

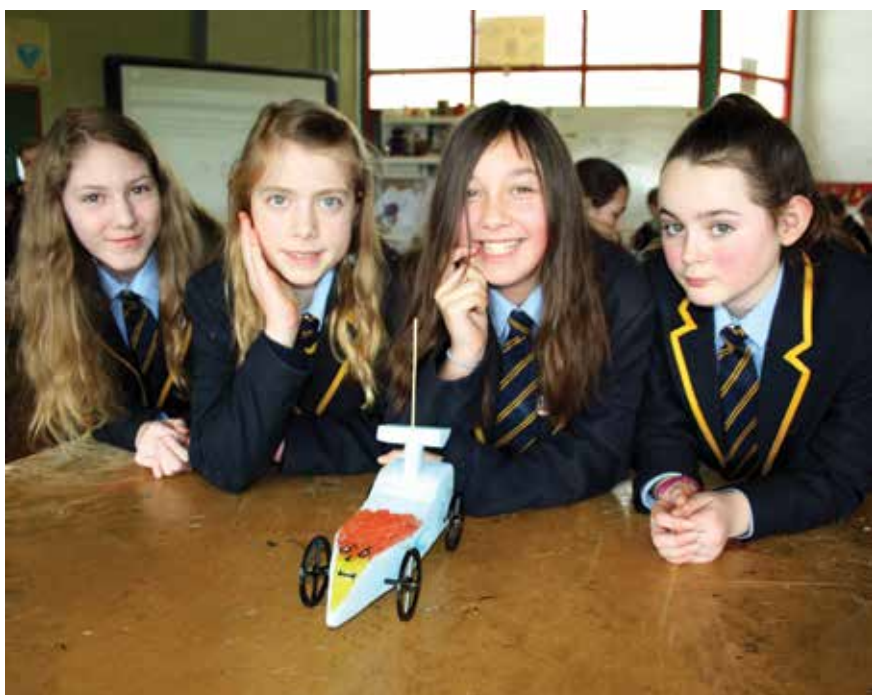
SUMMER 2018

## Inspiring tomorrow's engineers and scientists

Just how fast can a rocket powered car made of foam go?

Year 7s have been taking part in The Race for the Line competition this year. This is a national rocket car racing competition involving around 70,000 Year 7s in England, Scotland and Wales. The competition aims to encourage and motivate more young people to enjoy and study Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects at school and then at university.

A visiting Rocketeer from the Army, one of the competition's partners, came into school to test the cars with their rockets, and the most successful students accompanied Mr Dixon to the regional finals at RAF Cosford in May.





It has been another busy, exciting and highly productive year across the Kingstone Academy schools. The numbers of students on roll at both schools has grown significantly over the last two years, making for a much more dynamic atmosphere.

We started the year with news of the Primary School's improved Ofsted rating and impressive GCSE grades at the High School, and are ending the year having just received excellent SATS results at the Primary school. We have seen a number of artistic, academic, performing and sporting successes across the two schools throughout the year, reaching several finals and winning awards for debating and sports. As schools we are now hosting a good number of events and festivals for groups of schools. Our students practise their leadership skills by helping with the organisation and management of these events. They have received great feedback from a number of quarters for the way that they have conducted themselves. Learning skills such as these will be useful to them in whatever career they decide to pursue.

At the end of a school year, we use the time freed up after

the Year 11 students leave to plan for the following year. From September 2018 we will see the re-launching of the house system at the high school. We have renamed the houses to Eagle, Falcon, Kestrel and Hawk, following a vote carried out by the students. All students will now be put into new houses, but no students will need to move form as under the new system, each form will contain students who are in all four houses.

The Pastoral provision is also changing slightly with Mr Bufton joining Mrs Darcy and Mrs Butler as the main point of contact for Year 9. Mrs Butler will continue to work with Year 10 & 11 and Mrs Darcy with Year 7 & 8.

Every new academic year unveils a exciting chapter in the history of the Kingstone schools and we believe that this coming year will be no exception. We are constantly reviewing everything that we do here in order that we can improve all aspects of our service. Positive offers of help and support from parents will never be turned down, so please get in touch if you have ideas.

