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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first School newsletter of 2017-2018.

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the first term! Students who joined the School in September have settled exceptionally well into our learning community. Across the School, many students have seized the opportunity to become ambassadors, mentors to other students and superb citizens in the wider community, whether this is bulb planting in Crosspool or helping out at Wesley Hall Lunch Club.

Students were outstanding ambassadors at our Year 5/6 and Post 16 Open Evenings earlier this term. They have played an active role in the recruitment of new staff by being involved in student interview panels; preparing themselves thoroughly by devising questions in advance of meeting each candidate. Well done to all!

The School has entered the Christmas season with energy and joy, epitomised by the truly outstanding Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, Broomhill, on Tuesday 12 December, the magical Christmas Craft Fair and Market on Monday 18 December and the Year 7 Christmas Carol Competition arranged by the Modern Foreign Languages Department. Students sang and danced to carols in French, German and Spanish! The winning group performed their carol at the Christmas Fair and if you were unable to attend, you missed a treat!



This newsletter reflects the successes of our students and staff; their ambition, enthusiasm, creativity, skills and achievements. I hope you enjoy reading about their experiences.

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

Warm regards

Linda Gooden, Headteacher

Our students

An amazing deed!

We have received a lovely letter from Mr Holder, Headteacher at Lowfield Primary School, praising the actions of two of our **Year 11** students, **Sama Saleh** and **Jemima Babija**. On their way to school Sama and Jemima found two very young children upset in the City centre because they were unable to get on a bus to School. They made the very sensible, thoughtful and caring decision to take them to Lowfield School to ensure they got to School safely. This was a very generous and mature act which took them out of their way. Well done to you both.

Caitlin O'Toole in **Year 13** has successfully passed her audition to sing in the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

This is a huge achievement, students go through a series of training choirs, and only the best reach the top National Youth Choir.

Caitlin has had her singing lessons at King Edward VII School with teacher Vivien Pike and now joins sister Molly in the Choir. Molly's first choir tour was three weeks in China!

Caitlin's solos in the recent Christmas Carol Concert can only be described as stunning.

Mrs E Davies
Teacher of Music

CONGRATULATIONS to **George Boswell** in **Year 13** (pictured below with Mr Burns) for winning the 1st prize in an International Graphic Design Competition.

In addition to his excellent logo design, King Edward VII students were highly commended for their excellent standard of Graphic Design work and the judges commented on how difficult it was to pick a winner from the strong field of entries.



Our students

Year 9 Visit to the University of Sheffield—report by Taylor Clarke

On Friday 17th November we went to see Sheffield University itself. The hopes I had for the trip turned into so much more.

We did things such as team building exercises, working with dry spaghetti to build towers and getting to know each other and our mentors. This was all in the first hour!

We went on a tour of the campus, looking at buildings that I had never associated with the University before. I was already picturing myself attending and was sure that I would happily walk through the campus in the future.

There was no dull moment – I had learned everything I wanted and more. I knew that with hard work University would be where I was heading.



Mentoring is one of the greatest things that School has brought me and my only wish is that everyone can have a similar experience.

I found this such a great opportunity and I'm sure it has given me better knowledge for the future.

Taylor Clarke 9P1

Mrs. Proost added:

“Our students’ behaviour was absolutely brilliant throughout the day and they were all a credit to the School and themselves. The Mentoring Team commented upon how bright, inquisitive and enthusiastic our students were.”



Our students

Netball successes

Well done to the **Year 10** netballers who have finished second in South Yorkshire Schools' U16 Tournament even though they were a year below the other teams. They are now through to the Yorkshire round in Hull. The **Post 16** team finished third in the South Yorkshire round.



The **Year 10** team members (some pictured) were Mae Herrington, Anna Dickson, Anna Rose, Phoebe Gillingham, Paige Trower, Matilda Barr, Mary West, Ellen Withington and Laura Fletcher. The **Post 16** team were Evie Hawkins, Charlotte Adams, Mayibongwe Dube, Amyonia Shaw, Caitlin Washington, Amy Howard and Lily Battye.

