



# KENT COLLEGE

## Canterbury



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### Head Master's Letter



#### Dear Parents

I hope that the Easter holiday is not too confused for your family this year. Since the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, at which the central questions of the Christian faith were discussed, Easter has been a movable feast, falling on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. That means it can come at any time between March 22nd and April 25th.

In 2005, the Local Government Association recommended that all local authorities switch to a standard school year, with Easter not necessarily falling in the Easter holidays. Unfortunately Kent County Council decided to move to the standard year after Kent College term dates had been set several years in advance. It is likely therefore that for those of you with children in different schools, Easter holidays may present some difficulties.

I can reassure you that term dates for the next two years have been carefully considered and Kent College holidays will correspond with those of maintained schools.

The last few weeks have been particularly exciting at school with a long list of successes to celebrate in our community. The Choristers (Choir for Years 6 to 9) took part in the South of England final in Basingstoke for

children's choirs in the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year competition and performed very well to be awarded Choir of the Day. The next round in November will be in Liverpool and will feature all types of choirs.

Year 7 girls had a fantastic day at the Under 12 County Netball Tournament and only lost in the final by two goals to a Sevenoaks team. (54 schools took part). The Year 8 girls won the District Netball Tournament (we only have 13 girls in the year).

Alfie Goldsmith in Year 8 participated in the DSE National Swimming Championships in Sheffield and won 8 medals, and has been invited to take part in the Beijing qualifiers in April. The boys Under 18 hockey team played exceptionally well to win the Frank Mason tournament earlier in March. In the Peter Firminger Cup the boys Under 15 team finished top of their group but lost in

the quarter finals against Kings on penalty strokes. The U13 mini hockey championships competition was won by Kent College, defeating Langley Park in the final 3-2. They have now qualified for the Southern Championships to be held early next term.

Four of our students took part in the National Schools Cross Country Championships: Beth Carter, Rebecca Weston, Jack Balsdon and Donald Carter. They all competed very well and Beth has been selected to represent England at an international meeting in Perth, Scotland.

A splendid Wine and Wisdom evening took place on Friday 7th March supported by parents, pupils and staff. The successful evening was organized by the Charities Committee and raised over £600 for Footprints. Well done!

**Dr David Lamper**  
Head Master

### Band Night to raise the Roof Again



Mr Reeves is organising another of the immensely popular Band Nights on Friday April 25th in the Chapel. Start time is yet to be confirmed but 7.00pm looks likely. At least 10 bands will be taking part, with strong representation from the boarding community.

This will be a particularly nostalgic evening for a number of our 6.2 students who will be playing at a KC Band Night for the last time. Some, like Ryan Hakimian, have played in every single one and it will also be a farewell performance for John Bell, Kirill Osaulenko, Jon Heywood, Tyler Gu, Joe Hewson, Adrian Chin and Vic Hu. We will also be seeing Mr Chris Dawn at a Band Night for the last time as he leaves at the end of the summer term to return to his native Canada.

Let's hope the Chapel roof is well screwed down!

## World Book Day 2008



The new pupils' library committee suggested that pupils should recommend books and films they have enjoyed. A coloured star system has been implemented and a display of favourite books can be seen in the school library, arranged by year group.

£1.00 book tokens have also been given to every pupil in the school to mark World Book Day. A Book Fair has been arranged for the Summer Term where pupils and staff will be able to buy books for their leisure reading.

Mrs Carole MacLaren

## Accents Day

We both wanted to do something for charity and we definitely thought, as we can never stop talking, that a sponsored silence wasn't too promising. So we decided to use accents, Scottish and Irish, seeing as we can mimic them really well and enjoy speaking in them during break times. So Iona used an Irish accent and Alice used a Scottish accent.

The day started off fine but then Alice realized that she had choristers and was singing a Spanish song, which was a big challenge because she hadn't done anything like that before in an accent. Also we had French and Mr Gardner picked on us especially because we were doing accents that day.