Every school is dependent on its community of students, parents and teachers for its success. As a team we can achieve the most amazing things.

Have a great year!

**Steve Fisher, Executive Headteacher**

## Kingstone Key Values

Over the course of the year, the whole school has been promoting the 3 core Kingstone values of Perseverance, Kindness and Respect.

We have been challenging students to persevere with their different challenges, offer kindness to each other and show respect to our community and environment.

Much of the foundation work for promoting our values has been done through our form time lessons. Students have focussed on a range of interesting and relevant topics that have encouraged self-reflection and recognition of how living up to different values can help them in everyday life. In lessons and around the school building, students are reminded of our values. Students have voiced their appreciation



for the clarity of the values initiative, with the entire school community being enriched by the impact of them.

Our drop down days offer an opportunity for the whole school to look at one a topic over the course of a day with each curriculum area contributing to the wider knowledge and understanding. Our last drop down day focused on Birmingham: the Art department looked at the Bullring and the Birmingham School of Artists; Music studied the Birmingham band Black Sabbath and learned some

chords; in MFL they learnt about some of the languages spoken in Birmingham; in DT they designed a new chocolate bar for Cadburys', in Maths they mapped the canal network and in Food Technology students made some fabulous chicken Balti's – the whole school smelled amazing.

We've also been promoting British Values, with work going on throughout the year to encourage democracy, tolerance, the rule of law, respect and individual liberty. The student council was elected in the Autumn term and under the guidance of Mrs Darcy, have been instrumental in steering the school towards increased levels of waste recycling, changes to the canteen food and extracurricular sports provision. Most areas of the school now have temporary bins and boxes for recycling, which is collected each Thursday. The next non uniform day will be used to raise funds for proper recycling bins.

**Mr Cook**





## Strong Young Minds Champions

Proud Youth Champion Winners of the Herefordshire Community Champions Award 2018



## Kingstone for Charity

Kingstone is an outward looking school and working to raise money throughout the year is one of the ways we through which we look at the wider world and promote our values.

We raised a grand total of £618.00 for Save the Children by holding a Christmas Jumper day and £227 was donated to the Poppy Appeal – a most impressive total.

Mr Bufton organised a very popular staff versus students netball match raising a grand total of £241.05 in memory of Jake Perry, being split between Hereford Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

A recent event was the Kingstone High School Great British Bake Off 2018 which raised money for Stand up To Cancer, and inspired a festival of baking.

Inspired by the Channel 4 programme students from Years 7 – 9 were invited to apply for the competition before the Easter holidays giving those selected a chance to prepare – and prepare they did! Pairs of teams took to the ovens for 4 hours



creating cakes that Paul Hollywood would be proud of.

Year 7 students presented us with 12 identical cupcakes – the winners, Freya Metcalfe and Lottie Watkins (who were declared overall Star Bakers) with their rainbow cakes. Year 8s took on the challenge of a decorated sponge – the creative icing skills stealing the win for

Alfie Rock and Riley Roberts. Finally, year 9 had the toughest challenge of all – a technical challenge to rival anything Prue Leith could set – a four layer Genoese sponge, won by Stephanie Dahmane and Chloe Stevens.

Ms Rees and Mr Fisher found the judging a daunting task, but were thrilled to report that there were, “no soggy bottoms!”

Staff also took part in their own competition judged by Mrs Williams, with Mrs Powell scooping the award of ‘Star Baker’ for her fabulous tiered white chocolate and raspberry cake.

The creations were then eagerly bought and devoured by hundreds of students in a fundraising cake sale, with a grand total of £187.50 to Stand Up for Cancer. Well done to everyone who took part!



# Exploring the various career pathways

Alongside the many visits the students have undertaken, via the different curriculum subjects, they have had a busy year considering career pathways, visiting businesses and institutions, and taking part in activities inside and outside school.