Special congratulations also to **Mae Herrington** and **Anna Dickson** for being selected to appear for the South Yorkshire Netball Academy.

....and Cross Country success too

The intermediate (**Year 9 and 10**) girls won the regional round of the Cross Country Cup and competed in the National Final at Sevenoaks School in Kent where they finished a very respectable 12th out of the top 27 schools in the country. Well done to the girls pictured below.

Hannah Metheral, Resian Morris, Maddey Davey, Katie Adams, Rosa Allen, Ariana Shimmer



Our students

Mr. Fehler took eight of our **Year 8** students to represent the School in a Royal Horticultural Society Project called Green Plan-It where they had to design a garden for the School. The students had to present their work to a panel of judges at the Botanical Gardens.



One of the two teams won a prize for the most innovative design (for their wall garden on the bridge between Art and Music at Lower School). Their ideas and model were brilliant and they spoke with knowledge and confidence to the judges.

The team (pictured) won a £100 garden centre voucher and a nice trophy which will go in the cabinet at Lower School.

Molly Thompson, Angelie Ullegaddi, Jess Armstrong, Nelly Barker, Hazel Brennan

The other team (Eric Wichert, Alex Coca, Wilfred Lamont) did a good job too but unfortunately did not win any prizes!

The Cutlers' Better Learners, Better Workers Ambassadors' Programme connects engineering, manufacturing and other employers to a group of schools supporting a range of interactive, employer focussed interventions to broaden the School and students' understanding of the world of work and skills required to succeed.

A number of our **Year 9** students applied to join the programme and the following were successful in being appointed to this extremely prestigious and important role.

Taylor Clarke	Amy Jenkins
Jess Hodgkins	Janka Toth
Nicole Gueorguieva	Evelyn Freeman
Leo Cummings	Johnny France
Bryony Nightingale	Humara Khan

This is a fantastic opportunity for the School and the students and will last throughout Years 9, 10 and 11. We are extremely lucky to have Ian Nicholls, Managing Director of Sheffield Forgemasters, to be our Business Champion and Mentor along with our governor Colin Muncie.

Further information can be found at www.betterlearnersbetterworkers.org.uk

Our students

Well done to the following **Year 9s** who helped at Wesley Hall Lunch Club - **Rhys Holmes, Cody Peet, Jessica Ashworth, Haleema Sadia, Bryony Nightingale** and **Robin Currie**.

The lunch club is a valuable resource in the local community of Crookes. The lunch club caters for the elderly, providing the opportunity for members of the local community to socialise with others whilst being served lunch. The **Year 9** students helped with a range of tasks including: preparation of food, serving refreshments and lunch, spending time with the guests who attend the lunch club and helping to clean/tidy the centre.

The students who attended today were an absolute credit to the School. They were really keen, fantastic with completing all tasks but their social interactions with the public really made me so proud to be their Pastoral Leader.

Miss Reeves



Well done also to all our Year 8 students who have helped at community lunches this term.

We have heard from Mr. Lomas at Nether Green Junior School that one of our **Year 7** students **Esme Heanue** gave an amazing speech recently at the Town Hall in front of more than 200 people.

Whilst at Nether Green Esme was part of the athletics team that won the South Yorkshire Championship in June 2017. Her speech accepted the award and allowed her to share her experiences of sport at Nether Green.

Well done Esme!

Our School

Our Christmas Fair, held on Monday 18th December at Upper School, was a huge success. Well done to everyone involved, you helped raise over £700 for the School funds. Here are some photographs of the evening.



Our School

Our Upper School Building on Glossop Road is used extensively by community groups in the evenings and weekends. Here are some examples of the activities that have taken place recently:

Maths Conference—over 400 attendees from across the UK attended the event in September.



Malaysian Student Society networking event



Annual Chess Conference

Over 180 players attended over three days during the Summer.