We were surprised at how many people supported us (and the people who tried to catch us out by making us speak normally!!!).

Altogether we should have £72.50 to be shared between the charities that our Houses are supporting this term.

Thank you for your support.

**Alice Bushell and Iona Thompson, 7A**

## Beyond Survival

### *The 6.2 Cooking Club Gets Underway*

Ten members of 6.2 have embarked on a culinary adventure this term with Head Chef Adrian Kember and Deputy Head Julian Waltho. With practical sessions and under expert supervision the group have so far prepared oriental stir fry dishes, classic pasta sauces from central Italy and French inspired fish recipes.

The next session will focus on pastry making with the help of Sue Howard, Second Chef and expert pastry maker and next term we look forward to sharing regional dishes reflecting the diverse origins of the students in the group.

This activity is designed to build on the student survival cooking session delivered as part of the 6.1 study skills course. Our initial group of budding 'Master Chefs' are

the following: Candy Zhou, Lara Ng, Emily Lo, Zoe Li, Charline Chen, Tramie Wu, Daire Farrell, Matthew Townsend, Antony Rudgard-Redsell, Piers Francis, Edmund Baker and Han Zhang.

For those who are keen to get a taste of the group's culinary creations we must point out that no dish makes it out of the kitchen, they are all consumed on the spot by the proud chefs!



## Sparks Charity Swim – with a Difference

Sometimes you just have to take action - and this is just what three KC pupils from Year 7 did after listening to a powerful talk from the Sparks charity at school. SPARKS is one of the few charities that funds research into the wide range of conditions that can affect babies and children, and Francesca Crowther, Eva Barwick and Chloe Moxam, resolved they should do something to help raise money.



They decided on a sponsored swim with a difference – swimming for an hour fully clothed. Between them they devised the plan, asked King's School Recreation Centre if they could use a swim lane for one hour, collected sponsorship from their schoolmates, teachers and their local area, and created a 'guess how many lengths we can swim' competition for all those who agreed to sponsor. The prize, a Sparks golf umbrella, was won by their science teacher who was the only sponsor to think they might do more than 150 lengths, and guessed 200. In fact they swam 192 lengths between them in one hour fully clothed. After an initial spurt, there was some flagging in the middle as they declared 'it's much harder with clothes on!', but after a brief rest and some water to refresh them, they pushed on to see how many lengths they could do. Thanks to all the sponsors the girls raised £220.50. Congratulations to all three!

## Welcome New Year Visitors at VH



On Thursday February 7th a group of Chinese Sixth Formers went to the Infant & Junior School to give a presentation on the Chinese New Year. Emily Lo and Nicole Zhang donned traditional dresses. Charlene Chen and Emily entertained the audience with their double act. The PowerPoint presentation was put together by Zhi Wu Lin who made sure that all the other presenters could entertain the children. These were: Gilbert Poon, Michael Xu, Jake Zhang, Aaron Wu, Jason Zhang and Kevin Zou. This was a fabulous opportunity for the senior students to meet the infants and pass on a little of their culture, and we hope this will become a more frequent occurrence.

Mrs Katie Plumb

## KC hits the Airwaves

In recognition of Education Sunday on January 20th BBC Radio Kent conducted a telephone interview with Chaplain, Dr Paul Glass, and Sixth Former Victoria Agyeman-Duah.

Producer and Presenter of the Sunday morning show Lynn Wallis-Eade asked a number of questions about 'Come and see' the theme of Education Sunday this year. Dr Glass talked about the role of the Chaplain in helping pupils to think about spiritual issues, and quoted the recent Cameroon trip as a good example of 'Come and see' in action and Victoria gave her own personal response to the theme. There was opportunity to mention the regular visits out to local churches by KC Choirs and the importance the School attaches to all pupils doing RS at GCSE so that pupils' minds can be opened up to issues beyond the day to day curriculum.