The year 9's have had a Career Networking morning to enable them to interview local and national businesses about their careers, training, pay and companies etc; followed by an assembly looking at their forthcoming option choices. They have had every opportunity to try the range of subjects available to them in Year 10. They have also attended some workshops delivered by the 'Medical Mavericks' which helped them to find out about the huge range of careers available within the health service, both public and private. These were very hands-on and interactive, creating a real buzz.

Our Year 10s visited the Three Counties Showground, in Malvern, to look at the range of local businesses across the three Counties: Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. There were also universities and national companies represented.

In July they went on the Three Colleges Taster visit which gave them chance to try out 1 or 2 courses/vocations they could be interested in at Hereford Sixth Form, Herefordshire and Ludlow College (including Holme Lacy) and the Hereford



College of Arts. Added to this they visited Worcester University to find out about life as a student, and heard about Finance England and funding help/loans. They have also explored apprenticeships, listened to visiting speakers and found out about the 'entry requirements' for different careers.

In June the Year 10s took part in a CV workshop to help them prepare for any applications they might want to make, either for apprenticeships or for part-time jobs. They will finish the school year with 4 days of work experience and a taste of the 'real' world.

Our Year 11s have all had a 1 to 1 careers appointment with Mrs Dee Waters, our independent Careers Adviser,

and can have follow up appointments as required. They had a Mock Interview day, early in the year, when local businesses and colleges gave their time to let them experience what an interview might feel like, and develop their skills. The students prepared for their interviews, chose their interview clothes, and were all really well presented on the day. Our interviewers were impressed by our students and their answers.

Students in Years 9 to 11, their parents/carers and the community, had chance to attend our Careers Fair in November when businesses/colleges/universities and Training Providers gathered together to offer information and advice about Post 16 choices.

Career packages are available for use, free of charge, to help all students and their parents/carers explore different career pathways and to find out which careers are the most employable and where they are geographically. Please access our careers section on the school website for details of the different sites. Students can make an appointment to see our Careers Adviser, or 'drop-in' between lessons on a Monday.

## Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum near Gloucester

The Environment and Land Based Science group went to Westonbirt Arboretum near Gloucester in October 2017 to look behind the scenes of an arboretum. We researched the way science and technology are used in the work of an arboretum and also the different jobs available through the Forestry Commission. Many of the 500,000 visitors a year go to see the autumn colour which is world renowned.

**Tom Garlick**





# KINGSTONE YEAR 11 PROM







# Mathematics Trip to Disneyland

Year 9s set out on the Mathematics Trip to Disneyland, Paris, early one January morning. Before the coach had even set off, one young lady mentioned that she felt sick, but we determined that it was nerves and the excitement of the trip. In fact not one student was ill on the long journey by coach and Eurotunnel.

The coach drivers were brilliant and each destination was reached on time – it was the first time that the school had crossed the channel at the appointed hour! Another four hours travelling in France and Hotel Cheyenne was in sight. Off to Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show for an evening of entertainment followed by a walk back to the rooms.

The staff were hoping all students would be tired and ready for some sleep – this was not so! Even when the students were informed that it would be an early morning call at 6.00am, they were still keen to keep talking. Eventually all was quiet and the staff had a couple of hours sleep before knocking on the relevant doors – this time waking the students. After breakfast, there was time for some rides in the Disneyland Park before the first seminar. A return to the park for testing and calculating some more rides before returning to the workshop to design a rollercoaster ride for Disneyland.

The Disney Parade takes place in all weathers and on this Wednesday, the Disney characters smiled through the wind and rain. The staff then took a group of very wet youngsters to find their own dinner in the Disneyland village. Some students were very keen to try out their use of the French Language.

The second morning was brighter although following the early morning seminar there was a snow storm. With the students excited about the Rock'n'Roller Coaster ride and The Tower of Terror, no adverse weather was going to stop them getting to the Disneyland Studio Park. The stunt show was at 2pm with cars and bikes flying through the air. Some students were lucky enough to have their photograph taken with the stunt drivers.

