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NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Welcome to the first School newsletter of 2018-2019.

The autumn term in the School has been very productive and there are many informative articles, and shorter contributions, in this newsletter that provide a colourful array of students, governors, staff, Old Edwardians and other organisations that have contributed to the solid success of our first term.

November was a particularly poignant month because it marked the centenary of the end of the First World War. The School has a particularly close connection to both the First World War and the Second World War because young men from the School fought in both wars and lost their lives for their country. The articles on pages thirteen, fourteen and fifteen show how the School commemorated this special moment in history.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about the sporting successes of some of our students, the excellent university results of former students, the amazing achievement of students on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the challenging questions Post 16 students asked the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Magid Magid, and the Member of Parliament, Paul Blomfield, on separate occasions in the School.



If you have an article that would be of interest to our School community, please email it to news@kes.sheffield.sch.uk for consideration.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Warm regards

Linda Gooden

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ 10 January –Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening 4.30pm-7pm
- ◆ 17 January – Key Stage 4 Information Evening for Year 9 Parents 5pm-6.30pm
- ◆ 6 February - Training Day – School closed to students
- ◆ 7 February – Year 10 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm-7.30pm
- ◆ 13 February – Year 12 Joint Consultation Evening and UCAS Information Evening for parents 4.30pm-7pm
- ◆ February half term break – School closed: 18-22 February

Our students

KS4 Diamond Reward

Massive congratulations to Roni Abou-Chakra for being the first Year 11 student EVER to reach our Diamond Conduct Points level at Key Stage 4!

A Conduct Point score is calculated by subtracting any behaviour points from the total of achievement points received.

To reach Diamond, a student needs to achieve 600 Conduct Points in a term. The reward for this special achievement is £50. Well done Roni and thank you for the commitment and positive attitude you bring to King Edward VII School.



Chemistry Quiz Success!

The Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' Chemistry quiz was held at Upper School on Wednesday 21st November.

It was a really enjoyable and well organised event hosted by Mr Davy (Science Teacher) and his RSC colleagues with a number of Post 16 students helping. Twelve schools took part and we are very proud to announce that King Edward VII School finished in 1st place! Our nearest competitors were Tipton (2nd place) and Birkdale (5th place).

The KES Chemistry Team consisted of: Kian Moshiri (Y11), Grace Reading (Y10), Wilf Lamont (Y9) and Monica Curiel Vaz (Y9).

They did fantastically well answering some very tough questions along the way. The team will go onto to the national finals to be held in London early next year! Well done!

Chess News

Last year's King Edward VII School Chess Championship ended with the joint victory of Jonathan Rubin Y13 and Dr R Combley. This was a hard fought event and mention should be made of the spirited third place gained by Abdullah Daoub after a play-off against Mr Harvey.

This tournament, now firmly re-established, has become a feature of School life over the last decade and recalls the days when King Edward's was a major force in Sheffield School Chess in the 1960s.

One issue the tournament did highlight was the state of our School chess sets and this led to a fundraising effort, including a special event in which Mr Badger took on teams of players consulting each other as to the best strategy to adopt against him! Players contributed around £100 for the privilege of taking part. This figure, combined with a very generous contribution from the Old Edwardian's Association and another from a Y12 parent, meant the total fundraising came to over £300 and we are now in a position to buy enough sets to keep chess going, on both sites, for another decade.



Our students

Post 16 Mock Interviews

All of our students will be faced with a selective interview in the near future. Some will have interviews as part of the UCAS selection process. Most will be trying to pick up paid work - either part-time fitted in around their studies or in the holidays. Some students will be faced with a challenging apprenticeship selection by an employer. Those applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry will be facing tough selection interviews.

We held mock interviews for our students to give them the chance to present themselves in an interview setting, practice their answers and get some feedback about what to do next time. Approximately one hundred students were involved in interviews with organisations and people such as experts in Engineering or Foreign Languages from the University of Sheffield, Gavin Coe, River Stewardship Company (not for profit organisation cleaning up Sheffield's rivers and waterways), Shadi Albaba, Clinical Scientists from Sheffield Children's NHS Trust and Maria Devlin, Wates Group (UK Construction and Development). A number of governors and other volunteers from various backgrounds in education and recruitment were also involved.

Their feedback on our students was outstanding and many commented that the students they spoke to were well composed, conveyed energy about their past experiences and could verbally demonstrate vital skills such as communication, team work and leadership. Many of our volunteers stated they would consider giving the students an opportunity to work with them in the future. The students were also really grateful for the opportunity, having been initially apprehensive about the mock interviews. However, they all came out smiling with a sense of achievement for having completed the task.

Celebrating Success – Ex Students

Shu-Yu Chang has gained a First Class Degree in Music at Oxford University.

Matthew Oxley has gained a First Class Degree in Modern Languages at Oxford University.

Ben Henderson gained a First Class Degree in Philosophy at Birmingham University and has just completed his MA at the University of Sheffield! He has been volunteering in the RE and Philosophy Department in the School this term.

Eric Benjamin Mussell Webber, MChem Honours Chemistry, Newcastle University, July 2017.

Jack Clarke, BSc Honours Chemistry, Newcastle University, July 2017.

Alistair Robert Christian Druce, B Eng Honours Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Newcastle, July 2017.

Our Students

Amnesty International Bake Sale

"Last month's bake sale helped raise nearly £100 which will be put forward and used to spread awareness of what Amnesty does in countries across the world.

We have weekly Amnesty meetings that involve students in raising issues of sexism, injustice, sanitary hygiene, the fight for human rights as well as campaigning against female genital mutilation (FGM) which may come as a new societal issue to many people or one some may not have considered. However, around 137,000 women and girls are currently affected by FGM in England and Wales alone.