## KC Parent runs Marathon for Cameroon

Victoria Claydon was one of the KC students who visited Cameroon last year and was deeply impressed by what she saw, especially the practical initiatives to help various groups, both young and old, that KC had supported through the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

Now Victoria's father, Nick, will be doing his bit to raise more funds by running the London Marathon on April 13th, despite being, as he put it, 'on the wrong side of 40 and 16 stone.' It will be Nick's second Marathon – he ran in 2004 really just for his own satisfaction – but this time round he will be looking for sponsorship for the MRDF.

We hope that the KC family will support Nick in his efforts for such an excellent cause. To find out how, check out [www.justgiving.com/nickclaydon](http://www.justgiving.com/nickclaydon) or if you would rather sponsor offline contact Nick at [info@boedromion.co.uk](mailto:info@boedromion.co.uk).

## The Biggest Dance Festival So Far

On January 31st the Sports Hall at Vernon Holme term hosted the annual Canterbury Schools' Dance Festival, which had its biggest turn out to date.



Twelve schools in total took part (7 senior and 5 junior), including

Kent College Senior and Junior Schools, St Edmunds, Queen Elizabeth's, Barton Court, Canterbury High, Abbey, Simon Langton, Spring Grove, Chilham, Challock and St Stephens. The evening was a huge success and £607 was raised in support of Chaucer's house charity, S.P.A.R.K.S.

The Junior school performed 2 dances in total, comprising two modern pieces to, 'Can't Stop the Beat' from the Hairspray Soundtrack and 'Wild Child' by Iggy Pop. Students demonstrated excellent timing and performance skills in both dances.

The Senior School also performed two dances, one by three Year 10 students and the other by the GCSE dance group.

Sarah Heathfield, Beth Moore and Hannah Downie performed a piece called 'Rag Dolls' to a song called 'Heart Broken'. This was a modern dance, which combined a variety of movements to develop an exciting and energetic performance piece.

The GCSE dance group closed the show with a contemporary dance based on the GCSE set work 'Bird Song' by Siobhan Davies. This combined with the idea of anatomy to give the piece an individual quality. A selection of motifs were adapted and combined with students' own choreography to develop a highly technical performance.

The most memorable performances from other schools included:

Jungle Rhythm – A highly energetic performance with excellent costumes from St Stephen's Junior School.

Peace and Unity – A contemporary piece performed by two Sixth Form students at Simon Langton.

Irish – A duet performed by two talented dancers from Barton Court.

As well as these, other dance themes focused on Harvest, 'Fosse' style, Mo-Town, Jive, Street and Modern.

Thanks go to Trevor Stevenson, Ian Lander and his technical crew, Ross Turner and Susannah Parker for the lighting and sound; also to Mrs Balsdon, Alice Baker and a crew of helpers for their work backstage, without whom this show would not have been possible.

**Miss Angela Bennett**

## Mega-Bunny arrives at the KC Farm



It's rumoured that Mrs Collins did some weights training before picking up the latest arrival at the farm. Apparently this sweet little thing is called Blossom. Aficionados of Watership Down might think that Bigwig or General Woundwort would be more appropriate.

## KC signs up for more Healthy Eating

With all the concern being expressed in the media about the nation's diet and the growth of obesity it is important that KC continues to offer healthy and nutritious food to all our pupils. It is recognised that our catering already follows excellent practice but it was felt that there may be some areas which might benefit from carefully considered change.

To review this a working party has been established with representatives selected to speak for various groups of stakeholders – Domestic Services, Teachers, Bursar's Office and, importantly, Pupils. A survey will be undertaken of good practice in other schools and colleges, in both the independent and maintained sectors.

In the meantime a number of action points were identified for quick implementation. Fizzy drinks will be phased out of the Tuck Shop by Easter and sausage rolls and pasties will also go, to be replaced by other offerings that can satisfy teenage hunger without high levels of fat, sugar and salt. PE staff will be asked to recommend good energy snacks.

It was also recognised that Boarding House Tuck Shops and vending machines need to be brought within the remit of the group.

The group will continue to meet on a regular basis.

