

King Edward VII School



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

Foundation Learning fund raising.

The Year 10 Foundation Learning group spent 6 weeks working the DWP at Kings Court. The project was designed to take them through how to project manage and run a charity event. The group voted to raise funds for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity.

Over the 6 weeks they planned various events, wrote letters asking for donations and successfully ran events at Kings Court, King Edward VII and Hartshead Square. It was an experience which saw the group raise an amazing

£ 1107.27

Fundraising activities included:

- A Fifa tournament.
- How many sweets in a jar.
- Cake stalls.
- Tombola.
- Raffle.
- Guess the name of the Teddy.
- Wear yellow day.
- Silent Auction, for a handmade quilt.
- Bucket collection, dressed as Theo.



Chess Tournament 2015/16

Chess is very popular at break and lunch time and introduces some students to the library who perhaps would normally be elsewhere. Playing chess can dramatically improve pupils' levels of concentration, boost problem-solving skills and develop their thought processes.

Following an excellent tournament, with a total of over 50 competitors, including staff and students, two players, **Tom Benn Y13** and **Ben Rhodes Y13** (who both scored 100% in the main competition) contested a well-played and hard fought play-off for first place. In the end the skill and determination of Tom won through and he became school champion for 2016. In third place was **Abdullah Daoub Y11** and a special mention needs to be made to **Joe Dineen Y12** who came a close 4th.

Gavin Extence, multi award winning author of *The Universe Versus Alex Woods* and *The Mirror World of Melody Black* recently visited upper school library. Gavin is a big supporter of libraries and gave up his time for a piece of cake and a cup of coffee! He spent lunchtime talking and answering questions to some of our upper school students and staff about his books and writing career. Gavin was lovely; friendly, informative and full of humour - students and staff really enjoyed it.

Please note:
Last day of Term— Friday 15th July, school closes at 2.10pm.

Start of the New School Year—Tuesday 6 September 2016

STEM Careers Week Winners

Earlier in the year all Year 9 students participated in a fortnight of special lessons in Science raising awareness of the huge variety of careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (or STEM). As part of this, we ran a competition to produce the most informative and eye-catching poster.

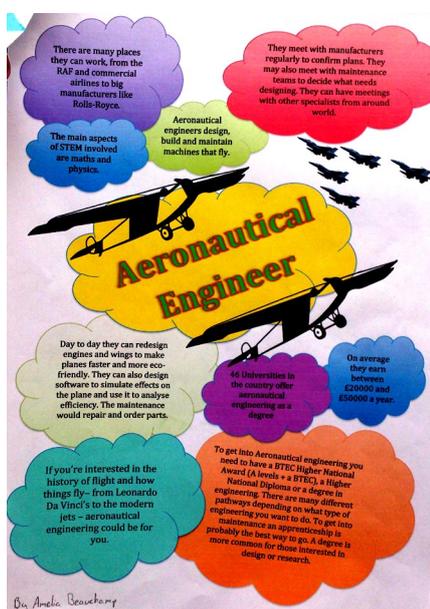
The winners were:

In First Place winning a £20 Cinema voucher – Amelia Beauchamp

In Second Place winning a £15 Cinema voucher – Ayesha Ali

In Third Place winning a £10 Cinema voucher – Mia Barker

Well done to these three and all the other Year 9 students who took part!



The winning poster



A display of the best of the competition entries in the Lower School Reception.

Two STEM clubs have been running at Lower School throughout this year and as a reward for regular attendance and enthusiasm, 45 students from Years 7 to 9 were taken on a visit to a Science Fair at Warwick Castle.

As well as attending Science talks, watching a breath-taking bird of prey display, controlling robots, petting animals and learning more about Science, we also had a taste of history as we explored the castle and its surroundings. We climbed the battlements, got lost in a maze, watched an archery display, one of our students was almost beheaded by a soldier with a huge sword and we saw a huge trebuchet launch a fire-ball across a field. It was a great day with a tremendous bunch of KES students.



World Book Night 2016

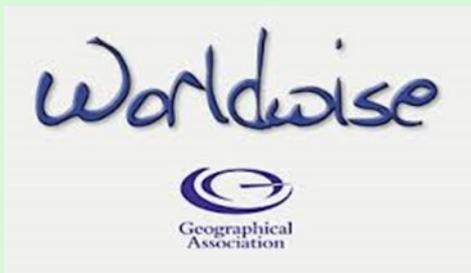
We have two successful book groups at upper school meeting every half term. It is a great way of making new friends, sharing experiences and reading a wide variety of styles and genres.

