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Dear Parents and Guardians

On Monday in our Cathedral service, our speaker Matt Phillips reminded us of the Chinese Proverb: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step". I reiterated this message on Wednesday in our school assembly, challenging pupils to take small steps now, to ensure that they don't need to take giant steps, or even giant leaps next Easter when exams loom. Alternatively, it might be taking a first step in a new activity or interest; getting involved in something new often takes courage to take that first step.

It is vitally important that everyone enjoys the holidays and makes the very most of their time away from the everyday demands of school life. However, for those in the middle of exam courses, it would be wise to take any small steps necessary to ensure they are in the best possible place for the start of next term. Alternatively, use the time to take a first step in something new. Take those small steps now, whilst you have a little more time.

All the very best

Jonathan Shaw
Head King's Ely Senior

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION



Over two weekends in June, 50 Year 10 students successfully completed their Bronze D of E Assessed Expedition. Four independent groups navigated their way across the Suffolk countryside over two days with an overnight campsite at Bradfield. The students demonstrated competent map reading and outdoor culinary skills and maintained their enthusiasm despite the varying weather conditions. Well done to all who took part. Thank you to Toby Humphry, Dave Kittson, Katharine Wege, Matthew Bridgman, Ben Smith, Sophie Thorpe, Millie Wickham and Mieke Hougaard for their help and support over the trips.

Martin Bray - Assistant Director of Outdoor Education



GERMAN EXCHANGE



12 of our Year 9 and 10 German students are leaving for a week in Remchingen with Mr Urwin and Mrs Hill on our second German exchange. We have an action packed week planned, including a day at Europark, Europe's biggest theme park, a morning in school, a day in Stuttgart and the Wilhelma zoo with our German hosts and a full day in the beautiful spa resort Baden-Baden.

*Neil Urwin -
Head of German*



YEAR 9 STEM SOAPBOX KART

On Saturday, at the 'Endangered Species' themed KEJ Soapbox race, some of the Year 9 STEM scholars got to show off and race the Tiger kart they have been building with Technician, Mr Jermy. The kart performed well racing with karts entered by KEJ students' families, with Elliot Bord's flawless driving and William Biggs pushing to launch, with welcome additional muscle power from their Spanish exchange buddies. Part of the task this year was to carry water in a bucket, and unfortunately, in the second heat, a bungee cord holding the Year 9 STEM team's bucket came adrift, losing the water, meaning they did not score enough points to make it through to the semi-final.

John Jermy - Senior Technician



CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

King's Ely Sixth Form student Julian Berridge travelled to Nottingham last weekend to compete in the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association England Team Selection Shoot!

Although Julian, 17, wasn't selected for the England Team he did achieve a personal best of 88 out of 100 on the second day of the trial.

Julian has been shooting for just over 2 years and is a member of the King's Ely Clay Pigeon Shooting Team and the Cambridgeshire County Team.

Julian is currently the County Junior Champion in Skeet Doubles and now has his sights set on shooting well in the Inter-Counties Competition in July.

Congratulations on the personal best Julian and best of luck for the competition

**ELY CATHEDRAL GIRLS' CHOIR**

Members of Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir who have now finished their GCSE and A Level exams were treated to a celebratory dinner by Mrs Etchegoyen!

PROM 2019

On Friday the Year 11s celebrated the end of exams with the much anticipated Prom. The finery on display would not look out of place on a Hollywood red carpet. The arrival cars were quite special too! We had great food, a candy floss machine, a photo booth, all you can eat ice cream and great music..... A great time was had by all!

*Lindsey Thompson -
Housemistress Wendreda*





ERASMUS

Our Erasmus project is in its final stage!

Our partners from La Réunion and Albacete reached Ely last Friday 20 June. This is the last mobility or trip from our exciting Erasmus project: United in Diversity. We have travelled miles to the tropical island of La Réunion, participated in the famous Spanish Carnival of Villarrobledo in order to learn from the different cultures within our European heritage. This week, all nationalities are working on our final media project competition, where 7 teams will compete to create the best video representing what it means to be United in Diversity. . . Watch this space for the final results!