## Spring has Sprung!

We have been very busy at the farm over the last few weeks due to an early lambing season. This year has been very successful and we now only have two ewes left to lamb. After a slightly shaky start we have had a much lower loss rate compared to last year, with all of the ewes producing at least one if not two strong healthy lambs. They are all out in the field now, bouncing around in the sunshine, so anyone wishing to see them can walk up the lane and take a look.

We have lots of projects on the go at the moment, now that the weather is improving. One of these is our Young Farmers Club garden, situated just to the left of the Moat playing field entrance. This plot of ground has now been cleared and marked out ready for planting. During Saturday morning farming sessions, the Young Farmers have been potting out seeds to take home and grow so that after Easter we can re-plant them in our raised bed (which should be up by then!).



We are also (finally!) redeveloping the pond area. Farm Prefect Antony Rudgard-Redsell is heading this project up and we are hoping to make a poultry haven out of the area. The enclosed pond area is being enlarged so that we can plant some interesting shrubs for the birds to explore. We also hope to re-dig and level the pond itself and mend the liner so that the water will stay in the pond! We are also going to install a mobile chicken house in the field, so that all the birds can be contained and not get run over trying to cross the road.

Anyone passing the farm will notice our new-look front entrance. We now have a double-gated entrance to allow larger feed lorries to get into the yard and fill up our new bulk feed tank. This redevelopment will not only reduce our feed costs but has also improved the whole look of the front yard, which is now brighter, tidier and more welcoming.



We are still gathering information regarding our expanding equine facilities, so anyone who has not yet replied please don't forget to do so. Any views/opinions gratefully received!

Date for your diary – 24th May 2008. We will be holding an open day and mini country fair at the farm. Please come along to see all our new babies and support our Young Farmers, who will be showing their animals too!

**Miss Beatrice Boyle**  
Farm Assistant

# News from the Old Canterburian Club

## Enthronement of the New Bishop of Worcester



On Saturday 1st March, the Feast of St David, the Right Reverend Dr John Inge was enthroned as the 113th Bishop of Worcester in Worcester Cathedral by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Venerable Sheila Watson. Bishop John takes his place in a

long succession of faithful pastors, which dates from the seventh century and includes the great reforming bishops St Dunstan and St Oswald in Saxon times, St Wulfstan in this the millennium year of his birth, and the Reformation martyr Hugh Latimer.

The enthronement followed ancient traditions with the Archdeacon formally placing Bishop John in the "cathedra", the teaching seat in the Cathedral. In accordance with local custom, Bishop John swore his oath on a copy of John Wycliffe's translation of the New Testament, a beautifully decorated 15th century manuscript kept in the Cathedral Library. During the service, which was attended by 1,500 people, the Bishop washed the feet of twelve representative members of the Diocese, emphasising that his ministry is patterned on the example of Christ who came not to be served but to serve. In his address the Bishop spoke of the three 'hums', humility, humour and humanity, and said that greatness comes from serving and loving one another. A final blessing at the West Door of the Cathedral and the release of balloons marked the end of the ceremony.

John Inge was a pupil at Kent College from 1966 until 1973 when he left to study at St Chad's College Durham, before training for the ministry at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Representing the School were the Old Canterburian Liaison Officer, who accompanied Mrs Audrey Charlesworth, the widow of Bishop John's housemaster.

Among his contemporaries from Kent College present at the ceremony were Guy Norfolk, Mark Wyatt and Stephen Page.

It was as Bishop of Huntingdon that John presented the prizes at Speech Day in 2004; we look forward to welcoming him back to his alma mater in the near future.

**Dr Gerald Colson**

## Gap Year Adventure



*Simon Hare, Lucy Stewart, Georgie Laslett, Charlie Hayward, Ben Wreford and Abi Knight meet up during gap year travels on The Great Barrier Reef, Eastern Australia*

## Kent College Choristers Declared Choir of the Day!

Kent College Choristers took part in the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year Area Selection at the Anvil Theatre Basingstoke on Saturday 1st March.

