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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to the final newsletter of the School year.

It has been a very successful year for King Edward VII School. Students, staff and governors have enjoyed working together in a supportive and high achieving learning environment.

King Edward VII School was inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectors on Tuesday 24 April 2018.

In terms of the inspection judgement and outcome, King Edward VII School continues to be a Good School and maintains the following judgements:

- Overall effectiveness - Good
- Leadership and Management - Outstanding
- Behaviour and safety of students - Good
- Quality of teaching - Good
- Achievement of students - Good
- Sixth Form provision - Outstanding

Thank you, again, to all students, parents, staff and governors for supporting the School during the inspection process.

It is always an absolute delight to see our students excelling in so many different areas and disciplines. Our students are always exceptionally keen to seize the opportunities that are available to them in order to improve their skills or knowledge or to help to support others.



The articles in this edition of the newsletter will shine a light on some of their wonderful achievements since the start of 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **16 August - A Level results day**
- **23 August - GCSE results day**
- **4 September - School re-opens, Year 12 enrolment**
- **21 September- Staff training day, School closed to students**
- **Autumn half term holiday - Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November**

Our students

KES has Talent

Some of our Lower School students took part in another talent show in December. They performed for parents in an evening show and also performed in front of the entire Lower School student population on the last day of term before Christmas.

Parents were singing the praises of the School and some intended to go back to their respective schools to say more needs to be done to ensure performances in their school are inclusive and as diverse as the one they experienced at KES.

Well done to all the students involved. We are already looking forward to this year's show!

Emily Matthews, ex-King Edward VII student



Emily, who left King Edward VII School in June 2013, has completed her **'Chemistry with Industrial Experience'** at Manchester University and has been

successful in her application to work on a research project - **'Dispersion of Biogenic Aerosols in the Antarctic'**.

We are extremely proud of Emily and wish her well in her research project. Hopefully, Emily will be able to come into King Edward VII School after the Austral summer to talk about cruising with the penguins!

NSPCC Day for Year 7 Students - "It's not ok"

The NSPCC and the Sheffield Safeguarding Children Board are running a year-long awareness raising campaign in Sheffield about child sexual abuse and exploitation. As part of this schools have been offered a free play entitled "It's not ok" as well as discussion workshops highlighting the importance of knowing how to spot signs of grooming and sexual exploitation. This was offered to all our Year 7 students in February. It was a very well informed day where all students watched a drama production performed by students at York St John University based on a role-play of spotting the signs of grooming and sexual exploitation. Afterwards, there was a discussion about the play. Students broke out into smaller workshop groups to discuss the play and how they could see what might happen to the characters if they did not tell someone they trust about the situations they found themselves in.

Overall, the students found it very easy to understand and could relate to the young people in the drama production very well. It was a hard hitting day which got a clear message across to our students about how to stay safe.

Our students

Inspiring Youth Awards

The Inspiring Youth Award Ceremony took place on Friday 19th January at St Paul's Hotel, located in the centre of Sheffield. The prestigious event was attended by approximately three hundred and fifty guests including fifteen students and their families from King Edward VII School.

The students involved were Phoebe Gray, Andy Li, Ali Mireidari, Amir Esteghamatdar, Sairish Parvez, Wafa Awad, Niamh Howat, Francesca Sagripanti, Daisy Donnelly, Mari Tsiklaury, Hannah Christianson, Magda Hussein, Haleema Farooq and Abbie Fielding and Sumaya El-Ghannay.



All students were awarded with a Certificate of Merit and the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award winners also received additional prizes of a plaque, pen or gold plated clock.

Naz Hussein QC (a member of the Queen's Council) gave a speech, as did Clive Betts MP (ex-King Edward VII student), Stephen Watson (Chief Constable South Yorkshire Police), Judge Sarah Wainwright (Sheffield Crown Court), Alan Billings (South Yorkshire Crime Commissioner) and many other dignitaries.

The Level 2 students were Lady O Mensah (Bronze Award) and Pragnya Alla (Gold Award) - absolutely amazing achievement for these students who have continued with the scheme in their own time.