We also have several regular hirers including Play Hallam who use the facilities to provide childcare provision for over 70 children during the School holidays, the Chinese Community School who meet weekly and will be celebrating their New Year in the School Hall in February and the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus who use the School for rehearsal and auditions.

All these activities help generate additional funds for School and also enhance our reputation in the wider community. Special thanks to all our facilities and catering staff who help to make these events run successfully and safely.

Language Evening Classes

Each year King Edward VII School offers evening classes to adults wishing to learn a foreign language. Classes are offered in a range of levels from complete beginner to advanced conversation. They take place over three terms of ten weeks from 7.15-9.00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (depending on the language chosen and level) at our Upper School on Glossop Road, S10 2PW.

So far this year our classes have once again proved very popular. We currently have over 550 students studying ten different languages.

If you require any further information please see the page on our website or email languagecollege@kes.sheffield.sch.uk.

Our School

Chinese Visitors – Monday 9th October 2017

30 Chinese Visitors came to our School on Monday 9th October. They were in the UK to take part in a 12 week Programme run by the Sheffield Confucius Institute.

The Sheffield Confucius Institute was established in 2007 and is a partnership between the University of Sheffield, Nanjing University and Beijing Language and Culture University. It serves as a focal point for all China-related activities in Sheffield. It promotes Chinese language learning and teaches language and culture to Sheffield's schools, businesses and the general public. In October the Confucius Institute celebrated its 10 year anniversary when the UK's Ambassador to China attended a celebration event. The Sheffield Confucius Institute is seen as one of the UK's leading centres of China and UK collaboration and it has twice won the global Confucius Institute of the Year in 2010 and again in 2015.

The Chinese visitors themselves came from all over China and work either in schools, universities or in local government. The majority of them either teach English



as a foreign language or Mandarin Chinese. They were interested to discover how schools in the UK operate and to gain a greater understanding of language teaching in the UK. During their 12 week stay they will attend lectures in Language Planning, Applied Linguistics, Second Language Curriculum Development and the UK Education System amongst other topics. In addition, when they visited King Edward VII School in the morning they attended a lecture on Heritage Languages and Sheffield as a multicultural city to set the context for their stay.

In the afternoon they met with Ms Gooden and Mr Davison to ask questions about school management in general and on regional and national education policy.

Our new banners—hanging proudly in Lower School



Students at Lower School were asked to design a banner to represent the river which their form group is named after in the School. Many students took part and the winning designs were chosen and digitalised. They are now displayed in reception and Lower School hall.

Well done to everyone who took part in our design competition. We had some excellent entries and the winners were:

Loxley—**Michaela Macreath-Smith, Year 8**

Porter—**Taylor Clarke, Year 9**

Rivelin—**Angela Wangtapan, Year 9**

Sheaf—**Joseph Smith, Year 7**

Angela Wangtapan also designed the School's Christmas Card for 2017 which we have sent to all our governors and many other people associated with the School.

Our School

Lower school catering

As well as providing great food our catering team at Lower School love to get involved with activities and theme days. So far this year they have done a Mexican Day and some scary treats for Halloween. Pictured below is the team along with some of their creations!



Our staff

Congratulations to Mr Doubleday (Music) and Ms Murray (P.E.) on their Inspirational PGCE Mentor Awards from Sheffield Hallam University. The nominations are made by PGCE students and reflect the excellent support and guidance that their School mentors provide while they are on placement in the School.

Congratulation also to Mr Carley, Art teacher and practising artist, who has received the President's Prize from the UK's longest-running and most prestigious artists' collective, The London Group. Following a very successful exhibition held in two parts at The Cello Factory, London, Mr Carley is one of eleven non-member artists to receive recognition. He will now will take part in a three-person exhibition at The Cello Factory in 2018.

