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NEWSLETTER

December 2016

WELCOME to the first newsletter of the School year.

September signalled the start of the new academic year and the start of new relationships with children, young people and families who joined the School for the first time in Year 7 and Year 12. Those who were already members of the School community were welcomed back. The School prides itself on the strong relationships it has with students, families and the wider community.

The new School year is a time of optimism, hope and positive changes for all who are part of the School community. Opportunities abound for students, parents, staff, colleagues and stakeholders. Staff at the School sincerely hope that all will experience some of these opportunities, contribute to the life of the School and be inspired to keep King Edward VII the magnificent School that it is.

In this newsletter you will get a flavour of the amazing successes, skills and experiences of students, staff and governors.

If you cannot wait for the next newsletter, you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date!

Warm regards

Linda Gooden, Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 16th December 2016 Christmas Jumper Day, School closes 14.10
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017 School re-opens
- Monday 9th January 2017 Year 12 Trial Exams start
- Thursday 12th January 2017 Year 9 Parents Evening 16.30 to 19.00
- Monday 16th January 2017 Year 13 Trial Exams start
- Wednesday 1st February 2017 School Closed Inset Day
- Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th February Drama Production
- Friday 17 February 2017 Last day of Half Term

Our students (and former students)

Following her success in the British Maths Olympiad last year, King Edward VII student **Emily Beatty** (Year 12) was invited by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust to participate in a weeklong training camp over the summer holidays at Oxford University. There she underwent a rigorous schedule of up to nine hours of intense masterclasses per day.

To top off her stunning achievement, Emily, in her words, “absolutely smashed” the course’s final exam, which lasted four and a half hours and consisted of three fiendishly difficult questions. She scored 20/21, placing her almost at the very top of the cohort, which considering that the “cohort” consisted of the top 21 mathematicians under the age of 16 nationwide, is an outstanding feat.

As a result, Emily has been placed on an advanced mentoring scheme. She is “a little bit taken aback” by all she has achieved, but reports that everything is going smoothly.



We wish Emily good luck and we will include an update on her progression in a future newsletter.

Story by Ilya Shemmer, Year 13

Latest news: Over the New Year Emily will be attending a training camp in Budapest with 19 other students and the Hungarian International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) squad.

Well done to **Hyeonji Hwang**, a Year 8 student who has recently won a writing competition sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. She will be visiting London soon to collect her prize at the Embassy.

Two of our Year 11 students, Luke Bassett and Arman Maleki-Dizaji are members of the UK Youth Parliament.

Our Year 9 team last month entered into the local round of the Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz, this year hosted by Tapton. Our team consisted of **Anna Williams**, **Ella Silvester** and **Kian Moshiri**. Mrs. Gar-side, Head of Geography, commented, “While they didn't win, they did amazingly well against older GCSE teams.”

Congratulations to **William Lumb**, a former student who has excelled at Emmanuel College, Cambridge by achieving a First Class Degree, being awarded an Honorary Bachelor Scholarship for 2016/17 and winning the Edward Spearing Prize for Academic Excellence.

William, who is a former student at Nether Green Infant and Junior School's, left our 6th Form in July 2012. We are always keen to hear news of our former students. Please let us know so we can share information amongst our current School community and our alumni.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

GCSE Certificate Presentation

Around 100 students and their families attended the presentation evening held in the Assembly Hall at Upper School.

Ms Gooden, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Warde spoke about past achievements, the year group's strengths and qualities and the resilience of individuals overcoming challenges to succeed. This was followed by formal presentation of certificates and prizes, recognising high achievement in each subject and also more bespoke personal achievements.

A great opportunity to say thank you to students for their contributions to School life and to families for their support.

