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NEWSLETTER

July 2017

WELCOME to the third and final newsletter of the School year. Traditionally, the latter days in July signal the end of the academic year for schools and the start of the greatly anticipated summer holiday.

The School has accomplished a great deal since September, including implementing curriculum changes, preparing students for success by using innovative revision strategies such as 'Walking, Talking Mocks', greater partnership work with Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield and reaching out to the diverse communities in which we live and serve.

Additionally, our outstanding extra-curricular provision continues to offer students numerous opportunities to participate in activities, events and experiences that enable them to develop into well-rounded, confident young people. I hope you get a real flavour of this via the contributions to this July newsletter.

As we approach the summer holiday, I hope all our superb students have a lovely, exciting and safe break from School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents, carers and students for making 2016-2017 a fabulous year.

Linda Gooden
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

- 21 July - End of Summer term
- 17 August - A Level results day
- 24 August - GCSE results day
- 5 September - School re-opens, Year 12 enrolment
- 6 September - Year 13 enrolment
- 22 September - Inset day, School closed

Our students (and former students)



Twenty of our Year 9 students have taken part in the Sheffield University Mentoring Scheme.

They attended an award ceremony in May where **Zhikal Mamand (Year 9)** won the Mentor of the Year Award. Well done to Zhikal and everyone else who participated.

Congratulations to **Cameron Brooks Clarke (Year 13)** who recently became British Junior Champion at both 50m and 100m Butterfly. This is a phenomenal achievement in a demanding and highly competitive sport.

Cameron is currently completing his A Levels in Maths, Physics and Biology. He is also an exceptional musician and has played the cello in the School's orchestra since Year 7. He will have taken three years to obtain his A Levels so next year he is finishing his Maths A Level as a part time student and will be using his free time to pursue his swimming interests.

Cameron has also been selected for Team GB to compete in the Junior Swimming World Championships in Indianapolis in August. What an achievement!

His younger Brother **Eugene (Year 10)** is also a superb swimmer and musician.

We wish them continued success, both in and out of the pool.

Psychology Research Project

One of our ex-Sixth form students, Rhianan Beal, has returned to King Edward VII School to seek Year 12 and 13 student volunteers to take part in her doctorate research project.

Rhianan took Psychology in the Sixth Form and went on to study it at Sheffield University. She is now doing a PHD in Psychology investigating teenagers attitudes and behaviours, linking sensitivity to the environment to increased anxiety and potential mental health issues.

This was a great opportunity for our students to get some insight into academic research work and to talk to Rhianan about her experience of Sheffield University at both under and post graduate level.



Congratulations to Mykyle Ahmed (Year 10) who has won the England Boxing Junior title in two weight categories (38kg and 40kg) for the second successive year. This is a phenomenal achievement and he will now be going on to represent England.

Billy Hinchliff is in **Year 12** at King Edward VII School.

He attended Nether Green Infant School and Nether Green Junior School before joining King Edward VII School.

He has recently been successful in auditioning for a part in the play 'Zigga Zagga' to be performed by the National Youth Theatre in London. This is a great achievement as Billy was auditioning against over 2,000 actors who auditioned for roles. In 2016 Billy successfully auditioned to be part of the National Theatre Summer School. He has taken part in recent years in a number of productions at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. Billy is currently studying for his A Levels in History, Politics and Economics.



He is also a strong athlete having represented his School, South Yorkshire and Hallamshire Harriers in both Cross Country and 800 metres events in recent years. Billy has aspirations to be an actor and will be applying for Drama School in the autumn term.

A wonderful achievement!

We wish him continued success in the future.

School Chess Tournament

Following a long and competitive tournament our joint chess champions for 2016-17 are **Maya Middleton-Welch (Year 12)** and **Dr Combley**. In third place (for the third time) is **Mr Harvey**.

Maya is our first female championship winner and we hope this will inspire other women to take part, and win, in future. Mr Harvey's impressive consistency should make him a target for next year since it seems that anyone who can beat him is almost guaranteed to reach the final play-off. Well done also to **Jonathan Rubin (Year 11)** who put up a very good fight and came a close fourth.

Many congratulations to the prize winners and all those who took part. This tournament grows in size each year and students particularly like the challenge of taking on teachers and very often winning!

Pam Willcock, Upper School Librarian

Emily Beatty (Year 12, pictured) was invited to be part of a team of six students attending the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad. The team of six is chosen from the very best students in the UK with the stipulation that they are only allowed to attend the event once.