Leon's birthday was then celebrated in Planet Hollywood with song, cake, candle and Leon's name up in lights. On the return to the hotel, Leon was presented with a few birthday presents and messages from his fellow students. Breakfast time on Friday and the students were looking a little worn-out. Surely it would be a quiet journey back to Kingstone. No, of course not. Movies and songs with the coach driver once again making good time. Richard, our driver was brilliant, especially when he diverted to ensure Gracie met up with her parents for a weekend break. Our students were also brilliant – trying out the language, using their Mathematics, remembering their manners even when tired and keeping the coach clean. It was a delight to accompany them to Disneyland, Paris.

**Mrs Williams**

# UKMT – Individual Competitions

The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are challenging and thought provoking multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate mathematical thinking. As a school a number of pupils take part in both the Intermediate and Junior Maths Challenges.

In the intermediate Papers we had success with the following pupils

## Year 11

- Tyler Arnold- Best in School- Silver Award
- Joe Evans –Silver award
- Luke Camlibel – Silver award
- Tom Garlick – Bronze award
- Fred Lawrence – Bronze award
- Harriet Hastings – Bronze award
- Bobby White – Bronze award

## Year 10

- Malik Kellow – Best in Year – Bronze award
- Fynn Davies – Bronze award
- James Casewell – Bronze award
- Faith Cooke – Bronze award

## And in the Junior Papers

### Year 8

- Morgan Tyler - Best in school – Gold award
- Ben Phipps-Booy – Silver award
- Joshua Duggan – Silver award
- Luke Edwards – Silver award



- Jack Anderson – Silver award
- Nathan McMillan – Bronze award
- Chris Pitcher – Bronze award

- Lucas New – Bronze award
- Adam Lloyd – Bronze award
- Todd Wathen – Bronze award
- Emilie Ross-Hoffman – Bronze award
- Katie Burt – Bronze award

## Year 7

- Zoe Fogg - Best in Year – Silver award
- Emma Krtilova – Silver award
- Freya Metcalfe – Silver award
- Barnaby Williams – Bronze award
- Ty Wallace – Bronze award
- Esme Ackroyd – Bronze award
- Iustin Tamasanu – Bronze award

The UKMT have been running the follow on round - The Junior Kangaroo since 2015 and for the first time we have had a pupil qualify for the Kangaroo papers – Morgan Tyler year 8. He sat the more challenging paper and has achieved a score of 114/135 – gaining a Merit certificate. Well done Morgan!

## UKMT Team competition at Earl Mortimer School

The team comprised of Katie Burt, Ben Phipps-Booy, Nathan McMillan and Chris Pitcher. They were also up against some tough teams from the area and all came away having been challenged in their mathematical thinking.



## Maths Feast at Lucton School

We went to Lucton School to participate in the Maths Feast competition. At the event, our school representatives were split into two teams. Each challenge was designed for a different skill set that challenged your mathematical skills.

Personally, we found the competition fairly challenging but it allowed us to grow in confidence and work as a team. Furthermore, we were able to meet new people from the schools around Herefordshire and their teachers, who supported our teams. As the competition went on the challenges became progressively harder. There were a range of tasks that needed a range of different mathematical and logical skills.

Towards the end of the competition we were rewarded with hot drinks and a selection of cakes and biscuits because after all it was a cold, wintery morning. When the winners were announced we were supplied with a 'Maths Rules' badge and a certificate. Overall, it was very good experience that expanded our knowledge of maths. We were very proud that our school came in 4th place against many other teams including some private schools.

### Hollie Preece and Alicia Smith, Year 10

The year 10 representing the school were: Alicia Smith, Hollie Preece, Jake Woorwood, Malik Kellow, James Casewell, Fynn Davies, Louise Ross-Hoffman and Freddi Wiltshire.





# Another terrific year for the English Department

As always, students were keen to participate in a range of English competitions: English Speaking Competition, Performing Shakespeare, Ledbury Poetry Festival, Hay Festival and Carnegie Award. We also managed to squeeze in a visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon – educational and fun at the same time.

Thank you for all of the English students who helped to make this a fantastic year for all.