Esmeralda Salgado - Head of MFL & Spanish



THE KING'S BARBERS

On Tuesday 25 June the King's Barbers travelled to Decoy Studios near Woodbridge to record their first album. It was a fantastic day and although we thought we might be able to record five tracks at the most in the end we managed to get eight onto disc. Decoy Studios is owned by Cenzo Townshend who is a producer and mixer to some of the most famous artists of our time and it was amazing to think that the Barbers were recording where Ed Sheeran, James Blunt, Florence and the Machine, Kylie and Snow Patrol to name just a few, have recorded.

The recording engineer, Robert Sellens, managed the recording session and we decided that the sound we wanted was as close as possible to a 'live sound' which reflects the energy and vitality of the group. The next stage of the recording session is mixing where Cenzo will take over and create the finished product. The Barbers would like to say thank you to parents for supporting them in this exciting venture. It certainly was a fantastic way to end an awesome year!

Peter North - Head of Vocal Studies



LEVEL 1 CLIMBING

The second round of Level 1 Climbing took place at the weekend in glorious sunshine. The climbers enjoyed some stunning conditions as they learnt foundation climbing and ropework skills for the first time.

Saturday was spent at the classic training ground of Windgather, to the west of Buxton. The climbers got a taste of moving over real rock and got stuck into the art of hand jamming.

Sunday was spent at Burbage North, a notoriously tough climbing venue with equally notorious midges.

Well done to the climbers who are on their way to completing their foundation Level 1 Rock Climbing Skills - Mya Patel, Samantha Parsons, Vikaris Tamosaitis and Findlay Hall.

Sophie Cheng - Director of Outdoor Education



STRAWBERRY TEA IN THE HILL GARDEN

Wednesday 3rd July

16:45

Activities include

- * Face-painting
- * Have your portrait painted by one of our incredibly talented artists
- * Sponge the teacher
- * Guess the teacher from his/her baby photo



For the first time ever we shall host a dog show of King's Ely's finest and cutest dogs!



King's Ely's Inaugural DOG SHOW

When? **Wednesday 3rd July**

Where? **Hill House garden**

What Time? **Judging begins at 5 pm**



Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome

Please email Mrs Newman if you would like to enter any of the following classes (Charlottenewman@kingsely.org)

- * Cutest Puppy
- * Best trick performed by a dog
- * Best junior handler(children aged 13 and under)
- * The dog that the judge would most like to take home

Each class costs **£1**, payable on the day
Certificate and tasty dog treats for the **winners!!**



BOARDERS' BBQ

Students from King's Ely Senior, International and Junior Schools enjoyed a wonderful Saturday evening last week courtesy of a delicious barbecued feast in the Hill House garden. The sun shone (finally) and the Priory and Choir House children in particular enjoyed Swingball and the boxing punch-bag; the latter has proved especially popular with Hill House girls in relieving exam stress! A "round the table" game of table tennis was hilarious as most of us played with paper plates: I think it's fair to say that the KEJ students demonstrated superior skills to their older counterparts.

We would all like to offer our sincere thanks to Mrs Jolly, Mr Logan and their superb catering team for a memorable evening.

Charlotte Newman - Housemistress Hill House



HILL HOUSE TOUR OF BUILDING SITE

The Hill House girls and staff have been intrigued to know exactly what is occurring behind the scaffolding and interior faux-walls since building works commenced in April 2019. We were therefore delighted to be offered the opportunity to tour the building site and witness the highly-skilled labour that is gradually restoring the House. Features such as fireplaces and vintage wallpaper that have been hidden from view for decades have been unveiled and newspapers from the 1960s have been discovered under floorboards. We believe that Hill House was originally built in the 18th century as a coaching inn before being converted to a boys' boarding house for King's Ely. Mr Deller, of Messenger BCR Group, patiently explained some of the processes employed by his team and we were especially keen to hear how he has re-built the portico that was severely damaged by last September's car accident.

The girls' highlight was perhaps the opportunity to don high-visibility jackets; indeed they were rather disappointed that hard hats and steel-capped boots were deemed unnecessary!

We would like to thank Mr Hart, Mrs Weller and Mr Deller for taking the time to show us around the site. We can't wait to see the finished product in September!

Charlotte Newman - Housemistress Hill House



YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER UK AWARDS

Anna Pearce is now through to the final of the Young Fashion Designer UK awards.

Saturday 29 June 2019 - Kent College Pembury

Young Fashion Designer UK is an exciting national competition which has been established since 2010. It focuses on enhancing the talent of Young Fashion Designers to showcase and promote the exceptional work achieved by A-Level students studying fashion and textile design throughout the United Kingdom.

