day prevented the teams progressing to the next round of the competition.



# SPORTS

## boys' ATHLETICS

The athletics teams have enjoyed a busy and successful term so far, with additional fixtures being introduced to include two Saturday matches, both in Liverpool. In the first of these against St. Edward's College we had comprehensive victories in all four age groups, and at the second fixture against St. Anselm's, who were finalists in last year's National TSB Championships, our 3rd and 4th Year boys inflicted on them their first defeat on their home ground.

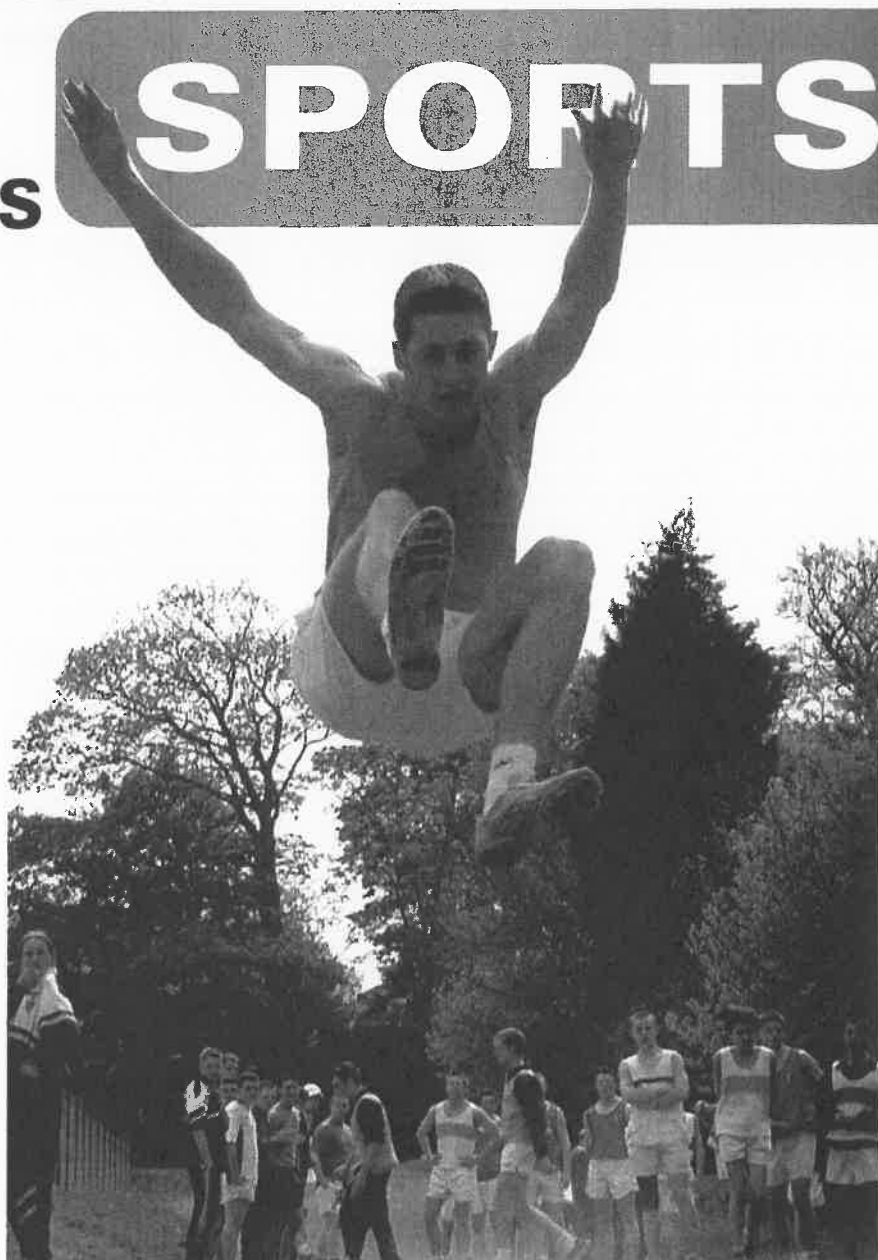
The season opened with victories for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year teams against Queen Elizabeth G.S. with the 4th Year match ending in a tie. Our 3rd and 4th Year teams then went on to have comfortable victories over King Edward VII School and later went on to beat Arnold School in both age groups.

On a regional level our U14 and U16 teams competed against seven other schools in the English Schools AA Cup and we finished a close runner-up in both age groups to a very powerful Hutton G.S.