This group of Y12s, within Amnesty at KES, have a certain optimism about impact that they can have in providing sanitary care for the homeless and women in poverty across Sheffield as prices rise due to tampons being considered as a "luxury item" and on a similar level to Crocodile meat which you can probably agree is ridiculous.

We are now planning giving students the opportunity to sign petitions surrounding these subjects."

Thank you, Post 16 Amnesty Team

Letter to the Lord Mayor

Nicole Chen, Year 7S1, sent a lovely letter to the Lord Mayor, Magid Magid, earlier this term inviting him to visit the School because it is so wonderful. She received an official letter from the Lord Mayor asking her to arrange a visit and to include lunch because he enjoys eating with students and is partial to puddings!

Greetings cards for South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice

Ella Sylvester and Amy Range, Year 11 Graphics students, have been working with Mr Burns (Design and Technology Teacher) on a project to design greetings cards and thank you plaques for the local charity named above.

The Charity members were 'extremely pleased with the girls' excellent design which uses an image of Swallows in flight to suggest the idea of positive migration and now wish to proceed with printing them commercially. The names of students will be included on the back of the cards, alongside the name of the School. Well done to Ella and Amy.

King Edward VII School is proud to be associated with the South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice Charity.

Words from our students

BiG Challenge Competition

“The BiG Challenge has been, and still is, an amazing experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the thought provoking discussions and selling at stalls. Not only is it great fun, but also very rewarding. Last year, me and my team Fantasize (me, Emma Lewis, Maddy Wright and Miranda Gregory) came third overall! The whole

rewards ceremony was great! If you ever have the opportunity / chance to do anything similar – or enter the BiG Challenge itself – I would definitely recommend that you jump on board with it and make the most of everything you have.” - Mila Parsons Cerulli, 9S2.

Third Prize
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Fantasize

“The BiG Challenge is a competition in Sheffield with various schools that involves making a business in groups and competing to win prizes at the end. Both this year and last year I entered the BiG Challenge with a team in the hope of creating a business and making some money. Last year I entered with five other students and created a business that made vases and candles out of old wine bottles. We painted the bottles and sold some at various sale opportunities across Sheffield. This year I entered the BiG Challenge competition with two other students and our business is making macramé holders and concrete plant pots.

We are currently looking for sale opportunities and hope to get further through the competition successfully. Please let me know if we can attend one of your events, if appropriate, to sell our amazing products.

I entered the BiG Challenge Competition for two years because it is an enjoyable experience and gives you opportunities in further life. It is a very fun and exciting process and I recommend it to other students.” - Alexander Lake, 9S1.

Our current BiG Challenge groups were showcasing and selling their products at our Christmas Market Evening held on 10th December. We were very impressed at the quality of the products and the professionalism of the teams! Some of the groups featured in the Sheffield Telegraph on Thursday 13 December 2018

Words from our students

Cutlers' 'Made in Sheffield' Programme

'The Cutlers' Made in Sheffield (Better Learners, Better Workers) Programme is a consistent and coherent, employer led approach that develops, in young people, the skills needed for employability and the world of work.

It provides:

- Businesses with home grown talent which will allow them to grow; and
- Young people with the skills they need to gain employment and be the best they can be!

Ruby Ramsell, Year 9, is on the Cutlers' Programme and she wrote: 'The Cutlers' event that took place in the October half term really worked on my confident level and my ability to talk to and make more friends with students from the other schools. It is a great experience for anyone who is lucky to have a chance to go on this outing because it not only helps with confidence but it also combines team work, communication and the level of focus that is needed to get into any job in the future.

It is also an amazing experience because the Grand Cutlers' Hall (which isn't open to the general public) is spectacular. It is a great achievement to be invited to such a prestigious building which has history dating back to about 400 years ago. Overall, the trip was an excellent day out and it has persuaded me even more to become an engineer.'

Michaela Macreath-Smith is also on the Cutlers' Programme and this is her report which explains why she decided to become a Cutlers' Ambassador: "I decided to become a Cutlers' Ambassador because I really wanted to try out something new and experience something that will help me in future years. After having to write an application and go through an interview, I got onto the course and felt so proud and overjoyed.

So far the experience has been amazing. We were given our own Cutlers' Handbook where we could put all of our findings throughout the course and keep them safe. For example, during the October half term we spent time at the Cutlers' Hall in Sheffield, researched key areas and delivered a presentation to all the parents and visitors in the Grand Hall in the evening. It was amazing.

I am really looking forward to the future as a Cutlers' Ambassador for all of the exciting activities that we will undertake and how they will help me succeed in the thing I want to accomplish in the future."

Y8 Drama Club

"In the Y8 Drama Club we have been creating our own play. It focuses on the life of a small young girl, around the age of nine, and how she has been abandoned. She seems to be invisible to the world around her until a woman notices her on her way to work. Little does the woman know that not stopping to help the girl could put the young, vulnerable girl at risk in the wider world.

The Drama Club is great! Come and give the Drama Club a try! It's a great way to pretend to be someone else during lunchtime.

The Lower School Drama Club – is on Wednesday lunchtimes from 12:10pm - 1:05pm in the Drama Studio.

Mary Scott, 8S2

Our Students



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Another very successful year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has a long history of success at King Edward VII School, and last year was no different. Since September 2017, there have been 132 Bronze Award completions and 26 Gold Award completions. There have been around 100 students train for and complete their Bronze expeditions and around 50 students train for and complete their Gold expeditions.