Magda Hussein gave an inspirational speech on the evening and Hannah Christianson won an additional Special Recognition Award. One of the Year 13 students (Aisha Shoro) was a volunteer at the event and did an exceptional job!



Our students

BiG Challenge Awards

The BiG Challenge is an enterprise competition open to all secondary schools and colleges in Sheffield. Each team has the opportunity to design and grow a business from a £25 start up loan over two school terms. Across Sheffield, two hundred and thirty two teams were entered for the Big Challenge this year. Our teams were:

Y7 – Can a Match Box and Bag A Best Buy

Y8 – Melted Crayon Art, Fantasize, Vino Vases, JcJ Crafts and Fame in a Frame

Y9 – Chockablocks, Crafty Queens and Needles and Fire

Team Fantasize, Miranda Gregory, Mila Parsons Cerulli, Emma Lewis and Maddy Wright, were selected to present to the judges at the DLA Piper Offices in Sheffield on 7th March. We also had two teams who were shortlisted for the Made in Sheffield Award. They were Fantasize and Bag A Best Buy (Bryony Nightingale).



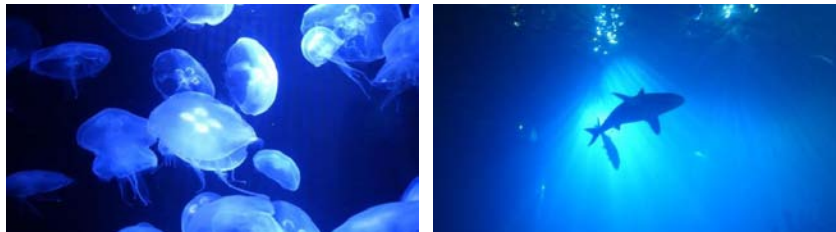
On the Big Challenge Awards Night at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Jacob Vellacott and his product Cheeky Bloks won best digital product! Team Fantasize really cleaned up too winning best presentation and came third overall out of the whole competition winning hundreds of pounds in Meadowhall vouchers!

Our students

The Deep visit December 2018

The annual trip to *The Deep* in Hull took place, as usual, in December during the last week of term. Over two days, one hundred and forty two Year 8 students explored the aquarium, investigated whether there might be great white sharks in British waters, watched the penguins and stood on the viewpoint looking out across the Humber River. The highlight for most staff and students is sitting in the tunnel underneath the big aquarium tank staring up as huge rays, sharks and sawfish swim overhead.

As always, a truly memorable and educational experience.



STEM careers weeks

We have recently taken a break from the syllabus to spend two weeks considering careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). As well as carrying out research in the library and on computers, students have also produced posters about a STEM career of their choice. These posters were judged after Easter and the best three won cinema vouchers.

Year 9 students got to interview people working in STEM careers in order to find out about their jobs. This year we had many different flavours of engineer, a clinical scientist, an architect, an architectural technologist, an applied statistician and a research nurse, among others. We hope that the time investigating these careers might lead to some of our students setting their sights on a job in STEM.

Science week trips

Year 7 and Year 9 Gifted and Talented Science Trips



Photograph from Year 7 Visit

To stretch and enthuse some of our brightest students, we offer trips to *The University of Sheffield's* Schools laboratory. This year we took thirty Year 7 students to investigate chemical compounds. We also took twenty four Year 9 students to carry out a high level Chemistry extraction – producing aspirin from salicylic acid. The opportunity to experience the University, as well as to carry out a tricky chemical practical, will hopefully encourage these already excellent students to aim even higher.

Our School

Autism Training

A whole School, staff training session on autism took place on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at Lower School as part of a training day. The training covered Tier 1 of a national initiative to raise awareness of a range of learning difficulties present in schools and the challenges that students with autism face every day. The session was to provide a basic understanding of autism, help staff to understand how some of the difficulties faced by students and adults impact on their lives which would, in turn, increase our understanding of how to support them in School more effectively.

In February our Science Department had a visit from a representative of the OCR exam board to monitor our implementation of our practical endorsement at A level. The gentleman said that we were 'the best centre he had ever visited and will be reporting on his findings!'