There were twelve children's choirs competing at Basingstoke from all over the South of England, having been selected from two hundred choirs that had taken part in the first round of the competition.

KC Choristers were on top form and really wowed the audience with their exciting and moving programme. After an upbeat introduction given by Adam McKernan-Dawson they began with 'Ching-Ring Chaw', which really set the standard with its fast pace and clear diction. The lyrical 'Return of the Magi' provided a beautiful contrast to the opening piece with a lovely solo from Russell Greenhill. The arrangement of 'Cockles and Mussels', written especially for us, suited the talents of our Choristers perfectly, with fantastic solos from Hugh Boyd-Jones, Rebecca Weston and Elizabeth Baker, some wonderful harmonies from the 2nds and 3rds and a stunning top C! All this with some dramatic choreography as well, proved quite a winner with the audience. Finally the choir ended with Cantemos a Maria, showing off their Spanish and their ability to move with the music and clap against it, with terrific percussion accompaniment from Alastair Blackwood (drum) and Harvey Almond (guiro).

In the adjudication, one of the judges said she was still tingling after our performance, which seemed like a good sign!

It was a wonderful moment when we were announced as one of the Choirs of the Day.

This means we are through to the next round, when the judges will listen to recordings of all the Choirs of the Day from the different venues across the country. From these they will select six children's choirs to go through to the finals, which take place next November in Liverpool. Watch this space!

It was a great day; we enjoyed listening to all the other choirs and gained valuable performing experience in a large venue. Many thanks to all our supporters for making the journey and for cheering us on. It really helped to hear you while we were up on stage and gave us that extra boost of confidence.

**Mrs Jackie Spencer**

## Disconcerting and Convincing

Two powerful and disturbing pieces of drama were performed in the last week of the term in the Drama Studio by our Sixth Form Theatre Studies students.

Two compellingly convincing performances made the lower-sixth production of 'night, Mother' – a Pulitzer prize-winning play by Marsha Norman – a memorable experience for all who witnessed it. Widowed Thelma lives with her grown-up daughter Jessie, sharing a humdrum existence until Jessie (played by Emma Boggia) finds her late father's pistol and calmly announces her intention of killing herself that evening. At first dismissively disbelieving, Thelma (Aimee Lloyd) finds herself attempting to dissuade her daughter with ever-increasing desperation, once the true reality of the horror sinks in. At the play's shattering climax, Jessie quietly shuts her bedroom door with a quiet " 'night, Mother", as Thelma pleads hysterically. The final gunshot was as much a shock to the audience as to the emotionally shattered Thelma.

The upper-sixth performed The Mutilation of Liberation, their interpretation of David Mamet's disconcerting play, Edmond. Symbolised by a golden-bladed knife, the group took as their central theme the growth, abuse and eventual loss of the central character's power, to recount the journey of a white-collar worker who embarks on a personal odyssey through the city's seedy underbelly of bars, hookers, con-men and pimps. Invigorated by an act of mindless violence, his quest for self-realisation and destiny leads him to prison and an uncertain peace. This challenging piece of theatre was put-together and effectively performed in minimalistic style as a tight ensemble-piece by Tim Bates, Talyssa Mensah, Henry Nowikow, Jon Heywood, and Ross Turner.

Mr Huw Jones



## German Exchange 2008

Another year, another exchange – today we said farewell to our German friends after spending the best part of a month together, and each year more and more Kent College pupils return for the second, third or in some cases, fifth time. I have no doubt that some will become life-long friends. A teenage exchange is such an enriching experience: there is no better way to break down cultural barriers, to develop independence and confidence, and to progress comprehension and speaking skills, not to mention the amount of fun to be had! It is quite apparent to a language teacher when a pupil has been on even one exchange visit, and of course each time the benefits multiply.