**English Team**



**Carnegie Award**



**Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon**



**Year 7 Carnegie students**

Front row: O Reed, A Lloyd, N Tobin, M Kennerley  
Back row: J Hanson, C Watkins, I Barton, Z King, J Louden, J Lewin, E Akroyd, Z Fogg



Back Row: Z Fogg, E Akroyd, A Lloyd, C Powell, A Williams, L Freeman-Brewer, L Tamasanu  
Front row: F Cripps, E Hobbs, B Cummings, B Griffiths





## Books! Books! More books!

WELCOME  
TO KINGSTONE HIGH  
SCHOOL LIBRARY  
2018

The start of this academic year saw Kingstone High School join up with the School Library Service, as thanks to our school librarian friend Rachel Ayers-Nelson at Hereford Cathedral School, we were put in touch with Louise Gerrish who runs the service and came to visit.

After trawling through our book shelves and noticing what wasn't there, we filled in the order form for 400 brand new books.

Over the course of the past 8 months, Kingstone has taken delivery of 16 boxes, each filled with 25 new paperbacks. The students have been delighted as they helped us unpack the literacy feast. One Year 11 remarked "It's just like Christmas" and it has been, with so many shiny new covers all revealing their authors' storylines.

We have also had to delve in to our imaginations and our pockets, as the School Library Service needs to be paid for, so last October, we held a non-uniform day. During the year we have also had several cake sales along with a couple of very generous donations from families. The PTA rose magnificently to the call and donated funds to help us reach our target of £750, so thank you to all involved. We are now in the process of looking to raise more money for the next academic year, so that we not only get another large quantity of new books, but also get the expertise and guidance of the School Library Service which has given us so much help over this past year.

The Scholastic Book Fair also proved really popular. We raised a fantastic £351.74 overall, which means that we earned £175 worth of brand new fiction and non-fiction books for the school library.

It's been a really positive year for the library. It is open at second break and lunchtime every day. Now we just need to keep it going, so any fund raising ideas will be more than welcome!

**Mrs Carletti and Mrs Seymour**



## Thanks to our Library volunteers

This year, the English team has had the pleasure of an ex-student returning to us. Martha Addis has been completing a year's internship with us; Miss Addis is on her third year placement from Loughborough University where she is studying for an English and Publishing degree. Miss Addis has been working extremely hard promoting the library, the English department and Whole School Literacy, as well as numerous other roles within the school. We would like to publicly thank Miss Addis for her efforts this year and we wish her all the best for her final year at University.

We also have Amanda Loudon, a parent of the school, who is also volunteering in our School Library. Mrs Loudon's enthusiasm is helping to raise the profile of reading and encourage more students to sample the delights of our Library. Thank you to Mrs Loudon for her time and energy!

If you are interested in volunteering in the English department, or in the School library, then please contact the school. We would be delighted to hear from you.

**Mrs Finch and the English team**



**Martha Addis**

**Amanda Loudon**





## Developing Artistic Practice

Year 10 Art students have benefited greatly from practitioner visits from Hereford College of Arts tutors and from their trip to see the HCA final show.

Earlier in the year Sunny Todd of [sunnytoddprints.co.uk](http://sunnytoddprints.co.uk) came into school to show them how print design can be developed. Students were wowed by his bold prints and exciting use of colour. Sophie said "It was interesting to see how he had made a big career out of pattern" and "he showed that you didn't have to draw to be an artist."

Andrew Graham, also from HCA, came in to do a letter press workshop. Noleen said "it inspired me to be more

creative in my work" and said "it inspired her to try different backgrounds for her printing work". Alex said he gained valuable technical skills "learning how to use less ink made my printing more effective."







## The Arts Award

The Arts Award is run through a lunchtime and afterschool club by Mr Major. It inspires young people to excel in their art skills and allows them to be creative, and also to develop new skill sets and ideas.

We participated in the Arts Award during Year 9 along with two other students in our year; Sophie Rudolph and Elen Rudolph. We created a full art portfolio that showed our progress and journey through the experience. This gave us a chance to gain a valuable qualification in Year 9. The portfolio was split into four separate parts: plan, research, experimenting with our ideas, then developing them into our final piece.