Individually we had twelve boys selected for the Blackpool South team to compete in the Lancashire Schools Championship, Chris Briers achieved an excellent double by winning the Senior Boys 400m hurdles and the 400m, and Richard Newton won the Junior Boys 1500m. Richard, who earlier in the term had come second in both the 1500m and 800m in the Lancashire County Championships, was rewarded for his consistency by being selected for the Lancashire team to compete in the English Schools Championships at Exeter in July.

At the time of writing we are preparing for the Fylde Coast Schools Championships at Blackpool where we are defending our top school status. I'm sure that, if the boys show the same commitment they have produced so far this season, we will once again enjoy success.

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George Leeming gets some "air time"



Warren Spragg(Centre), Richard Wigglesworth(Scrum Half), Matthew Parr(Lock), Andrew Kyriacou(Hooker) and Alex Loney(Prop)

## Rugby

The following students at Kirkham Grammar School have been selected for the ENGLAND SCHOOLS 18 GROUP TOUR TO CANADA, NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA:

Andrew Kyriacou (Hooker)  
Alex Loney (Prop)  
Matthew Parr (Lock)  
Warren Spragg (Centre)  
Richard Wigglesworth (Scrum Half)

# DAY 2001

Once again, Kirkham Grammar School enjoyed glorious weather for the 2001 Annual Athletics Sports Day. Full fields of competitors enjoyed the 73 events which were all keenly contested by the House teams. The Guest of Honour was Rachel Jones, World Duathlon Champion for 2000 and 2001.

In the field events, the Inter Girls' Long Jump record was broken by Lucy Martin, setting a new record of 4.69m. On the track, two records were broken: the Inter Boys' 400m, set by Matthew Gargett (59.09s); and the Senior Boys' 4 x 100m relay (46.57s) - a fitting finale to a Sports Day.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the various events and to House officials for their hard work in organising teams.

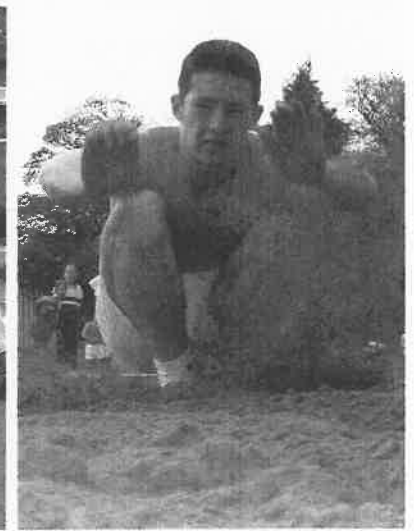
**Victrix/Victor Ludorum winners:**

JG	E. Martin (F)	42 points
JB	H. Leeming (P)	36 points
IG	L. Martin (P)	41 points
IB	S. Hatch (F)	39 points
SG	A. Twambley (S)	39 points
SB	C. Briers (S)	32 points



**Victrix and Victor Ludorum winners with Rachel Jones (centre) from left to right, standing Chris Briers, Amy Twambley, Laura Martin and Stephen Hatch, crouching Emma Martin and Harry Leeming**

<b>1st</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Preston</b>	<b>584</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Fylde</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Kirkham</b>	<b>563</b>



# boys' CRICKET

## 1stXI P5 W3 L1 D1

In a season that was surely to be affected by the summer exams it was important to play as many games as possible early after Easter. Luckily this was achieved with a game against King Edward and Queen Mary, Lytham and a short tour to the Isle of Man.

The team played poorly against a strong King Edward and Queen Mary School and lost by 87 runs. On the Isle of Man the 1stXI defeated the 'Hotel Management School' by a narrow 13 runs (Parker 61, Hopton 3 for 13, Parker 3 for 13); and then drew with King William's College in an all day game with Parker scoring an admirable 145 in Kirkham's innings of 208 for 8 declared. King William's College could not match this - scoring 97 for 5 in return. The team then defeated Habergham High School by 5 wickets (Baer 35 not out) to end the first phase of the season in reasonable style.



**Luke Newell Pulling faces at the MCC!**

## U17XI: P1 L1

The U17 Cup side was beaten convincingly by a strong Lancaster Grammar side in the Lancashire Cup during the exam period. At the time of writing the 1stXI has recommenced playing. A makeshift 1stXI played at Hutton Grammar School in a 40 overs per innings game and scored a tremendous 289 (Ashton 53, Parker 85, Briers 66 off 16 balls!). In return Hutton came back with a fighting 249 but could not reach Kirkham's total.

With games against the MCC, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn and King Edward and Queen Mary School there is still plenty of cricket to play in the last two weeks of term. We look forward to some good team and individual performances.

## U15XI P3 W1 L2

The U15 season has been affected by the weather. Two important games vs. King Edward and Queen Mary School and Arnold had to be cancelled. In their first game, Kirkham defeated Hutton in a match which was probably too close for comfort. The side then lost to St Bede's, Lytham in the Lancashire Cup and lost again to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn having posted a reasonable performance. The side has still to play Bury Grammar School and possibly one of the cancelled matches.