Recently we held a Bronze certificate presentation evening in the Upper School Hall to award certificates to students now in Year 10 who have completed their Bronze Award. This was well attended and a good opportunity to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the 63 students who have completed their award to date. Completing a Bronze Award is a rewarding challenge for students, requiring them to complete three to six months each of volunteering, physical activities and other challenges with a small team of students. Well done to all those who have completed their awards!

Students from Y10 who have completed their awards so far...

<u>Katie Adams</u>	<u>Jana Dittrich</u>	<u>Ayse Kaya</u>	<u>Huynh Bao Nhi Pham</u>
<u>Amina Ali</u>	<u>Hannah Duckenfield</u>	<u>Libby Knight</u>	<u>Seth Pledger</u>
<u>Shahad Almurisi</u>	<u>Nikki Fathollah</u>	<u>Edward Lane</u>	<u>Eleanor Poulson</u>
<u>Noor Awan</u>	<u>Lewis Fearnley</u>	<u>Hannah Mahmood</u>	<u>Nura Rabbi</u>
<u>Esther Ayantuga</u>	<u>Jasmine Foulds</u>	<u>Aitana Marzal Re</u>	<u>Grace Reading</u>
<u>Finlay Baker</u>	<u>Parsa Golzadeh</u>	<u>Josh McDonald</u>	<u>William Ridge</u>
<u>Zak Berisford</u>	<u>John Gray</u>	<u>Emil McLean</u>	<u>Sophia Roach</u>
<u>Evan Blythe</u>	<u>Nicole Gueorguieva</u>	<u>Hannah Metherall</u>	<u>Eshaa Shoaib</u>
<u>Eloise Boyce</u>	<u>Hannah Hallas-Ho-Shing</u>	<u>Husna Mohammed</u>	<u>Eva Shrimpton</u>
<u>Miriam Bray</u>	<u>Scarlett Harding</u>	<u>Eoin Mullaney</u>	<u>Bryn Squires</u>
<u>Francesca Brice</u>	<u>Joe Heanue</u>	<u>Ezzie Nettleingham-Bradley</u>	<u>Aamina Sulman</u>
<u>Molly Burnard</u>	<u>Charlotte Henshaw</u>	<u>Bryony Nightingale</u>	<u>Louis Swain</u>
<u>Yoonseo Choi</u>	<u>Fred Howarth Kennedy</u>	<u>Ruby Noble</u>	<u>Lillie Tickle</u>
<u>Adyaan Choudhury</u>	<u>Alanna Hunt</u>	<u>Finn Nunnington</u>	<u>Benjamin Wadsley</u>
<u>Maddy Davey</u>	<u>Ivan Hurst-Brown</u>	<u>Ivor Otter</u>	<u>Iona Williams-Devlin</u>
<u>Elizabeth Deslandes</u>	<u>Joseph Kay</u>	<u>Louisa Pervolianakis</u>	<u>Huynh Bao Nhi Pham</u>



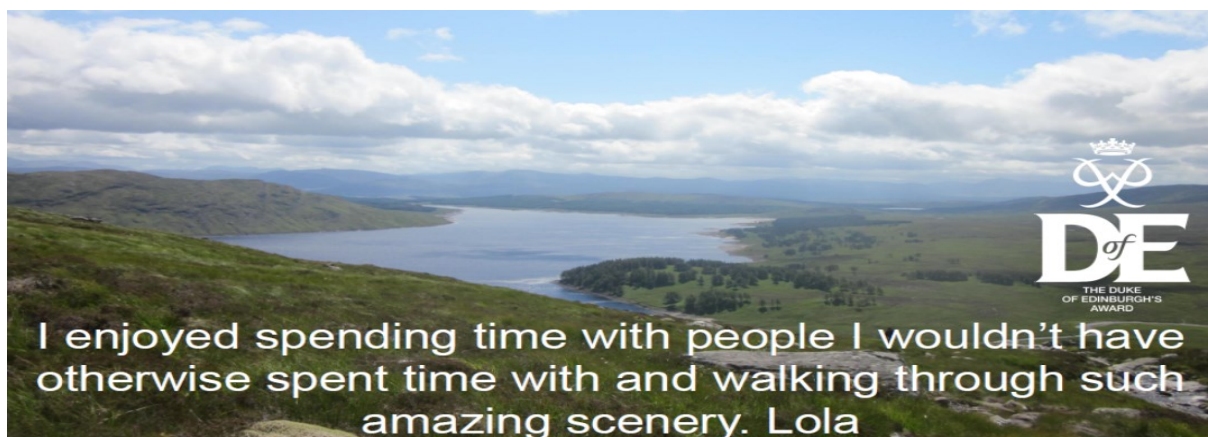
Towards the end of October we also had the DofE Gold expedition presentation evening in the Upper School Hall. This was an opportunity for the nine expedition groups who successfully completed their Gold expeditions in July to share their experiences with staff, students and parents. It is always great to hear the stories and see pictures from the expeditions, and is a good reminder of the value of the award. Completing the Gold Award is a step up for students from Bronze, requiring them to volunteer for 12-18 months, and develop a skill and a physical activity for 6-18 months. They also need to complete a five day residential with people they don't know and train for and complete a four day expedition in wild country.

Each July we head up to the Lochaber region of Scotland for the Gold qualifying expedition, a vast and beautiful area allowing students great freedom to explore one of Britain's last wilderness areas. They often don't see tarmac for four days, and are wild camping in remote locations. Groups find the training, preparation and expedition challenging at times, but learn so much about themselves and each other through doing it, and build memories and friendships to last a lifetime.