Women in Engineering Day

Disadvantaged female students from six schools across South Yorkshire took part in an exciting day at King Edward VII School to help celebrate International Women in Engineering Day. The eighty students were joined by female computer scientists and engineers from all over the Country. The day included inspirational speakers, including Maha Khan, an engineering graduate and current Graduate Consultant and Andrea Catlow, Site Operations Director at Frontier Pits. The University of Sheffield brought their ever-engaging NeoBots for the girls to programme and there were three other science related activities to take part in too. The girls commented that they had 'had their eyes opened to the many opportunities available to them' and that they had 'no idea how much fun it was'! The event was organised by Mr Kavanagh, Curriculum Leader for Computing and IT and he hopes to run it again next year.

Thank You from Sheffield Donations for Refugees

A big thank you to staff and students at King Edward VII School for the recent generous donation of seven big bags of unwanted lost property to Sheffield Donations for Refugees. King Edward VII School has donated unclaimed lost property to us several times now - it's a great partnership. Your unwanted clothing - mostly warm winter coats, hats and scarves - is on its way to help refugees and asylum seekers in France and here in Sheffield. All types of clothing are desperately needed at the moment so the donations are much appreciated. If parents/carers would like to donate good quality items, please contact Sheffield Donations for Refugees.



Our School

Catering Theme Days

The catering staff on both sites are always thinking up imaginative ways to encourage staff and students to eat in the dining halls and try new foods. Below are some photographs from recent theme days.

The uptake of meals on both sites is excellent because good quality food is always provided for students and staff.



Valentine's Day

Did you know that our menu cycles are changed twice a year on both sites? There are always halal and non-halal as well as vegetarian options included!

Our staff

European Masters Athletics Championships

Our Second in the PE Department, Mr Grantham, had time off work in March to compete in the European Masters Athletics Championships in Madrid.

Mr Grantham made the semi finals and came overall 11th in Europe!! He said it was a great event and it was a fantastic experience.



Our Headteacher, Ms Gooden said, "This is absolutely fantastic! Mr Grantham must feel tremendously proud of his success. As someone who is passionate about sports, it is great to have such a superb role model in School for students and staff."

Old Edwardians

Old Edwardians Visit - January 2018

Seven Old Edwardians visited the Upper School building in January 2018. They passed on their thanks for a wonderful visit. They were pleased that the ethos of the School remains, as they understood and experienced it when they attended the School. They acknowledged how much more expansive the curriculum and activities are today.



Clock Presentation - January 2018

On Monday 15th January at 4pm the grandson and grand-daughter of the Rev. Francis Brown, Ian and Sarah Brown, presented King Edward VII School with a clock that was originally presented to their grandfather in 1911 when he left King Edward VII School to take up the prestigious post of Headmaster of Geelong Grammar School, in Victoria, Australia.

Francis Brown was the first member of staff to be appointed to the new King Edward VII School in the summer of 1905 by the new Headmaster, Dr. James Hichens. Between 1905 and 1908 Rev. Brown was the Head of Mathematics at the School and in 1908 he became the Second Master.

John Cornwell (Governor and archivist) and Linda Gooden received the clock from Rev. Brown's relatives and it is now on display in the cabinet in the reception area at Upper School.

Ronald Kay, OBE

During the spring term the School was in touch with Ronald Kay, one of its most elderly Old Edwardians, who was a pupil at the School between 1930-37. Ronald is now almost 100 years old and during his career he was involved in some significant events, especially in the organisation of applications for university by Sixth Form students.

Earlier, at the end of the Second World War, Ronald Kay had volunteered to work for the Allied Control Commission set up by Great Britain, USA, USSR and France to run affairs and try to re-establish order in the chaos of the defeated Germany. Ronald Kay left Germany in 1946 and three years later he would marry Brigitte who he had first met when he was lodging in her parent's house in Hannover. Ronald Kay became the Deputy Registrar at Leeds University and in 1961 was influential in creating the Universities Central Council of Admissions (UCCA—now called UCAS) which brought some much needed order to the process of sixth formers' applications to universities. For his work with UCCA he was awarded the OBE in 1985 and became its first Director at their Cheltenham HQ.