Each individual chose a topic that they wanted to focus on. In our group the topics chosen were, horses, patterns, and facial features. The Arts Award has helped me personally to be inspired to carry on my growth in art. For the both of us it helped us gain confidence talking in front of people, and displaying our leadership skills when teaching and planning a lesson on our work. Furthermore, this allowed us to show our leadership skills when working in a team. Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed this experience, all of us are extremely satisfied with our portfolios. It was a great achievement and a joy to participate in.

**Hollie Preece & Sophie Field**

## Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition

The Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition has been running since 1994 and annually involves over 4,000 students from over 270 schools and 1,700 legal professional volunteers across over 40 magistrates' courts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The competition is part of the SmartLaw programme which helps improve young people's life skills, their understanding of the justice system and the legal system, and helps them to understand that the law touches every aspect of their lives.

The Competition introduces the legal system to young people in an exciting way that has a lasting impact on all those involved, while developing student's soft skills that will be of use throughout their lives. The students take on the various roles in a trial and try a case against other school with the assistance of real life magistrates, legal advisers, court staff and other legal professionals.

Year 8 and 9 students, Cameron Bryan, Will Cooper, Sophie Rees, Adam Lloyd, Alex Winney, Fynley Davies, Ffern Wordwood, Tom Stokes, Charlie-Ann Morris, Millie-Mai Jenkins, Sacha Mills-Matthews, Katie Burt, and Alicia Hughes took part this year – and were proud to win the award for Best Prosecution Team.



# Our new goals donated by the Stansfield Foundation

Students at Kingstone High School were treated to a visit by Hereford FC legend Rob Purdie just weeks after his announcement of retirement and 3 days before his final game for Hereford FC.

The school invited Rob to accept a framed Adam Stansfield Shirt on behalf of The Stansfield Foundation, who were unable to attend. The shirt will now be hung in the Sports Hall entrance a fitting lasting legacy of the support the Foundation has offered.

The Foundation, which was set up by the former Hereford number 9's family raises money to support opportunities for young people in sport as well as raising awareness of colorectal cancer. At the start of the schools' football season in January the school benefitted from a grant for four new roll on roll off g a side goals which have been in use over the season.

Peter Reed, Boys' PE teacher explained 'This enhancement in facilities has already made a huge impact. We have increased the numbers of students training, improved results on the pitch and more importantly there has been

an increase in students' excitement and commitment for the game. They will continue to be used for years to come, and are a fantastic legacy for Adam to have helped to engage so many in youth football whatever their level of previous experience.'

He added of Purdie's visit, 'We are extremely grateful to Rob for giving up his time, especially now when in such hot demand following his recent retirement. Rob shared his memories of playing with Stansfield and how he's always tried to live his career through the same mantra that hard work, attitude and application are the secrets to a long and successful career, encouraging students to remember this whether it be with their sport or school work' The buzz around the school was really special and not surprising considering the reputation that 'Mr Hereford FC' has with fans. Rob is a Hereford FC legend and more importantly is a fantastic example to young people, everyone at Kingstone High School wishes him all the best in his new career in the fire service.'



Pictured with Rob Purdie are Year 7 Football Captains Will Smith and Sheree Smith



## Academy retain the Marcus Powell Memorial Trophy

The annual football match played in memory of Marcus Powell saw Kingstone High School and Hereford Academy lock horns once again, with Academy retaining the trophy winning 3-0. Kingstone captain Will Thomas showed his class throughout, both in terms of his performance and his leadership of others. Other notable performances came from Ben Goodman (Year 10), Mackenzie Davies, Josh Innes and Aiden McShane.

Pictured are the 2 teams after the final whistle and Year 8 Kingstone student Eve Russell, Marcus's sister, who bravely spoke at the presentation of her memories of Marcus and how much he loved his football and presented the trophy to the winning captain Robbie Gore.