Parental Engagement Partnership - Headteacher's drop-in meeting dates

Thursday 15th February 2018, Westways Primary School 6 to 7 pm

Thursday 22d March 2018, Sharrow Primary School 5.30 to 6.30 pm

Thursday 3rd May 2018, Walkley School 6 to 7 pm

Thursday 21st June 2018, William Sutton Community Hall, Hillsborough 6 to 7 pm

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

Old Edwardians

New Book about a former King Edward VII student famous in WORLD ASTRONOMY

A new book has been published in Australia about **John Bolton FRS CBE** who was at King Edward VII School from 1933-40. The book has been written by Peter Robertson, an academic writer and research fellow at the University of Melbourne in Victoria, Australia, who visited our School in 2015 to carry out research for the book.

John Bolton moved to New South Wales after the Second World War and became a famous figure, not just in Australian scientific circles, but in astronomy world-wide. His family lived in the Greystones area and his father was the Senior Maths Master at High Storrs School, but John won a scholarship to King Edward VII and he joined our school in 1933.

In 1940, his last year at King Edward VII, John Bolton was made a Prefect and won the School's Mathematics Prize. His name can be found on the Honours' Boards in the assembly hall celebrating his success in winning an Open Scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge. After he graduated in 1942 he joined the Royal Navy as a Radar Officer and was immediately recruited into the secret Telecommunications Research Establishment. By 1944 John Bolton was at sea as an officer on HMS Unicorn, an aircraft carrier with the British Pacific Fleet that was based in Sydney and other Australian ports.

After the war he became a significant pioneer of radio telescopes and was the Director of the Parkes Telescope in New South Wales. He lived in Sydney and in 1948 when he was 26 he discovered three distant objects he called Taurus A, Virgo A and Centaurus A. After a period as Professor of Astronomy at the California Institute of Technology, where he built the first major observatory for radio astronomy, he returned to Australia in 1960 and played a key role in the building of the famous 210 foot radio telescope at Parkes, becoming its first director. In 1969 when Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, the grainy pictures the world received of that "one small step" came through the Parkes telescope of John Bolton.

A major figure in Australian science, John Bolton was awarded the CBE in 1982 and became a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1973 along with many other scientific honours. Despite all his years in Australia he kept his Yorkshire accent and, of course, Down Under he could indulge his love of cricket that he had first enjoyed playing at King Edward VII School and watching Yorkshire at Bramall Lane. He died in Australia in 1993.

The book is called **RADIO ASTRONOMER** by Peter Robertson. Published by **New South Publishing**.

J. C. Cornwell

Old Edwardians

Obituary

HUGH SMAILES 23rd July 1929 - 30th May 2017

It is with great sadness that the Old Edwardians' Association announced the loss of one of their oldest members, Hugh Smailes.

Hugh attended the King Edward VII Junior School between 1938 and 1940, being one of the country's many young children evacuated in 1939 at the outbreak of hostilities as the spectre of German invasion reached its zenith. However, after only a few short months in Cheshire, Hugh returned to Sheffield attending the senior School until 1946.

Graduating in 1950 from the University of Durham, from 1952 until 1957 Hugh worked as an Assistant Purser for the P and O Steam Navigation Company travelling the world and meeting his future wife, Jill.



Their married life saw them living and working in the St Helens area of Lancashire, and bringing up their three young daughters.

Emigrating to Australia in 1968 the family settled in Victoria with Hugh working in Melbourne with Australian Consolidated Industries before finally settling in 1985, in Skenes Creek North close to the iconic Great Ocean Road with its beautiful beaches and temperate rainforests: a magnificent place to entertain his three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Hugh derived much pleasure from his correspondence with the Association and the School and after his piece "Hugh Smailes' Schooldays" was published he renewed contact with many old scholars still living.

Hugh's daughter, Jennie, remembers loving his reminiscences of his schooldays... not always the perfect student but it was a School that gave him and indeed so many others, an advantageous grounding for life.

Hugh is fondly remembered by all who knew him and he and Jill will be sorely missed.