The best testimony has to be some of the comments made by our pupils on our return home. 'Best trip yet. It was so much fun'. 'Fantastic trip, amazing hospitality and lots of food. I look forward to coming back next year.' 'The German exchange has been the best trip of the year. Absolutely fantastic – already looking forward to next year.' 'Really fun! Recommend to all!' 'An excellent trip. The people in Germany are really nice. Definitely looking forward to another visit.' 'First exchange. Really nice family. It got better and better as I got to know them!! Improved my German!! Looking forward to next year.'



As for me, the comments above are the best reward. Or when I stand in the entrance hall and watch all the sad goodbyes – even tears! At that moment I know I have achieved my goal!

Mrs Helen Goddard

## Ola Valencia

On the afternoon of Wednesday February 20th a small group of around 13 students and 3 teachers left for the airport to catch a flight to Valencia, Spain. Before we knew, we were landing in Valencia. Mrs Alonso-Harris had booked a hotel near the beach, a short train and tram ride from the airport. We got off in what seemed the middle of nowhere, but Mrs Alonso-Harris walked on confidently with us trailing behind with our suitcases. On nearing the hotel a strong smell of the sea and the fishyness that goes with it greeted us and we were all very glad to get inside the welcoming doors of Hotel Chicote, a small but well run family hotel.

Starving after our day's travel we quickly headed out to explore the area. To our huge disappointment everything was already closed! However, we found 'telepizza' which although it wasn't the best Spanish cuisine, managed to satisfy most of the hungry travellers for a very cheap price! The next day, after an early breakfast which tested our Spanish, we headed for the centre. Theo and Greg successfully bought the tickets for the bus to the newly built City of the Arts and Science Museums, where due to popular demand we visited the large aquarium with a wonderful dolphin show, seals and whales being but some of the attractions. After lunch we went to see an exhibition being held in the Museum on the Titanic which definitely captured some of the girls' attention. Once we had dragged the last few teary girls out of the exhibition we embarked on a small train tour around the site of the museum, admiring the impressive, modern architecture.

All day everyone had been looking forward to dinner because for some it would be their first time trying authentic "paella", a typical Spanish dish. We all settled down and enjoyed our individual paellas, then had a relaxing evening round the table "a la española". On Friday, after a quick paddle in the sea, and a cultural tour of the city, the girls had been promised an afternoon of shopping, as long as they could make themselves understood in the shops. After what was for some a tiring day we headed back to the hotel for a short "siesta" before dinner in a local restaurant. Local fish dishes and more paella were ordered but the clear favourite were the calamari starters. Everyone was really sad to have to be returning home after such a wonderful holiday away with perfect weather and having practiced so much Spanish.

Charlotte Wyeth

## KC Teacher co-writes New Biology Textbook



Frank Sochacki, the Head of Biology at Kent College, has recently seen the publication of his first book. Frank has written three of the five modules in the new AS level Biology textbook. The book has been written to match the new A-level specification starting in September. The text is exclusively endorsed by Examination Board OCR and is likely to become the standard text for students studying OCR Biology.

Frank took his MA at Oxford and his MSc at London University. He has been a senior examiner for a number of years and was approached by the publishers to write the new book. 'The book is written by examiners for the students' says Frank, 'it is great to see the culmination of 15 months' work in print. I am very pleased with the way the book has turned out.'

Frank also contributed to the Student Café CD Rom that accompanies the book. This includes advice to students about how to survive the transition from GCSE to AS level, advice on study skills and example examination questions with feedback about where candidates frequently make mistakes. 'I drew on my experience as an examiner and of teaching Biology at KC' commented Frank.

Frank is now working on the A2 textbook which he expects will see the light of day early next year.

# Sports Results

## Cross Country

In the Kent Cross Country Championships on January 5th the KC runners performed very well. In the Under 13 Girls' race Annabel Carter finished 11th. Jack Balsdon ran an excellent race to win the Under 13 Boys' championship with Louis Duprez in 12th place. Beth Carter continued her excellent season by demolishing the field in the Girls' Under 17 race, finishing a full minute ahead of her nearest rival, and Donald Carter finished 23rd in the Under 20 race.