As a School we are privileged to have a long history of running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and being able to offer both Bronze and Gold Awards to any student that wants to take part. We have many staff who willingly give their time and energy to enable the awards to run, particularly the training for and completion of the expeditions. At a time where resources are stretched ever thinner, and demands on staff are ever greater, it is fantastic that so many staff still support the running of the award, and that the School sets aside some staff time to enable it to happen. Particular mention should go to Mr Ward for all the hard work he puts into running the Bronze Award, and Mrs Asquith-Richardson, who does so much behind the scenes to ensure that the administration of the awards is in place. We are also fortunate that parents are willing to contribute to the DofE Access Fund through Parent Pay that enables us to subsidise the cost for students where needed and maintain a good kit store. This all helps to ensure that students don't need to miss out due to the costs. We, as a School, are able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to more students, and at a lower cost, than other schools, and it is something that helps us positively stand apart from other schools and colleges in the area.

I hope that students continue to make the most of this fantastic opportunity, and look forward to supporting them into the future. If any student needs help completing their award, or you have any other questions about the award at King Edward VII School, please email dofe@kes.sheffield.sch.uk

Mr White



Sporting Success

Isaac Gordon, 7L1

Our Year 7 student, Isaac Gordon, plays football for Derby County Academy. He is very dedicated travelling straight from School to Derby three nights per week, not getting home until 9pm, taking part in training and education programme, plus playing a match every Sunday. I have met with the Education Officer from the Academy and she is delighted with him.

In School he works extremely hard and has 732 achievement points! He is a fantastic role model and hopefully a famous professional footballer of the future!

Mrs K Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader



Netball Successes ONCE AGAIN!

Well done to the Year 10 and Year 11 netballers who have finished second in the National Schools' U16 County Tournament. They will now go on to represent South Yorkshire in the Regional Finals in Hull.

The team members are Anna Dickson, Anna Rose, Mae Herrington, Phoebe

Gillingham, Paige Trower, Lily Woodward and Eva Shrimpton.

The girls played spectacularly well and were praised by the umpires for their positive and professional attitudes on and off the court.

Special congratulations also to **Mae Herrington** who has been selected to play in the Loughborough Lightning U17 NPL (National Performance League) Netball Squad. This is a fantastic achievement. It means that she will be playing with lots of the top players in the region. This is a fantastic stepping stone to the super league netball teams in the future.



Sporting Success

Sheffield Sharks Basketball Team- Yazid El-Ghannay

The School is absolutely delighted that Yazid El-Ghannay has been selected to play for the Sheffield Sharks U16 Basketball Team.

Yazid is a superb young man and an excellent basketball player. Well done, Yazid!



Girls' Cross Country Team



King Edward VII School has a formidable girls' cross country team in the form of Hannah Metherall (Y10), Maddie Davey (Y10), Katie Adams (Y10), Miranda Gregory (Y9) and Hannah Duckenfield (Y10).

On Friday 23 December the girls travelled to Ipswich in the minibus with Mr G Paish -Plunkett (PE Curriculum Leader) and Ms

Murray (PE teacher) to stay overnight in the city before the race on Saturday morning. Ms Murray runs the cross country team in the School.

To give you a real sense of the achievement of the girls, King Edward VII School was one of only two state schools out of thirty teams to enter the race. They had to finish in the top three of the previous two races, at regional and county levels, to qualify for this competition. The girls finished twenty-second and they all performed exceptionally well. Well done girls!

Our Governors

Verity Kemp Vice-Chair of Governors

Verity Kemp became Vice Chair of Governors at King Edward VII School at the start of this term. She joined the Governing Body a year ago as a co-opted member. She is married with three adult children and moved to Sheffield from Reading in April 2015. She has experience of being a school governor in Reading where she was an elected parent governor at her children's primary school and then a Local Authority co-opted governor at a secondary school.

Verity was born in Stafford, lived in Birmingham and attended Leeds University where she studied Geography. Her working life has been in the NHS and healthcare, having held posts at all levels from hospital to central government, with work ranging from managing major hospitals to developing national guidance for the NHS. Since 1988, she has run her own company specialising in project management, facilitation and training, focusing on working at the clinical managerial interface. She has worked in the area of health emergency planning, response and resilience and psychosocial care for people affected by disasters and emergencies for the past fifteen years. She is a published academic author and currently in the midst of co-editing a book for the Royal College of Psychiatrists called 'Social Scaffolding: Applying the lessons of a social science to health and healthcare.'

A key part of her adult life has been to contribute to her community through volunteering. In addition to her experience as a governor, she has also been active in the Scout Association for over twenty years. She is also a non executive member of the Audit Committee of the South Yorkshire Housing Association. Verity loves walking in the Peak District, going to the gym, the cinema and the theatre, singing, reading and she still has an interest in geography, particularly in volcanoes.

Verity said, "It is a real privilege to be a Governor here at King Edward's and to have the opportunity to work with such an able leadership team and staff and especially to help make sure that all the students have a great experience here."



The Governors' Fundraising Group

As well as the Governing Body and its two main sub committees, Curriculum and Performance and Finance, Premises and Personnel, there are other groups that meet to help support the School in particular areas. I am leading the group looking at fundraising. King Edward VII School works very hard to maintain a truly broad curriculum of education for your children.