Visit to Latvia 1-8 August 2016

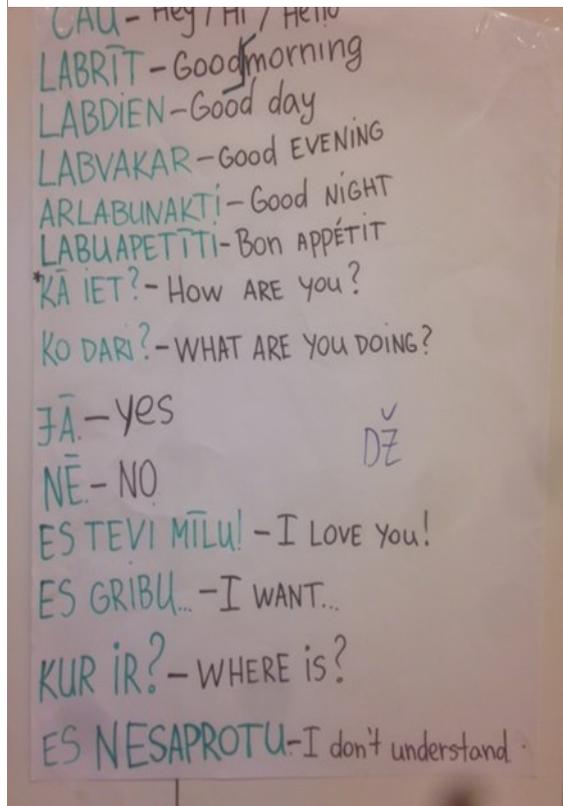
Three students and Miss Allison travelled to Kekava in Latvia for a week long youth exchange programme in August. Year 12 students **Rosie Mooy**, **Ben Ash** and **Dominic Head**, representing the UK, joined students from Romania, Serbia and Latvia to work together on this EU funded Project. Students learnt about the concept of SMART targets and put their knowledge into practice developing and implementing their own mini projects before delivering, as a larger group, their final project.

Our Latvian hosts provided a number of cultural activities too and we were lucky to have a day on the Baltic coast as well as a day spent in Riga – where students took part in a city-wide treasure hunt and a visit to the KGB museum.

Each country's team also hosted a cultural evening and during our time in

The annual concert was held on 6th December 2016 in the lovely surroundings of St. Mark's Church, Broomhill.

It was a wonderful event and our choirs, soloists, musicians and readers were excellent. Congratulations and thanks to all for a remarkable evening.



Latvia we learnt some Romanian, Latvian and Serbian language.

As a result of attending the programme all the participants successfully completed their EU youth pass, which is a recognition tool for non-formal learning. The Youth Pass can be shared with employers across Europe.

Miss Allison

Our staff

Staff

We are delighted that one of our Art Teachers (**Mr Stephen Carley**) has had success in exhibiting his work. In October he had three drawings on display at the Royal West of England Academy in Bristol.

Mr Carley said, "This is from a huge national submission process so I am very flattered to be a part of it."

"I have always referred to myself as an Artist/Teacher. In the classroom, being a subject specialist is of course crucial. Students across all key stages are intrigued and fascinated by the work I make for exhibitions. It can be no coincidence that so many aspire to go to art school via the Foundation Course and in Y13 are so enthused to exhibit themselves as they did earlier this year at Chapel Walk and have done previously".

He is pictured below in front of some of his wonderful work.



In January and February of 2017 Mr Carley will be exhibiting at Bank Street Arts in Sheffield. The exhibition will feature drawings, paintings, wall based sculpture, animation, sound work and a short film made about his studio practise will premier in the gallery space'.

Running in tandem with 'Abstract Memory Remnant A to B' will be a unique sequence of workshops involving our Y7 and Y13 students at KES, along with subsequent work out and about in the local Sheffield landscape.

Our Governors

We have a very active Governing Body which has taken every opportunity to be involved in the life of the School. They have attended after school events, drop-in sessions with the Headteacher, met with groups of staff on two occasions,

had regular feedback from our students, as well as attending Full Governing Body and Sub-Committee meetings with the Headteacher and other staff.

For this edition, we profile one of our Governors, Mrs Sarah Mann.