Anna Pearce is now through to the final eight A level entries. She has entered two beautiful jacket designs using digital transfer techniques and gathering and layering effects on a woven structure. The sculptural aspects have been an integral part of her design work and have created highly individual outcomes.

Anna will be required to display the garments alongside her research and development work and there will be two separate judging slots and an interview plus a practical workshop.

We would all like to wish Anna the very best of luck with this exciting opportunity.

Alison Rhodes - Director of Art



QUALCOMM VISIT

On Friday and Monday, 60 Year 9 students visited Qualcomm in Cambridge as part of a STEM activity. For more than 30 years, Qualcomm's ideas and inventions have driven the evolution of wireless communications, connecting people more closely to information, entertainment and each other. These technologies now power the convergence of mobile communications and consumer electronics, making wireless devices and services more personal, affordable and accessible to all.

The visit started with an overview of the company and a talk about career opportunities within the company; the students were then taken round four different labs. In one of the labs, the students met a test engineer who explained how testing of the microchips was carried on and showed the students the ovens needed for the testing. In another lab, the students ventured into the anechoic chamber, which is a room void of any echoes. The students then saw a 3D printer and its use within the company was explained as well as how small devices were drawn on computer and then created with the 3D printer. Finally some students got to see a machine putting components onto circuit boards at a very high speed.

The tour ended with the students meeting three new recruits at the company who shared their experience in what made them study a STEM subject.

Audrienne Bezzina - Head of Mathematics

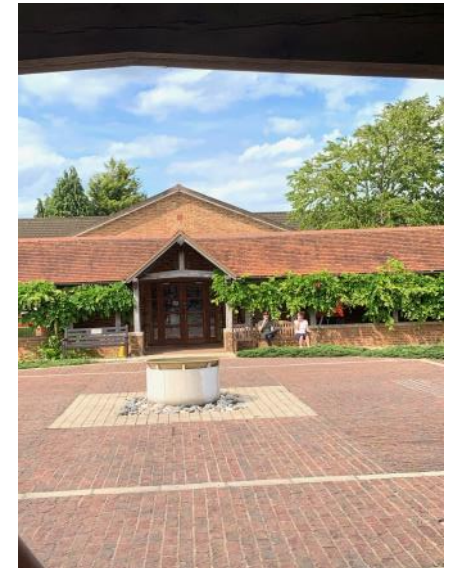


AMARAVATI BUDDHIST MONASTERY

On Saturday 22 June, we had the privilege of visiting the Amaravati Buddhist Monastery (Theravada tradition). The grounds and especially the temple were profoundly peaceful. In the afternoon, we were invited to join a two hour meditation session during which we were given very clear instructions on Samatha and Vipassana meditation by a bikkhu (monk). In the sitting Samatha meditation the focus was on our minds and bodies - the monk taught us the benefits of meditation and how it allows the “holiday of the heart”. After the Samatha meditation we felt peaceful and relaxed, ready for our Vipassana meditation. This consisted of walking around the beautiful and well-kept gardens which surrounded the temple and reflected the modern secular movement of Mindfulness. Reflections from the day have bubbled to the surface of our ‘minds’ throughout the week and we are all keen to return.



*Gill Smith - Director of Higher Education
& Graduate Careers, Head of Religious
Studies*



ROWING

Saturday saw the boat club head to two regattas. Our senior girls competed at Henley Women's regatta and all others at the infamous St Ives Regatta.

Henley Women's Regatta

Two doubles of Raheera Greatrex/Rebecca Garrett and Lucy Whiteside/Holly Burke raced down the 1500 m course with the aim of qualifying in arguably the toughest junior category at the event. The girls produced great rows and executed their race plans well. Needing top 16 to qualify our girls finished 21st and 26th respectively out of 32, a very respectable effort especially in a category with 6 American crews competing.

St Ives Regatta

St Ives was a wonderful event for us to finish up this terms racing. The day produced fantastic results across the age ranges from Year 9 all the way up to Year 13. Mia Gray and Otilia Salgado nearly followed up their win at Marlow by making the final and narrowly losing out to Isle of Ely requiring a photo finish to separate the crews. The Year 10 boys double produced an all King's Ely final with Sam Martin and Hector Macdonald producing a solid row but defeated by Conall Comley and Will Buckingham. Will White reached the Open Singles final to miss out by ½ length. A special thanks must go to the parents for providing excellent support for our crews and the coaching team who as ever have been excellent in providing our rowers with excellent support, often going above and beyond for the pupils!