The U15XI has been well led by Peter Reeh and there are some talented players. They should do well in senior cricket, if they continue to work hard at their game.

## U14XI

In the first match of the season, Lancaster batted first and soon had a hundred partnership on the board, but Kirkham stuck to their task well and reduced it to 132-8 off their thirty overs. Lacking any natural batsmen this was always going to be a difficult task and so it proved but not before several players showed their potential and determination not to get out. This attitude and spirit has been a hallmark of the season and, after making a good score against KEQMS, it seemed a win might be on the cards but they just

the 63 required in nine overs.

Despite a poor run of results, there have been some good individual performances and several players are showing rapid improvement.

## U12'XI

The season began in fine style with a sensational away win at Lancaster Royal Grammar School by 7 wickets. The batting of D Bell 77 and R Sissons 65 not out augured well for future. Further wins over King Edward and Queen Mary School by 8 wickets brought more runs for D Bell 31 and R Sissons 23 not out. A fine victory then ensued against Arnold by 32 runs, thanks in the main to D Bell 41 and R Sissons 27 was capped by R Sissons' wicket keeping performance: 4 stumpings and 2 catches is no mean achievement for a first form pupil. Our latest victory over Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn by 7 wickets, thanks to R Sissons 56 not out, is further evidence of the season so far. The only blemish was in the Lancashire Schools' Cup fixture against Lancaster who defeated the U12's where cup restrictions prevent batsmen from reaching large scores.

The team's success naturally revolves around Darren Bell and Robert Sissons, two outstanding players who both came through our Junior School. Robert has the added distinction of being selected for Lancashire U12's as Captain/Wicket Keeper with Darren likely to appear in the team during the forthcoming fixtures. With further games to come against Hutton and Bury, this season's U12's have two exceptionally gifted young cricketers.

MCC vs 1stXI	
Friday 22nd June 2001	
MCC 192 for 7 declared	KGS 129 all out
S. Benjamin 100 not out	A. Parker 35
M. Hopton 4 for 58	A. Thrower 31
	S. Crook 4 for 28
	S. Benjamin 3 for 14



**Andrew throws in a fast ball!**



# girls' ATHLETICS

The Kirkham girls never cease to amaze me! They have an admirable desire to compete successfully all year round!

Our athletes have been absolutely superb - in fact I have been extremely proud of them all this term. We have regularly had 70 girls out training in all weathers. The determined attitudes displayed and the positive atmosphere has been first class. It has been a real pleasure to spend so much time with them.

Similarly our tennis players have been equally committed and successful! Every year group has played Saturday fixtures - and have won the majority. In addition we have once again dominated the tennis leagues and county tournaments.

I feel extremely proud of the achievements of our girls - we have developed into a school that produces sporting excellence all year round! The sporting success at K.G.S. is a team effort. The relationships and mutual trust and respect shown by both staff and girls enables the girls sport to flourish.

## Athletics

Our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year teams have competed in six athletics matches so far this season. The girls have given absolutely everything this term both in training and matches and have won 20 out of the 24 competitions - an excellent achievement. We still have two matches to compete in against Bradford Grammar and Arnold, and the big event of the season is the Fylde Coast Championships at Stanley Park on Tuesday 3rd July. This is an event that we have been working towards, and we are all really looking forward to it!

## T.S.B. National Athletics Championships 2001

On May 15th K.G.S. fielded a Junior and an Inter Athletics team in the county round of this national event. Our girls performed extremely well in both age groups, in fact our Inter-girls won with a score of 329 points to become Lancashire Champions.

On Tuesday 12th June our Inter-girls competed in the T.S.B. North final at Robin Park, Wigan. The team consisted of a squad of 13 girls, one of whom was a reserve. The twelve athletes from each school had to compete in one track event and one field event, and unlike normal events, positions were irrelevant. Points were awarded for the times and distances achieved.

The Kirkham girls, though nervous, were in good spirits and were eager to strive for personal bests in their events. During the competition our girls performed to the best of their abilities on the day - some achieved personal bests, others were extremely close.

As the competition progressed we didn't realize how close the scores actually were. Kirkham had a great day and we increased our points from 329 in the Lancashire round to 353 in the North final. With this excellent score, we finished as runners-up.

Congratulations to Captain Laura Martin, Leanne Sharples, Claire Taylor, Katie Mellor, Antonia Ascroft, Abby and Milly Hookey, Lucy Martin, Jane Greenwood, Linzi Nicholas, Katie Edgar, Sally Rotherham, Aja Hall, Lorna Sissons.