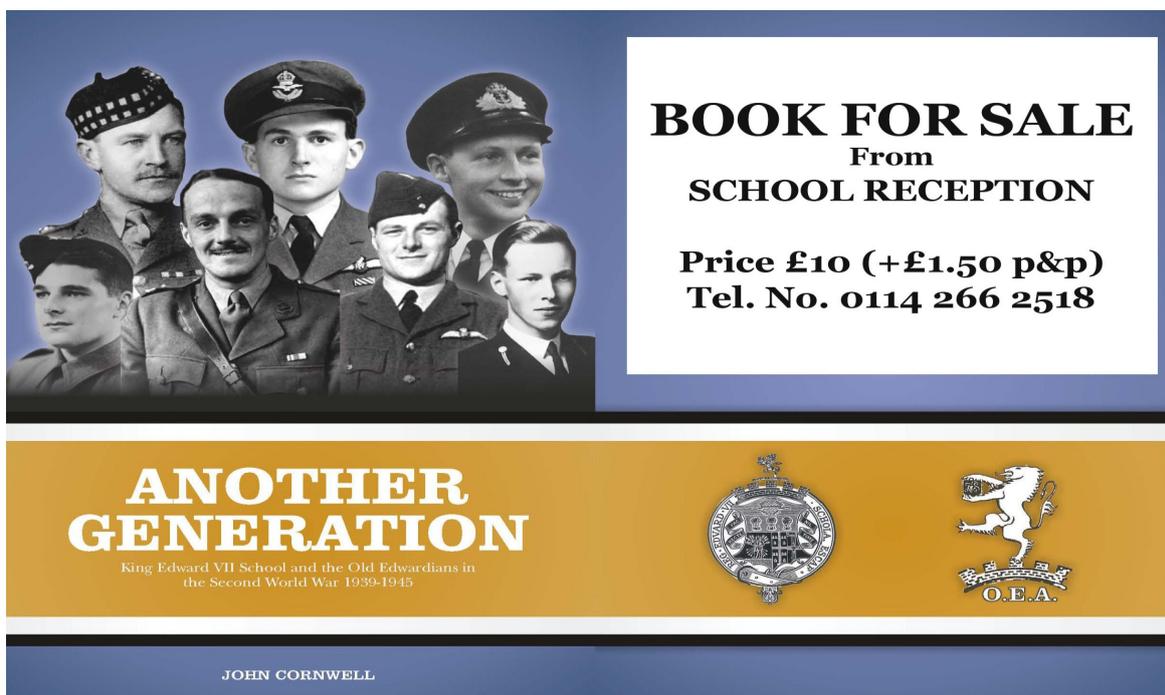
Sarah is a parent governor with a child in Year 13. A teacher of French and English as an additional language, she now specialises in the use of technology to support learning and teaching. She has worked across the public and private sectors both in the UK and the US and is now working as an independent consultant – advising and training schools to develop creative strategies for using IT, social media and digital tools. An expert in E safety, she is also a STEM ambassador, particularly keen to encourage girls in technology courses and careers.



Sarah is passionate about education and about developing the life chances and opportunities for all children and young people – whether that is through the curriculum, music, the arts, community projects or sport.

Another Generation

Our School Archivist and Associate Governor, Mr John Cornwell, has written another book covering the history of the School. This time the book concentrates on the Second World War period. The book was launched at a well attended event in the School Assembly Hall in October. Copies of the book are still available to purchase from School. All proceeds from the book sale will be donated to School Funds.



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ANOTHER GENERATION
King Edward VII School and the Old Edwardians in
the Second World War 1939-1945

JOHN CORNWELL

In the Community

Post 16 Coffee Morning

The School is always keen to find ways of welcoming parents and community members into the School to have conversations, provide support, build working relationships and to share knowledge and expertise.

With this in mind, and with reference to the Parental Engagement Partnership, a very successful coffee morning was organised for Post 16 parents and community members on Monday 5 December 2016 by Mrs I Hameed MBE (pictured below) and it took place in the Ted Wragg Library at Upper School.

Many parents attended alongside councillors, a BBC reporter and a local community radio group. They asked questions about student well being and how parents can support their child's learning at Post 16 level. Our student ambassadors (**Shazia Begum, Helen Khan, Saalika Jiwani and Aiha Mohamed**) were magnificent and responded to various questions.



Further coffee mornings will be arranged in the New Year. Please come along to one of them.