One of the things that makes King Edward VII School distinctive, is its focus not only on providing excellent teaching to deliver the required curriculum but also its commitment to provide a huge range of opportunities for your children to enrich their lives, in sport, business enterprise, and science and the arts, to name but a few, as well as maintaining strong links with the local community. These opportunities are becoming more difficult to provide with the financial pressures that all schools are currently facing. It is this extracurricular activity that, I believe, helps our students mature into capable, confident, caring young people able to take an active part in the life of the School and then of their community as adults. To be able to sustain and develop these activities, the governors have formed a fundraising group. We have been going for about six months and have been looking at what we already do that generates income for the School. We cannot do this on our own and will be looking for the support and input of our students and their families. We will need all sorts of support! Can you run a fundraising event or support one being run in School or run one outside School, say, in your workplace? Can you publicise such an event? Do you know or work in a business or a company that might provide the School with sponsorship? Are you a fundraising expert?

Please contact me if you would like to help in any way or to ask questions about how you might help verityjkemp@gmail.com

Our Governors

Colin Muncie, the Chair of the Governors' Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee, has secured a donation of 330 trees and shrubs from the Woodland Trust for the School. The trees and shrubs will be planted in the Lower School grounds.



A call to action and support will be requested from students and parents during the spring term 2019. Please join in and help to plant the trees and shrubs for our students and School.



Well done, Colin Muncie!

Our School

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a significant moment in the year when all students, staff and the nation take a moment to pause to think about all the servicemen, service women and civilians who have lost their lives in conflicts in the past and in modern times. Many Old Edwardians lost their lives in the First World War and the Second World War

Robert Griffin, an Old Edwardian, lost his life in the Falklands War and a memorial is located in the grounds of Upper School in his memory.

Remembrance Day assemblies were led by Ms Gooden for all Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students on Thursday 8 November 2018 at Upper School.

Mrs Proost (Key Stage 3 Leader) led assemblies for all Key Stage 3 students at the Lower School site to mark the occasion.

At Upper School, Joseph Martin (Year 12) played The Last Post in the reception area on Friday 9 November at 11.00am when the School fell silent as a mark of respect and a time for reflection for those who have lost their lives. The music resonated throughout the building and members of staff shared that they were moved by Joseph's playing of The Last Post.

Thank you and very well done to Joseph Martin.



Race of Remembrance with Mission Motorsport



On Saturday 10th November our very own Mr Kavanagh took part in a very special 100 Year Celebration at the Anglesey Racing Track in Wales. Along with other members of the Supercar Driver Club, he was part of group of drivers taking both veterans and beneficiaries of the charity Mission Motorsport around the Anglesey Circuit.

Veterans from all over the world had made the trip to Anglesey for the celebrations. The veterans were from many different conflicts and from all decades.

The three hour stint involved Mr Kavanagh and his friends taking passenger rides around the track going as fast as possible whilst staying within the comfort zone of their passengers. The whole day was an amazing experience for all concerned.

The aim of Mission Motorsport is to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations, by providing opportunities through Motorsport. They have helped of 2000 ex-service people get back into society after severe trauma.

Mr Kavanagh leading the parade in his BMW E30 M3!

Our School

Remembrance Day Project

The Art Department created a piece of work to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the World War. They created copies of 12 of the portrait photographs of ex- students who served in WW1 from John Cornwell's (School archivist and former long serving governor) book about the history of King Edward VII School.

The images were printed to a good size and then photographs were taken of our current students of the same age holding the portraits of their predecessors. This was to show the journey of those who gave their lives so we might have such a wonderful rich diversity of students today.

12 Volunteers

12 photographs

12 current KES students holding a portrait of a **KES student** killed in WW1.

100 years on....

No props. No poppies. No expressions of grief, anger, fear....

No celebration of victory. No soapboxing about the futility of war.

17 or 18 years of age. The singularly consistent connection between the two students.

Reflection. Contemplation. What ifs and maybes....

Successful artist and teacher, Mr Stephen Carley worked with Post 16 students to create the art installation which is on display in the School. In the words of Mr Carley 'Students volunteered to take their place in front of the camera and have their photograph taken. The black ominous background and flat lighting technique were crucial to create an image that, when printed at 'life-size' gave the impression of the two figures emerging from or sinking back into the darkness. The photographs were taken in the rooms now occupied by Art and Photography. These were once science labs. The students from 100 years ago could well have had one of their last lessons in this room before marching off to the mud, blood and trenches of the Western Front.'

**My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Prop patria mori.**

Wilfred Owen

Notes: Latin phrase is from the Roman poet Horace: "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country."

Poppy Appeal

King Edward VII School is proud to support the annual Poppy Appeal by the Royal British Legion.



Our School

The Great War Debate

Hundreds of students from across South Yorkshire attended a World War One debate at our Upper School site in October. It was the first in a series of five being held across the UK in 2018/19. The debate focused on 'Changing Reputation and Memory' and explored how the First World War has been remembered and memorialised over time. It was chaired by news journalist and presenter for the BBC, John Young, and he was supported by renowned experts in the history of World War One. This included Professor Benjamin Ziemann, a Professor of Modern German History at the University of Sheffield (a renowned expert in the military, social and cultural history of the First World War) and Dr Chris Kempshall who is an Associate Lecturer in Modern History at the University of Kent, a member of the Academic Advisory Board to the Imperial War Museum First World War Centenary projects and an advisor to the BBC on their Centenary projects. Students were encouraged to put their questions to the panel and join in the debate with votes.

"Everyone on the panel was impressed with the depth of knowledge the students demonstrated and with the energy and enthusiasm they brought to the debate."
John Young.

Matthew Harland, Head of History, said: "It was a privilege to host The Great War Debate at King Edward VII School. To see students thoroughly engaged in the issue of remembrance and ask far-reaching questions to a panel of academics was an extremely valuable experience. Our students not only challenged their own perceptions of the Great War but also challenged the views of leading historians."