## Lancashire Schools' Athletics Championships

On Saturday 9th June, the following K.G.S. girls were selected to represent South Fylde in the Lancashire Schools Athletics Championships at Stanley Park:

Jane Greenwood (800m), Linzi Nicholas (800m), Leanne Sharples (1500m), Laura Martin (Long Jump), Abby and Milly Hookey (High Jump), Antonia Ascroft (Shot), Katie Mellor (Shot), Claire Taylor (Discus), Katie Edgar (Discus), Penny Maughan (Discus), Lucy Martin (Javelin), Alex Wilkinson (High Jump).

Indeed, all of our girls performed extremely well. Special mention must be given to:

### Laura Martin

1st in the inter Long Jump

### Lucy Martin

1st in the junior Javelin

(Lucy also won the Lancashire Women's event)

### Abby Hookey

3rd in the junior High Jump

### Antonia Ascroft

3rd in the inter Shot

### Alex Wilkinson

2nd in the inter High Jump

## English Schools Athletics

Congratulations go to Lucy Martin who has been selected to represent Lancashire in the English Schools Athletics Championships in Exeter on July 6th/7th. This is an outstanding achievement and we are extremely proud of her!



**Lucy Martin aims high in preparation for The English Schools Championship**



**Vicky Peters (Fylde) crosses the line first in the 4x100m relay closely followed by Amy Twambley (School)**

# Friends of KGS

On behalf of 'The Friends' may I first apologise to Mr P.H. of Lytham. Mr P.H. supported our Fun Day and entered the '£1 in a bucket' game putting his name and telephone number on a sticker on a £1 coin and dropping it in the bucket. Some weeks later he received a telephone call from an irate husband from Leeds who had found said coin - still complete with sticker - in his wife's coat pocket. Believing Mr P.H. to have propositioned his wife by dropping the coin into her pocket, he telephoned to express his views in the strongest of terms. It took some time for Mr P.H. to realise what had happened and, no doubt, a leap of faith on behalf of the irate husband to accept the explanation. It was with some surprise that a few days later Mr P.H. discovered a message on his answerphone from the said lady in Leeds leaving her mobile number!! Next year we promise to double check that the stickers have been removed before the money is banked!

Many thanks to all those of you who supported our Fun Day. The weather was kind and all those present seemed to enjoy a thoroughly good family day out. A massive £2,800 was raised to boost our funds.

The demand for tickets for our Summer Ball was so high that we were forced to return applications, in spite of increasing the size of our marquee. We apologise to those of you who were disappointed. Three hundred and forty three parents, members of staff and guests enjoyed a most successful event. Simon Fulford-Brown and members of the Social Sub-committee had worked so hard and attended to every detail to ensure that every aspect of the function had been considered. Many thanks to them - as a result of their efforts we enjoyed superb food, fine wines, excellent entertainment and the very best of company.

Please note that our AGM will be on 24th September. All are welcome!

The Winter Ball will be on 24th November at the De Vere Hotel. Early applications for tickets are advisable and letters will be sent out next term.

The Christmas Fair for this year will be on 16th November.

Thank you for all your support throughout my first year as Chairman and I look forward to seeing you at our functions next year.

Mrs Dana Gledhill

Chairman

Friends of K.G.S.

## Stop Press

### Boys Fylde Coast Schools' Athletics Champions Again!

1st year 2nd  
2nd year 2nd  
3rd year 1st  
4th year 1st  
Overall 1st  
(12 competing Teams)



## Diary Dates

### 'A' Level results

10.00 a.m. Thursday, 16th August

### GCSE Results

10.00 a.m. Thursday, 23rd August

### 1st Year Induction Morning

8.45 a.m. Tuesday, 4th September  
Meet in the Old Hall

### New School Year begins

8.45 a.m. Wednesday, 5th September

### Old Kirkhamians' Association AGM

6.30 p.m. Saturday, 8th September in the Friends' Library

followed by

### OKA Northern Reunion Dinner

7.30 p.m. in the Old Hall

### Senior School Annual Prizegiving and Speech Day

7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Thursday, 20th September  
at the Guild Hall, Preston

### Friends of KGS Annual General Meeting

7.30 p.m. Monday, 24th September  
in the Old Hall

### Friends of KGS New Parents' Welcome Evening

8.00 p.m. Friday, 5th October  
in the Old Hall

### Open Afternoon for 11+ Entry, September 2002

2.00 - 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, 14th October

### Open Evening

7.15 p.m. Monday, 19th November  
in the New Hall

### Friends of KGS Winter Ball

7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24th November  
at the De Vere Hotel, Blackpool

### Speech Day Holiday

Monday, 26th November