Parental Engagement Partnership

Parents, carers and families are the most important influences on the lives of young people and when working in partnership with the School students thrive and achieve highly. A new Parental Engagement Partnership (PEP) was launched for all King Edward VII parents/carers in September 2016.

As part of the PEP, the Headteacher has held two community based drop in meetings at Nether Green Junior School, Fulwood, on the 15 September 2016 and at Sorby House, Burngreave, on the 10 November 2016. The meetings were well attended and parents/carers and students asked many questions on topics such as the curriculum, Show My Homework, music, breakfast clubs and sports.

Four more drop in meetings will take place in the New Year. Please come along to one of them:

Thursday 16 February 2017 – Westways Primary School, Western Road, Sheffield 6pm-7pm

Thursday 30 March 2017 – Sharrow Primary School, Sitwell Road, Sheffield 6pm-7pm

Thursday 4 May 2017 – Walkley Primary School, Burnaby Crescent, Sheffield 6pm-7pm

Thursday 22 June 2017 – William Sutton Community Centre, 14 Dunella Road, Hillsborough, Sheffield 6pm-7pm

Reminder – there is a dedicated email address for the PEP should you wish to get involved with the PEP: PEP@kes.sheffield.sch.uk

The Sports page

Our fabulous Year 11 football team are progressing well in National Cup competition, where they are now in the last 16.

They have had fantastic away wins so far, travelling to Maltby, Doncaster and Lincoln and recently secured a resounding home victory over Henry Fanshawe School from Dronfield. The team eagerly await the next home fixture against a Manchester team in the New Year.

Well done to all concerned!

Further details on progress and a more in-depth report written by one of our Sixth Formers will be published on the website and in the next newsletter.

Zoe Kateregga (Year 9) has recently been selected to represent Yorkshire in the Basketball England Under 15 Regional Development Tournament – well done Zoe!

This is just a small flavour of the many sporting achievements of our student's. We will publish lots more in future newsletters.

Well done to everyone!

Year 9s qualify for Regional Round of National Schools Netball

On Saturday 19th November, King Edward's U14 netball team travelled to Wickersley to play in the South Yorkshire Round of the National Schools Tournament. They only lost one game all morning, and that by just one goal, to Sheffield High School who they then went on to beat convincingly in a later "friendly" game. However, the result of the initial game counted and so the girls came second in the tournament. They have qualified for the next round in January, where they will get a second chance to prove they deserve the South Yorkshire Champions title!

Well done to the whole squad of 9 players, who really worked exceptionally well as a unit. All members played a part in the qualification.

Under 14 Squad;

Mae Herrington (Captain), Anna Dickson, Mary West, Anna-Rose Ramsell, Resian Morris, Laura Fletcher, Paige Trower, Ellen Withington, Phoebe Gillingham.

Other News

The School has established a charity called “King Edward VII School Fund” which is registered with the Charity Commission ref. no. 1163431

The **purpose** of the charity is:

To advance the education of pupils attending King Edward VII School in Sheffield, and to further such charitable purposes (charitable under English Law) for the benefit of the community around King Edward VII School in Sheffield as the Trustees see fit, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing funds or assisting in the provision of funds in support of facilities and services which are not required to be provided by the Local Authority.

If you would like to help the charity then you can **donate** or undertake **sponsored activities** on our behalf. If you wish to donate and are a UK Tax Payer please use the links to the **Gift Aid** forms on the School website.

Members of the public have recently brought to our attention the build up of congestion on Manchester Road before and after School. Please be mindful of safety as this is hazardous for drivers who use this road and results in congestion blocking the view of oncoming traffic and pedestrians which could ultimately lead to an accident as well as cause inconvenience to our neighbours.

We speak regularly to students with regards to safety when crossing the road but please can you enforce this both at home and refrain from dropping students off on Manchester Road where it may potentially cause an accident.

Your assistance and understanding is much appreciated.

Breaking News

We have decided to implement ParentPay, an electronic payment system.

Watch out for more details and activation letters next term.

Coming soon – our Sixth Form Reporters will be keeping us informed on the Drama Production/Big Challenge/STEM Club/Year 11 Football progress/Careers Department in School.

Also, our Lower School “Bake-off” competition will return next term.