The following weekend Beth, still only 15, represented England Under 20 Ladies in an international event in Spain. She was the first English runner home, finishing in an excellent 2nd place and leading the England team to victory. This is an outstanding achievement and emphasises Beth's potential.

Beth continued her winning ways in the Southern Counties Under 17 Championships, held at Parliament Hill on January 26th.

In the National Club Cross Country Championships KC was well represented. In the girls' Under 17 race Beth Carter finished in an outstanding 4th place. In the Under 13 boys' race Jack Balsdon finished in an excellent 17th place. In the Under 15 girls' Rebecca



*Donald*



*Nice and clean before the race*



*Beth*

Weston finished 31st. Donald Carter, Annabel Carter and Louis Duprez also ran well to finish in the top 200 out of 400 in each race.

In the English Schools Cross Country Championships four KC athletes represented Kent. In the Under 15 girls race Rebecca Weston finished in a creditable 41st place. Jack Balsdon finished in 98th place in the Under 15 boys race and in the Under 17 girls Beth Carter finished in an excellent 6th place. In the Senior boys race Donald Carter finished in 186th place. Well done to all four.

## Girls' Hockey

### National Under 16 Plate Competition 1st round v Ashford School

Won 11-0

### 2nd round v Tunbridge Wells GS

Won 9-0

(An exceptional performance against TWGGS which sees our girls progress to the last 16.)

In the County Under 13 tournament the KC team played very well to finish top of their group after wins against The Weald, Gravesend and Langley Park. In the quarter final we lost to Sutton Valence on penalty strokes.

In the Under 13 mini-hockey tournament the KC girls finished top of their group with wins over Kings 'B', Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club 'B' and Sevenoaks Hockey Club. In the quarter final they defeated the Sevenoaks H.C. 'B' team and in a closely fought semi final against Tunbridge Wells H.C. 'A' they lost 1-2.

## A Fistful of Medals for Alfie

12-year old KC pupil Alfie Goldsmith had an excellent weekend at the Disability Sport Events National Junior Swimming Championships held in Sheffield over the weekend. Alfie swam in eight races and was in medal position in all of them, amassing one Gold, five Silver



and two Bronze. The South Eastern Region that Alfie was representing came second overall in the weekend's events, being pipped to first place by Eastern Region.

British Swimming have told Alfie that they want him back in Sheffield in April so that he can have an IPC (International Qualification) which will allow him to swim internationally. At the same time he will take part in the Beijing qualifiers. He is believed to be the second best swimmer in his category in the country.

## Swimming

Casey Harte (Year 8) has won the Gold Medal for his age group in the 50m butterfly race in the Kent Gala.

## Netball

### v Simon Langton

Under 14	Won 23-3
Under 15	Lost 8-22
2nd VII	Lost 4-12
1st VII	Won 19-1

### v Duke of Yorks

Under 12	Won 13-3
Under 13	Won 13-7
Under 14	Won 23-1
Under 15	Drew 8-8
3rd VII	Won 14-12
2nd VII	Lost 11-17
1st VII	Lost 23-38

### v Cranbrook

Under 14B	Lost 6-15
Under 14A	Won 21-15
Under 15	Lost 11-14
3rd VII	Lost 4-17
2nd VII	Lost 15-20
1st VII	Won 30-29

### v King's Canterbury

Under 14	Lost 9-39
Under 15	Won 20-15

### v Queen Elizabeth's

Under 12	Won 23-1
Under 13	Won 12-2
Under 14	Won 24-2
Under 15	Won 16-4
1st VII	Won 33-16

### v Barton Court

2nd VII Won 33-3

### v Ashford School

Under 12	Won 16-5
Under 13	Lost 12-20
Under 14	Won 12-6
Under 15	Drew 13-13

### v Canterbury HS

Under 15 Won 37-2

In the Cranbrook Under 16 tournament the team played well to finish 3rd in their section, only losing to strong Benenden and KC Pembury teams.