To reward our readers, for the past four years we have celebrated World Book Night. This year we had 32 books to give away. Post 16 students were presented with a copy of the book **Reasons to Stay Alive** by **Matt Haig** and KS4 students received **Am I Normal Yet** by **Holly Bourne**. Lots of crisps and cake were eaten! We were also lucky enough to receive a donation from the lovely Ms Walsh, Chair of Governors, which has set us up nicely for next year. Thank you to all who made the celebration such a success and we hope you enjoy the books. Keep Reading!

Year 10 Geography Residential to Malham.



Six of our students from Year 10 were invited by the Geographical Association, in partnership with the Field Studies Council, to spend a weekend at Malham Tarn Field Centre. The aim of the GA's Worldwide Challenge Weekend was to provide an opportunity for students to engage in a range of competitive but fun fieldwork activities which is part of the Government's "Learning Outside of the Classroom" Manifesto. So, Estelle Varley, Charlotte Adams, Ismael Muthana, Ploy Doemklang, Iman Usen and Beriana Bytyci, along with Miss Garside and Mr Kavanagh, spent an April weekend in the Yorkshire Dales and were joined by students from other schools from all corners of the UK.



We arrived on Friday afternoon and spent the first evening becoming familiar with the local area. The field centre is in a beautiful location overlooking Malham Tarn and students were asked to apply their geographical knowledge as to why the lake is there. On the Saturday, students spent the day completing fieldwork around Malham Village, visiting Gordale Scar, Malham Cove and Ja

net's Foss. The area is stunning and did not disappoint. On the Sunday, students had to give a five minute presentation to a panel of experts from the Geographical Association on their views on what makes Malham so special – a very daunting experience but the students rose to the challenge. One team even performed a rap for the judges.



The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We saw sunshine, we saw snow, we ate a lot of cake and we saw some incredible limestone scenery. It was great seeing the students enjoying the great outdoors and experiencing geography outside the classroom.

A big thank you to the students who took part.



Festival of Science & Engineering



This year the KES involvement in the annual Festival of Science and Engineering (formerly Science and Engineering week) was our most ambitious so far.

The activities included:

All our Year 8 students attending a workshop on “**Light & Sound**” – where they learnt about the world of waves.

All our Year 9 students took part in a session called “**24 hours in Accident and Emergency**” – where they had to make quick decisions as doctors to help their patients.

Gifted & Talented students from Year 7 visited the University to carry out practical work to determine who had committed a murder.

Gifted & Talented students from Year 9 visited the University to extract aspirin from salicylic acid (an activity usually carried out by sixth formers).

GCSE and A Level students attended talks at Upper School on topics such as “**Genes & diseases**”, “**Dark matter**” and “**A mathematical theory of information.**”

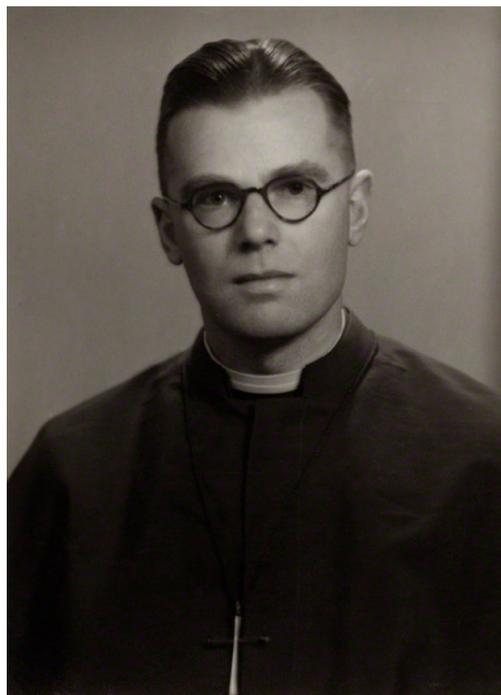
Finally, 40 girls from Year 9 and Year 11 attended an event at the University entitled “**STEM for Girls**” which aimed to enthuse and encourage more young women to consider careers in Science and Engineering.

All of this continues to raise the profile of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics across the school, but it also showcases our commitment to STEM in the wider academic community.



FAMOUS OLD EDWARDIANS

Rt Rev Leslie Edward Stradling
Bishop of Johannesburg
Educated at King Edward VII School



Leslie Edward Stradling (11 February 1908 – 8 January 1998) was an Anglican bishop in three separate African dioceses during the mid-20th century.

Born on 11 February 1908 and educated at King Edward VII School, Sheffield and The Queen's College, Oxford he was ordained in 1934. After a curacy at St Paul's, Lorrimore Square he was Vicar of St Luke's, Camberwell and then of St Anne's, Wandsworth before being appointed the Church's youngest bishop in 1945. He translated from Masasi to be the first Bishop of South-West Tanganyika in 1952, his final post was as Bishop of Johannesburg

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