Daniel Janicki, a Year 13 student, stated,

"Having the chance to debate with world-renowned experts and hearing so many different perspectives brought the impact of the war to life for me. Seeing the actual uniforms and artillery used by soldiers who were not much older than us was also really thought provoking. It made me think about the huge sacrifices that were made just one hundred years ago so that we can live the life we do today."

Online Safety Training

A whole School training session on Online Safety for staff took place on Tuesday 11th December, delivered by Sue Finnigan from Sheffield City Council's E-Learning Team. Topics covered included:

- * An overview of what young people are doing Online
- * The worst case scenarios that young people face
- * What are the worries of our young people?
- * National and local research
- * The risks to staff
- * Where to get help, resources and support

If you would like more information on this topic, or you are concerned about your child's online safety, please contact the School and we can signpost you to support and guidance. **Useful websites include www.parentzone.org.uk, www.nspcc.org.uk,**

Our School

Lord Mayor Magid Magid's visit

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield created time in his busy schedule to visit King Edward VII School on Wednesday 12 December at 11.30am.

There was a buzz of excitement in anticipation of his visit. He came to the School to talk to Post 16 students about issues facing young people in Sheffield and further afield.



He also came to celebrate the extraordinary diversity in Sheffield and our local communities. The audience comprised of six hundred and fifty Post 16 students, staff, governors and other visitors to the School.

The Lord Mayor shared details about his own background, his education, and why he opted to study Zoology at degree level, his passion and commitment towards politics and listening to the voices of those who live in our communities. He explained and described his role and responsibilities as the Lord Mayor which includes chairing monthly meetings with City Council members.

After his formal presentation the Lord Mayor responded to numerous questions from students, including seeking his views about the controversial felling of trees in Sheffield by Amey and the fact that local residents had been arrested for protecting trees in their neighbourhoods.



The Lord Mayor also spent time meeting numerous student in the dining room, during lunch time, seek their views on a whole range of important and topical issues.

All the students, staff and governors appreciated the Lord Mayor's visit to the School. It was a wonderful occasion.

Our School

The Big Conversation with Paul Blomfield, MP

Paul Blomfield visited the School on the 27 September 2018 to speak to Year 12 and Year 13 History and Politics students.

He was engaging with young people as part of his Big Conversation to canvas views and discuss important issues with his constituents.

He took a wide range of questions including questions on student finance for Higher Education, Brexit and the effects on young people and Sheffield, the welfare state and homelessness in Sheffield.



The School welcomes MPs to discuss and debate issues with our students.

Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening

This Open Evening took place on Tuesday 2 October 2018.

It is a very important event on the School calendar because it provides staff and students with the opportunity to showcase our fabulous School to prospective Year 5 and Year 6 children, parents and carers.

A huge number of visitors visited the glorious Upper School Site on Glossop Road and they commented upon the excellent curriculum and outstanding student ambassadors. Two of our Year 11 students; Lydia Gregory (Year 11) and Ismail Hassan (Year 11), delivered individual presentations which were 'inspiring and informative.'

Well done, Lydia and Ismail!

Our School

Post 16 Open Evening

The annual Post 16 Open Evening took place at the Upper School site on Thursday 22 November 2018.

The event went exceptionally well. Prospective students and their parents and carers were inspired by our fine Post 16 ambassadors, staff and the School.

Over seven hundred copies of our School Prospectus were given out during the evening and the hall was full at both the 7.00pm and 8.00pm formal presentations which equates to approximately one thousand people!

One prospective parent said, 'Tonight has really enthused my daughter to work for her GCSEs. After talking to staff and students she is so excited and motivated by the prospect of coming to King Edward VII in September.'

Another parent stated, 'We thought we had made our decision last week, but King Edward VII was the final Open Evening. We have been blown away! He now as a new first choice. Thank you so much.'

Mr S Cooke, Assistant Head, Post 16

Christmas Music Concert

The annual Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church on Friday 14 December 2018 was exceptional and included Christmas carols, readings, a piano solo by Shu-Hsuan Chang, brass, wind and strings pieces and a short performance (singing and dancing) by a Year 7 language group.



A huge thank you to Matthew Doubleday (Music Curriculum Leader), Jennie Machan (Music teacher) and Maria Mateo-Polo (Second in Languages) for their hard work, commitment and energy to ensure a wonderful Christmas concert was experienced by all.

Our School

King Edward VII School's Food Bank Appeal

King Edward VII School launched a Food Bank Appeal to collect food products and other important essential daily items for the S6 Food Bank at Saint Thomas' Church. The Appeal ran from Monday 5 November—Wednesday 19 December 2018.

The School is aware of the fact that there has been a significant increase in the number of individuals and families who are accessing food banks because of the challenging financial situations they are facing on a day to day basis. These include those who are employed but are on low incomes and perhaps some who are unemployed and are finding it difficult to secure employment and those who are on benefits. All are struggling to make ends meet.

The School chose to collect for the S6 Food Bank because this area serves some of the students who attend King Edward VII School and if they need additional support we wish to play a role in this.

We chose to launch the Food Bank at this time so that students, parents, carers, staff and governors can collect as much food and essential items as possible to support people during the Christmas period so that they do not go hungry or without key items at Christmas.

We advertised this event via posters sent to all parents, carers, staff and governors, assemblies and form time discussions with students and in our weekly bulletins for students.

All students have been encouraged to bring in at least one item from the Food Bank list. Collection boxes and points were identified on both sites, Lower School and Upper School, in the reception areas.



A huge thank you to students, parents, carers, staff and governors for donating hundreds of items to our Food Bank Christmas Appeal between Monday 5 November - Wednesday 19 December 2018. Your support and generosity will help many families in the S6 area this Christmas.