In the District competitions the Year 9 & 10 teams were placed third. However our strong Year 8 team beat Simon Langton to finish first.

In the County Under 12 Tournament the KC girls played exceptionally well to finish second in their group. In the quarter final they continued in fine form and beat Darrick Wood 14-0. The semi-final saw a very tight game against a strong Sutton Valence team. The KC team came through with a nail-biting golden goal. In the final they were unfortunate to go down 2-5 to Sevenoaks School. Nevertheless, to finish runners-up in Kent is an amazing effort and achievement out of 54 schools.



## Boys' Hockey

*Pictures from the Frank Mason Tournament*



*Matt receives the trophy*



*Harry holds up the Cup*



*The team celebrates*

### v Chatham House

Under 12	Won 10-0
2nd XI	Lost 2-3
1st XI	Won 12-0

### v Sutton Valence

Under 12	Drew 1-1
Under 13	Lost 2-4
Under 14	Lost 0-6
Under 15	Won 5-0
2nd XI	Lost 0-4
1st XI	Won 7-0

### v Duke of Yorks

(Under 16 Kent Cup) Won 4-0

### v Borden Grammar

Under 12	Won 4-1
Under 13	Won 6-1
Under 14	Won 5-0

### v King's Canterbury

Under 15	Won 8-0
2nd XI	Lost 1-3
1st XI	Won 3-1

### v St Lawrence College

Under 12	Won 8-0
Under 13	Won 3-1
2nd XI (v St Lawrence 1st XI)	Lost 1-2

### v Harvey Grammar

1st XI	Won 13-0
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### v St Edmunds

Under 14	Won 4-1
Under 15	Won 3-1
2nd XI	Lost 0-2
1st XI	Won 9-0

### v Langley Park

Under 14	Lost 2-5
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### v Sutton Valence

(Under 16 Kent Cup) Lost 3-4

### v Simon Langton

Under 12	Won 1-0
Under 13	Drew 0-0
Under 14	Lost 0-2
Under 15	Won 4-2
2nd XI	Lost 0-5
1st XI	Won 4-1

### v Sir Roger Manwoods

Under 12B	Won 3-2
Under 12A	Won 10-0
Under 14	Won 1-0

The Under 18 team played very well to reach the County final, following a quarter final 6-1 win over Cranbrook and a 4-0 victory over Sutton Valence in the semi-final. In an exciting and closely-fought final the team went down 0-2 to a very strong Langley

Park team. The KC boys played with great spirit and never gave up. Diccon Stubbings was named 'Man of the Match' for a series of outstanding saves.

In the Peter Firminger Cup the Under 15 team played very well to finish top of their group without conceding a goal. In the quarter final they were unlucky not to score against Kings and lost on penalty strokes.

In the Frank Mason Tournament the 1st XI started very slowly and improved as the day progressed. Finishing second in their group meant a quarter final against our familiar nemesis, Langley Park. This time round revenge was sweet as, with Diccon Stubbings again outstanding in goal, the KC team managed to win 3-2 after strokes. They then defeated Norton Knatchbull 2-1 in the semi-final and played some superb hockey to beat a powerful Tonbridge side 2-0 in the final, thus retaining the trophy won last year. Ben Ludlow was named Player of the Tournament.

In the Under 13 mini-hockey championships the KC team eased through the group stages to finish top without conceding a goal. In the quarter final they defeated Ashford 2-0 and then accounted for Canterbury Hockey Club 1-0 in the semi final. In a very close final against Langley Park the team fought hard to win 3-2. Jack Balsdon was named Player of the Tournament.

## England Hockey Stars

Congratulations to Grace Balsdon and Diccon Stubbings who made their England debut for the Under



16 teams against Ireland at half term. Diccon will be representing England in the four nations tournament in Germany at Easter and Grace is hoping to be selected for the European Championships in the summer in The Hague.

# Sports Results

## 1st XI against King's School Canterbury, Sutton Valence & Langley Park



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