The team were

- Dom Mumford
- Ben Goodman
- Will Thomas – Capt
- Josh Innes
- Luke Camlibel
- Josh Harley
- Dana Devey
- Mackenzie Davies
- Aiden McShane
- Brandon Lindsay Harding

## Year 9 Rugby



The boys are looking smart in their new kit courtesy of sponsors Beyond Storage





## Yr7 Girls Rounder's Team

On Wednesday 27th June the year 7 Rounder's team had the privilege of completing at St Mary's to play in The U12 County Rounder's Tournament. During the competition we played games against Tenbury, HCS and Lady Hawkins unfortunately we didn't win, missing out by one rounder however, we all learnt lots of new tactics from the experience and can't wait to try them out against others teams still to play!

**Alice Lloyd and Colette Powell, Rounder's Captains**



**Rebecca Garlick and Emma Krtilova Year 7's made the selection for The U12's County Netball team**



**Maddie Bullock, Gracie Capel, Reanna Celozzi and Stephanie Wall Year 9, made the selection for the U14's County Netball Team**



## Cricket Report

Following a busy term of Cricket Kingstone High School's Year 7 team has ended the season county runners up, out of 13 schools entered. Following wins against John Kyrle, John Masefield, Aylestone, Whitecross & Hereford Cathedral School and a narrow loss to St Marys, the team ended the season tied top of a very competitive City & South league. With the North League also tied with 3 schools, a finals day of 6 schools was set instead of the traditional plate final and cup final. KHS topped their pool and progressed to play Lucton School in the cup final.

KHS batted first and set a target of 109 runs to win. Ollie Langford starred with the bat with 54 against John Masefield and a magnificent 64 in the final against Lucton, there were only 4 half centuries scored all day and Ollie had 2 of them! Ollie was backed up by Monty Kennerley (31 vs John Masefield) and Jake Bishop (14 vs Lucton). Xander Elms-Lester & Ollie Langford were the pick of the bowlers with Will Morris also bowling well in his first school game.

Wormelow CC has been a significant support this season, organising a cricket coach for our after school club and opening the club to host several of the school's games. Perhaps the biggest success of the season comes in the boys progression in cricket to joining Wormelow Cricket Club, having gone from 3-4 involved at the start of the season to 8-9 at the end. It's great for the school that more of the boys are regularly attending the club.

A special thanks to parents, Claire Langford & Kirsty Elms-Lester for their invaluable support hosting games, washing whites, scoring games, lifts to finals and much, much more; and a final thanks to our lead sponsor for Cricket, Mick Merrick at MSC Associates. Roll on summer 2019.

Pictured above are the team before the final league game with John Kyrle at Wormelow. Missing who later played in the final are Will Morris and Harvey Gwillim. Also featuring in some league games were Jack Jordan and Leo Asbury.

**Mr Peter Reed. Boys' PE.**

## Year 9 leadership academy

**Our Year 9 Leadership Academy**

Students have been taking an active role in supervising primary sport and the school games this year. The Year 9 leadership academy students ran a Level 2 Herefordshire School Games Kwiksticks tournament, at Kingstone, with primary schools attending from outside our traditional catchment. The event acted as great promotion of the school to the wider community. The students ran every single aspect of the competition independently and were a credit to the school. Many staff commented on the independence, confidence and helpfulness of the leaders.

Maddie Bullock writes "At Kingstone we have hosted many tournaments which have led up to the school games. We have done hockey, netball, rounders, mini tennis and sportshall athletics. At the summer games we will be doing a tag rugby minifest, where we will put on the games. The training we have had means we know how to lead them well, and by umpiring, it gives us more understanding of the sport. Over all it is great fun to be part of."