Our School

Fundraising

This term we have raised over £1000 for our School fund. This money helps to cover the cost of School events and all the reward opportunities for our students.

We raised over £400 during our fundraising week where we held activities such as chocolate tombola, raffles, silly hat/hair day and much more. There were some great hairstyles, including one that looked like a unicorn!

We also raised over £800 at the Christmas Market which was a very successful evening. Our BiG Challenge students had various stalls as well as members of the public. It was a well attended event and entertainment was provided by our Year 7 students singing festive songs in Spanish!

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING WEEK 2018

*Monday 19th - Friday 23rd November
Activities taking place all week!*

MONDAY - BAKE SALE / BUCKET COLLECTION

TUESDAY - SILLY HAT OR HAIR DAY - PAY £1 / BAKE SALE / BUCKET COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY - HENNA AND TATTOOS / FACE PAINTING / BAKE SALE

THURSDAY - BAKE SALE / GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR / CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

FRIDAY - 5P FRIDAY - BRING IN ALL YOUR SPARE 5 PENCES / BAKE SALE



Our School

Why not learn a new Language?

Since 1999 King Edward VII School has been offering evening classes to the general public. Over the last eighteen years the number of classes has expanded considerably and the School now runs classes in ten different languages on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Learners from age 18-70+ attend the classes and this autumn we have a record number of 614 learners on roll. We are now the biggest supplier of adult foreign language learning in the City.

Classes can be taken in Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish from complete beginner level to Advanced Conversation. This year we have also trialled classes in Intermediate Conversation in French and Spanish. Our learners come from right across the City and some travel in from Derbyshire and beyond.

We advertise our full programme (which starts each September) from July each year. We also advertise our five week holiday intensive courses for complete beginners in May which take place in June and July. Our Holiday Intensive Classes are popular with families who come to learn the language together before setting off on their travels.

If you are interested in any of our classes please contact the Evening Class Team on languagecollege@kes.sheffield.sch.uk or you can call us 0114 2296573 (Term time only)



If you enjoy Strictly Come Dancing, you might be interested to know that our beautiful Upper School building will host the first Sheffield Argentine Tango Festival next year on the 3 - 5 May 2019. There will be lots of hours of dancing, workshops and performances from Argentine and other international teachers.

Colleagues or parents welcome to join as a beginner (discount available) or even better start dancing now so you can join us on the dance floor! Please email Mrs A Blanchflower (ablanchflower@kes.sheffield.sch.uk) at School for more information.

Our School

Sheffield Music Hub Extravaganza

King Edward VII School is firmly committed to offering Music to all students from Year 7 through to Post 16. Music plays an important role in shaping us as human beings and adds to the cultural capital of the individual, the School and of communities.

The Sheffield Music Hub believes 'with every fibre of our being, that musical schools are happy schools. Music is an essential part of life and our engagement with it follows us to all corners of our existence.

On Tuesday 18 December the Sheffield Music Hub held its Christmas Extravaganza at the Sheffield Cathedral and it was spectacular! What was even more spectacular was that King Edward VII was the only School that was represented in the form of the King Edward VII School Brass Ensemble. The students were remarkable.

Congratulations and well done to Joe Martin, Robert Nowell, Ted McDaid, Sarah McKay, Ed Lane, Georgia Kirk, Rebecca LeCount and Billy Illingworth who form the Brass Ensemble.

Thank you to Mr Matthew Doubleday (Music Curriculum Leader) and Jennie Machan (Music teacher) for developing the skills, passion and love of music in our students.



Visit by Chinese Academics

The School has long established links with The Confucius Institute at the University of Sheffield. The Institute is 'a bridge of friendship and cooperation between the UK and China.'



Confucius Institute
reinforcing

On Tuesday 27 November 2018, thirty academics from various Chinese Universities, including Nankai University, Wuhan University and Beijing Normal University, visited the School. The academics were taking part in a twelve week programme hosted by the University of Sheffield and Ms Clare Allison, Languages Project Manager, delivered a lecture on the Heritage Languages and Multi-Culturalism followed by a question and answer session on British educational policy and systems in the School, with Ms Gooden and Mr Michael Davison (Business Manager). It was a very successful partnership event.

Old Edwardians

David Charles

King Edward VII School is always delighted and honoured to receive communications from Old Edwardians and their family members.

It was particularly special to receive an email from Mrs Mirja Charles, the wife of Mr David Charles, on the 28 March 2018 asking 'for a favour for my husband, David Charles, who attended King Edward VII School in 1944-1952'. Mrs Charles asked if David Charles could visit the School, with his extended family 'from three different countries', to celebrate his 85th birthday on Saturday 12 May 2018. They would be travelling from Surrey for the weekend and visiting his old School was 'the only item on his bucket list.'

Without hesitation, I confirmed the visit but it had to be kept a secret from David Charles until a short time before their arrival in Sheffield!

David Charles has had a hugely successful life. He entered the School in 1944. He was the Lynwood House Captain since January 1952. Sport played a significant role in his life at the School and he was the 'House Football, Cricket and Athletics Captain. School 1st XI Football 1950-1952. School 1st XI Cricket 1950-1952. School Tennis Team 1951. Tennis Secretary, 1951. Treasurer Modern Language Society.' He won the Herbert Hughes Memorial Prize for Spanish in 1950. And, as if this was not enough, he was a Prefect from 1950 and Head Prefect from September 1951. David Charles gained a place at New College, Oxford, for 1954.

