



Thanks to the enormous generosity of Philip Richards OA, we moved in this term to our brand new state-of-the-art 15,000 book library.





Summer Term 2011 was shorter than usual, but just as full of incident and success as ever. The highlight was the opening of our new Philip Richards Centre

and we look forward to reaping the educational benefits of that stunning facility in the years to come. Our pupils excelled in the GCSE and A level examinations, with new records being set in both. Despite the ever-growing examination demands on their time, our pupils and staff kept their many and varied commitments going and remained cheerful throughout and we look back on another brilliant King's term with satisfaction and a great deal of pride.

Richard Bigg



A record 37 61 biology pupils spent a week in the Scilly Isles after exams, sand dune profiling and completing two A2 coursework investigations.

Seven of our prospective Oxbridge candidates spent the day in Oxford, visiting colleges, libraries and museums.



The Philip Richards Building houses two new ICT suites, two Business Studies classrooms and new careers facilities.

All three of our teams successfully completed their Ten Tors expeditions in excellent times. Chris Griffiths, George Hall, Tom Drysdale and Tom Sharp have now completed all three of the 35, 45 and 55-mile courses.

Twenty-one girls and four members of staff enjoyed a hugely successful hockey and netball tour of South Africa during the summer holidays.



The Duke of Somerset planted an elm tree sapling in the Memorial Garden to mark King's being chosen as one of 250 schools in the country to take part in The Conservation Foundation's Great British Elm Experiment.





Arts Week opened with an excellent Summer Concert in the Chapel, preceded by this year's Friends of King's Summer Reception.

3rd and 4th form pupils celebrated the end of school exams with an extremely stylish Masked Ball.

The Big Band entertained leavers, parents, staff and Friends of King's in the marquee.



Three OAs played for Somerset CCC's 1st XI in the same County Championship game, against Sussex in May.



The English department's evening of poetry and readings this year was on *Writing on Land and by Water*.

Alicia Mileham starred in a massive production of *The Gruffalo* with the entire 3rd form and 160 local primary school children.



Photos: Harry Trump





The Under 15 girls' tennis team enjoyed an excellent season, beating Blundell's, Canford, Millfield and Queen's.



The Under 14 cricketers had an outstanding unbeaten season which included victories over Sherborne, Millfield, Blundell's, Clifton and Taunton School, as well as beating Millfield in the final of the Somerset Lord's Taverners Cup.

The 1st XI cricket team lost only twice on the school circuit in another highly successful season.



The 1st VI boys' tennis team beat Wellington, King's Bruton, Blundell's and Taunton School.



Charlie Granville, Robin Danaher, Gussy Hydeleman and Joe Cooke were selected for the English Schools National Athletics Championships.

TEAM NEWS

Jossie Zilkha, Milla Bell and Hatti Mason played their last tennis matches for King's this term, having previously been part of two consecutive 1st VI unbeaten seasons.



Charlie Webb serves for the 2nd VI during their 7-2 win over Taunton School.



Minnie Taylor and Yasmin Wolfe lost only one set of tennis all season.



King's athletes were crowned county champions in seven events at the Somerset Schools Championships.

Beth Horsham hits out for the Under 14s during their defeat of Blundell's.

Max Germain's entertaining knock for the Junior Colts against Castle School comes to an end.