## U14 Boys Futsal Team



**U14 Boys Futsal Team in the County Futsal Final here at KHS. Thanks to kit sponsors Dene Garage Kingstone, pictured Ben Stokes; Harry Williams; Frankie Rosser; Jay Holman; Jim Blackmore; Toby Jones and Tom Crapper**





## Zulu Nation Workshop

As part of the Rhythm is a Dancer (Opening Minds Week) in June, we enjoyed a visit from Mighty Zulu Nation. They are a group of 60 individuals who travel the world, putting on displays of South African heritage music and dance. They have previously performed for the Queen - twice! Five of the group came to school and, after amazing everyone with a stunning performance of drumming and dancing, they held workshops for each class throughout the day, teaching the children some basic African dance steps. At the end of the day, all the classes came back together in the hall to see each other's dances. Elliot said:

*"I though it really cool. I liked the style of dancing and the drumming was stunning!"*



## County Maths Competition

Mrs Vigus said it was an absolute pleasure to accompany Charlie W and Phoebe (Year 5), Noah and Amy (Year 6) to a county Maths Competition at Hereford Cathedral School on Wednesday 13th June. It was Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School's first year at the competition, but that didn't hold us back, winning the competition against 18 other schools! As champions, the children were awarded a personal photo and certificate each whilst a certificate of achievement was given to the school along with an engraved trophy.

Noah said: "There were six maths tasks, like tests, but we could work together as a team to work out the answers. We were given about 15 to 30 minutes for each test. Having just completed maths SATs exams I thought the questions were harder than those tests."

## Brian Hatton Young Artist Competition

Several classes entered works of art into this year's Brian Hatton Young Artist Competition, which has been organised by Hereford College of Arts. The annual competition celebrates the life and work of Herefordshire artist, Brian Hatton and encourages children between the ages of 5 to 16 years to get involved in art in a range of ways. This year the theme was 'The Great Outdoors' and was very much open to individual interpretation.

Many children chose to do paintings or drawings of flowers and plants but Year 6 did some abstract art based on a range of landscapes. We were delighted that Emmye from Year 6 was awarded third place in the 9 to 11 year old category, and she received a £20 prize!

**Emmye receives her prize at the awards ceremony at Hereford Arts College.**



# Kingstone Pupils meet the Council Leader as part of National Democracy Week

School Council members from Kingstone High School and Hereford Cathedral School were invited to meet the Leader of Herefordshire Council for 'Leader's Question Time' at Hereford Shire Hall on Thursday 5 July. The event was organised as part of the inaugural National Democracy Week 2018, launched to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the 1928 Equal Franchise Act which gave women the same voting rights as men.

During the #TalkDemocracy event in Shire Hall's council chambers, students learned about democracy and how they can take part in decision making in their community. Councillor Jonathan Lester then told pupils how his route to becoming Leader of Herefordshire Council started through his school captaincy, followed by becoming a parish councillor at the age of 24, mayor and ward member, later becoming a cabinet member and, more recently, being elected Leader of Herefordshire Council in March 2018.

Students then took part in a 'Leader's Question Time' – and they didn't hold back in their questioning! Pupils asked how the council can engage more with young people, as well as raising important local issues, such as the impending bypass decision and demand for housing.

Mr Cook, Assistant Headteacher at Kingstone High School, said: "Leader's Question Time was a fantastic and inspiring opportunity for the Kingstone students, and a good chance for them to see the 'British Values' they learn about in action."

Councillor Lester valued the opportunity to meet the school council members: "I have met some brilliant, switched on students with a great appreciation for Herefordshire and the



issues that affect the county. The pupils have already seen how the decisions and actions of their school council can affect their school community, so this event was a great opportunity to show how democracy continues within the parish, county and country once they reach voting age."

## First DofE Awards for Kingstone (For Quite a While!)

On one of the hottest weekends of the year, 4 Year 10 girls successfully completed their assessed expedition for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Having undertaken their practice expedition last year, the girls planned their route from Hoarwithy to Fownhope on the Saturday and then from Fownhope to How Caple on the Sunday. Their route took in parts of the Wye Valley Walk and Herefordshire Trail, as well as following part of the River Wye. Despite temperatures rising above 30°C, the girls slowly but surely made their way along across the Herefordshire countryside, carrying full rucksacks, and remained in good spirits throughout. For some of the girls this was the last part they needed to complete in order to achieve their Bronze Awards, the first since the school became a Directly Licenced Centre. Well done girls!

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