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Three of our sixth formers have won places at Oxford University; Alexandra Thorne (Brasenose College, Modern History), Oliver Jones (St Benet's Hall, Classics), and Olivia Higgs (St Catherine's College, Law).

Work started at the beginning of the Easter holidays on our brand new, state-of-the-art library. Made possible through the generosity of OA Philip Richards, it will be known as The Philip Richards Library.

Despite heavy snow at the beginning of term, life at King's carried on pretty much unaffected – many pupils and staff made superhuman efforts to get into school!

14-year old Erin Slade was selected for the England Under 18 Independent School Girls' Football team, making her debut as a striker against Australia.



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The second in our series of Batten Lectures was delivered by OA Patrick Morris, who spoke inspirationally of his experiences as a producer with the BBC Natural History Unit.





The Lent Term started with snow and ended in glorious early spring sunshine. As always the weeks in between were filled with hard work and

tremendous achievement, with lectures and tours, concerts, tournaments and all-conquering performances on the fields and courts. Our senior netball team won the county trophy and our junior boys reached the finals of their county hockey tournaments. Three pupils gained places at Oxbridge and several others were accepted into medical schools. The inaugural house drama competition was a great success. We held a number of top-class concerts. I was as impressed as ever by the energy and enthusiasm of our boys and girls; it amazes me that they do so much, so well, and keep smiling throughout. They deserve the highest praise. You will gain a very clear idea of their wide-ranging involvement from this newsletter.

Richard Biggs



61 English pupils spent the day in Hardy country, researching *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*.

Sixteen members of staff, taught by pupils, learnt a musical instrument from scratch and took their Grade One in a term, all in aid of Children in Need.



Sisters Hollie, Milla and Tara Bell performed superbly at the extremely competitive British Schoolgirl Skiing Championships at Flaine, France.



This year's Science Weekend culminated in a competition to see who could design a vehicle to transport an egg across the Theatre using the smallest amount of solar energy.



Tuckwell won the inaugural House Drama Festival with their production of *Multiplex*.

Our sixth form artists spent a day absorbing the unique artistic experience of St Ives.



The 1st XI cricket squad had a highly successful tour of South Africa at half-term, invaluable preparation for the season ahead.



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29 King's pupils were confirmed this term by Bishop Bill Ind, former Bishop of Truro.

At this term's Choral Evensong sung by a choir of parents, staff and pupils, Katie Butler sang the high solo in Allegri's *Miserere*.

The highlight of the early Spring Concert was Jessie Danaher's performance of Mozart's Flute Concerto in D.

The chamber orchestra playing at the end of term concert, which featured a performance of Fauré's *Requiem*.



The Meynell Alfred Show, now in its 15th year, raised a record amount of money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Taunton's Open Door Project for the homeless.



Victor Chu OA kindly sponsored a hugely successful reception at the Hong Kong Club for nearly 100 OAs, parents and pupils. Pictured are Woodard boys past and present, including Justin Chippendale, Headmaster of King's Hall School.



Over 70 OAs and former staff attended the OA London Reception, held this year at the Royal Over-Seas League.



Alex Brown has been selected to tour Singapore and Malaysia with the Independent Schools Barbarians, joining players from Whitgift, Millfield and Bromsgrove. William Potter and Blaine Tottle travel to France with the Barbarians Under 14s



The Under 14 netball team beat Millfield, Queen's, Wellington, Clifton and Blundell's.

The 1st VII netball team were crowned county cup champions, beating Millfield 10-6 in the final.

The Under 15 Bs enjoyed a superb unbeaten season, imposing heavy defeats on Taunton School, Clifton, Wellington and Blundell's.

The boys' hockey club won 38 out of a total of 67 matches played, with the Under 14s runners-up in the county cup.



Charlie Maclean (pictured wearing 21), Tom Lawson and club captain Mhairi Hall were selected for the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships.

The Junior Colt rugby team got through to the quarter-finals of the Under 15 Daily Mail Vase competition.



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TEAM NEWS



The Under 15 netball team finished runners-up in the county cup, losing only to Millfield in the final.



The 2nd XI hockey team lost only one match all term, away at Sherborne.

Jonny Parsons outpaces the opposition during the Under 15 football team's 5-1 win over Clifton.

The 1st VII netball team beat Richard Huish, Taunton School, Canford, Clifton, Wellington and Blundell's.



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