After leaving King Edward VII School, in the words of David Charles, 'I did my two years of National Service in the RAF, training as a Russian interpreter, after which I went up to Oxford to do English. My career was then dedicated to Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). I started in schools in Bournemouth and London, and from 1965 to 1976 I went on a series of British Council contracts to Afghanistan, Cameroon, Singapore and Saudi Arabia – long years with many adventures!

I was always collecting qualifications: Dip. TEFL (Bangor), MA Linguistics and TEFL (Leeds), MBA (Aston), and by now I had moved to teaching the teachers. The MBA shifted me firmly into teaching the management of TEFL programmes. Being anchored in Aston University's Distance Learning TEFL Programme, I was able to do this on a worldwide basis. I visited an awful lot of places: Greece, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Poland, Oman, Singapore, Japan; some of these many times. In between all this, Mirja and I had our own company in Finland, teaching Business English Communication Skills, mainly to corporate executives. I finally called it a day in 2005!

Back to the birthday surprise! David and Mirja Charles, with their extended family, arrived at the School as planned and we really made it a special, 'momentous' occasion to use David Charles' words: large scale birthday banners, birthday cake with the School logo and colours, buffet, screening of the School's PR video, presented a This is Your Life Folder (with the invaluable help of Mr John Cornwell, archivist extraordinaire and former long serving governor), gifted him various books about the School (including two written by J Cornwell) and presented him with a unique, bespoke, beautifully framed photograph of the Grade II* Listed Upper School building, inscribed with David Charles' name and dates when he attended the School. It was a truly wonderful occasion for the family and the School. A number of our current students asked if we could arrange a birthday celebration for them on the same scale! They will have to wait a while longer!

In honour of his old School, David Charles and Mirja Charles have donated a substantial sum of money to the School for students who 'need a helping hand' to achieve success. This has been named the David Charles Fund. The School was overwhelmed by the generosity of David Charles and Mirja Charles. Thank you again to both of them and for the fascinating tales about the School between 1944-1952 and of the role of the Prefects and entertaining actions of former students. All of the latter were solely focused upon securing places at Oxford or Cambridge, which they did, and this tradition continues to this day.

David Charles and Family



Old Edwardians

Sir Alan Dawtry CBE TD

Famous Old Edwardian who introduced parking meters to Britain

Sir Alan Dawtry was an Old Edwardian who lived to be 102 years old and died earlier this year. He was at King Edward VII in the later 1920's and early 30's and then took a Law Degree at Sheffield University, before becoming a police prosecutor for Sheffield City Council before the Second World War.



He joined the Territorial Army before the war and went to France with his regiment in 1939. He was lucky to escape from France in 1940 after the German Army Blitzkrieg had reached the Channel. He made his way to Cherbourg and found there was only one ship left that was heading for England but the captain was dead drunk. He arrested him and ordered the ship to sail to England and safety. Later he fought in North Africa and Italy (he was at both the Salerno and Anzio landings), ending the war with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was the officer in charge of Milan when the British took the city. It was Alan Dawtry who gave the order to cut down Mussolini's body after he had been killed and hung out for public display by partisans.

In 1956 he became the Town Clerk of Westminster City Council, one of the most prestigious positions of local government. To help the council's finances he introduced parking meters in Westminster in 1958, the first ones in Britain, even though he never learnt to drive himself. He retired from local government in 1977 with a knighthood and a CBE to add to his wartime MBE.

In his private life he remained a bachelor for many decades finally marrying at the age of 81 and he was always proud of his Yorkshire heritage and his old School.

Old Edwardians

Paul Beck - King Edward VII student 1975-1980

Paul Beck is a successful photographer and he has produced a beautiful limited edition framed print - Title: King Edward VII Upper School

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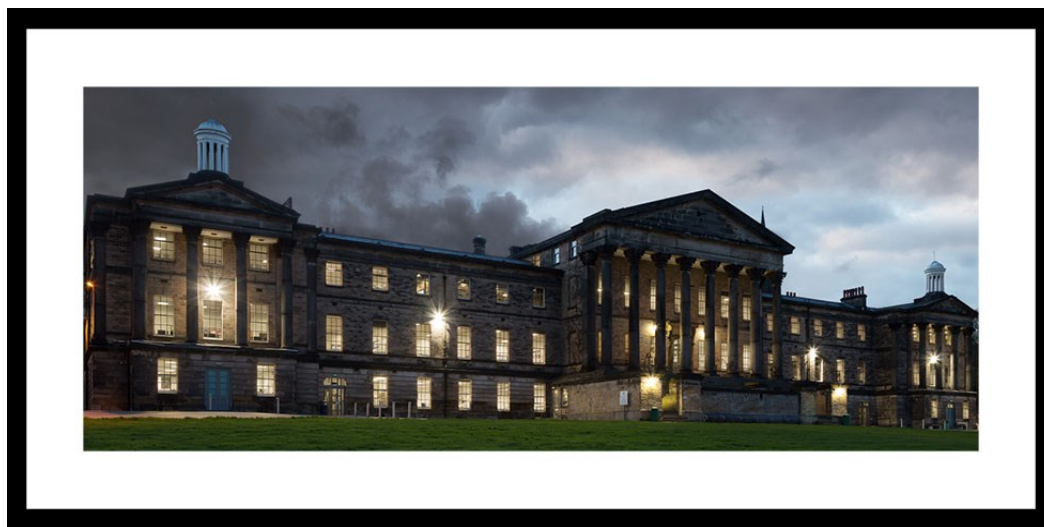
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Ian McHale - King Edward VII student 1969-1976

'It Awaits Us' is Ian's first book and is available on Amazon in paperback or kindle editions!

A second book is in the making!