Craig Ward - Head of Rowing



GIRLS CRICKET

On Tuesday King's hosted the Cheffins Cup. Perse, Wymondham and Wisbech attended for the first hard ball tournament that we have hosted for the girls, and despite a wet start, there was plenty of cricket played. In their first game King's had a tough start against a resilient Wymondham batting line up. Olivia Jenkins broke through with a wicket and Alexandra Marshall got out their opener with a fantastic run out! The highlight of the game though came from a single batting performance. With wickets tumbling around her and a few run out decisions going against the team, Ally Bowerman took on the run scoring responsibility. She played a fantastic innings with several 4s and excellent running between the wickets. Her knock of 24 runs almost got King's over the line but we finished 15 runs short.



The U14A's second performance came against Wisbech Grammar. The girls wanted their win! King's went in to bat first. Good communication between batters and some great runs in between the boundaries from Alexandra Marshall, Xenia Marshall, Jess Harding and Madeleine Hughes. The final score for King's was 64 runs. King's fielding was outstanding! Accurate and consistent bowling from Liv Jenkins, Jess Harding and Xenia Marshall. The girls all took more than 1 wicket and a brilliant catch from Ally Bowerman. Unfortunately King's narrowly lost. The highlight of the match certainly was to have Xenia Marshall back on the pitch, she was nominated player of the match and can be very proud of her performance! Well done girls on a fantastic day of cricket, next time we will come away with the silverware!

Olivia Thorogood - Head of Girls' Sport



KING'S ELY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A...

SUMMER SPORTING FESTIVAL



Old Elean Cricket vs King's Ely Staff Friday 28th June at 5pm Campus Field
Followed by drinks at the Fountain Pub

Old Elean Rowing 'Regatta' Race Saturday 29th June at 10am The Boathouse, River Great Ouse
Followed by presentations, drinks and snacks at the Babylon Gallery

Old Elean Cricket vs 1st XI Saturday 29th June at 1pm Campus Field
Including tea during and drinks and snacks at the Fountain Pub after

If you are interested in attending the match/regatta or indeed playing/rowing please contact...
alumni@kingsely.org

REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 29th June		Full Day: Edinburgh Rehearsal Dance Studio
	09:00	KES Silver D of E Assessed Expedition departs (Derbyshire)
	09:00 13:00	KES Y9, KEI Y10 & KEJ Y8 ESOL Pupils at Cambridge ESOL B2 FCE Examination (OP Lecture Theatre)
	09:30	KE Associated Board Music Practical Examinations (RH)
Sunday 30th June		Full Day: Edinburgh Rehearsal Dance Studio
Monday 1st July		Full Day: Edinburgh Rehearsal Dance Studio All Day: Trinity Exams (Black Box)
Tuesday 2nd July		Full Day: Edinburgh Rehearsal Dance Studio
	14:00 16:30	KES Charity Swim (School Pool)
	19:00	KES Silver D of E Assessed Expedition returns
Wednesday 3rd July		Full Day: Edinburgh Rehearsal Dance Studio
	11:00 19:00	KES Y9 (half year group) English trip to The Globe Theatre (London)
	13:00 16:00	KE Orchestra and Choirs rehearsal for Principal's Charity Concert (Cathedral)

Wednesday 3rd July (continued)	16:45	KES Hill House Strawberry Tea (Hill House Garden)
	19:30	King's Ely Principal Charity Concert (Cathedral)
Thursday 4th July	11:20 13:00	KES House Swimming Competition (School Pool)
	14:00	Sword and Dagger Competition
	17:30	ECBC Final Evensong of the Year (Cathedral)
	18:00	KES Boarders Event
	19:00	KES Leavers Ball (OP & HT)
Friday 5th July		KES German Exchange trip returns
	09:05	KES & KEI Final Assembly
	10:00	KES Chapel Choir rehearsal
	11:00	KES, KEI and KEJ End of Year Service (Cathedral) followed by reception for KES Leavers and their Parents (OP)
	12:00	KE Term Ends after Service
	12:30	Buses take Students Home