During her time at King Edward VII Emily has developed into one of the best young mathematicians in the country. Her performances in the British Mathematical Olympiad led to her being invited to a training camp at Trinity College Cambridge with twenty-one other students from across the country.

From this training camp, Emily was chosen to represent the United Kingdom at the Balkan Mathematical Olympiad in Ohrid, Macedonia from the 2nd – 7th May 2017. Emily performed exceptionally well, answering two of the four questions perfectly in the four and a half hour exam and she won a Bronze Medal.

Of the other team members, three were from private grammar schools. The other two were from large split site comprehensive schools.

Emily said, "I'm so proud to have represented the UK at the Balkans, and I can't believe I've got a medal! All the hard work paid off and the trip was amazing."



SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL

Imagine the power of a world in which every child is in school – learning and aspiring.

We are Ellen Withington and Amy Range and we are two of the twenty Send My Friend to School Campaign Champions of 2017.

Our role as Campaign Champions is to speak up about the right to education and to remind world leaders of their promise that all children should have a quality, stable education by 2030 as was promised by the Sustainable Development Goals. However, there is currently a 39 billion dollar gap in the funding to



achieve this and this is where we come in. The campaign this year focuses on “the missing piece of the puzzle” which is money. Priti Patel (The Secretary of State for International Development) is making the key decision as to whether the UK Government will increase the amount of foreign aid spent on education.

We became Campaign Champions through School and with the help of Miss Gar-side. We first had to fill out an application form answering questions about motives to join the campaign. As there was only one application allowed per school, all the entries within the School were judged by the teachers and ours was chosen to be sent off. Our application was shortlisted and the next stage was to have a Skype interview with Ellie McDonald, who works for the charity, which was very nerve racking but we soldiered on after a few technical mishaps and it went really well. The next week we found out we were Campaign Champions!

This is where the hard work really started. We went to Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire for our training weekend. We meet the other campaigners, who were all lovely, ate some really nice food and learnt lots about the campaign and our role. This gave

us a drive for the next part of our campaign. We started off with a photo stunt! The number 263 represents the 263 million children out of education worldwide.

We are now continuing with our local community campaign through King Edward VII and our feeder schools but are also hoping to branch out into other places like youth groups and the university. We also have some national events planned like the Parliamentary Action Day in London.

We will keep you updated on our campaign and hope you get behind it. It ends in November 2017 and we are excited to see what we achieve.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR PE AWARDS – Well done to Joey Kay and Hannah Metherall, both year 8, who were awarded Student of the Year for PE!

Netball Successes!

Congratulations once again to the Year 9 Girls' Netball Team who were featured in the December edition of the School's Newsletter. They have been confirmed as Double Champions of Sheffield this year; that is both league and tournament.

The team's achievements could not have been made possible without the dedication and encouragement of Jane Webster who has recently retired from her position as PE teacher at King Edward VII School. Jane, who continues to be a coach for Sheffield Concord Netball Club, has devoted hours of her own time with many cold early morning and after School training sessions and organising the team's fixtures.

The winning team organised a "Thank You" event, pictured, which included chocolate (of course), flowers and tickets for the theatre.



The squad of 9 players (Mae Herrington (Captain), Anna Dickson, Mary West, Anna-Rose Ramsell, Resian Morris, Laura Fletcher, Paige Trower, Ellen Withington and Phoebe Gillingham) all deserve praise for their achievement. Anna Dickson, who plays for Sheffield Stormers in the Yorkshire Regional League, has been selected to play for the **South Yorkshire Academy**, and joins fellow King Edward VII students Mae Herrington and Anna-Rose Ramsell. Anna and Mae have also been selected to audition for the **Yorkshire Academy**.

Once again, all staff, governors and netballers wish Jane, pictured below, a long and happy retirement.



Engineers - Getting Up to Speed

On April 26th a group of our Year 11 Engineering students ventured out to get a taste of what engineering was like in the real world. The Get Up to Speed engineering event at the Magna Science Centre Sheffield was an event set up to showcase the sector and career opportunities available to youngsters just like ours. There were various exhibitors there from local and national engineering firms including Rolls-Royce, the Royal Air Force, Sheffield Forgemasters and Tata Steel, as well as providers of engineering training and apprenticeships.

The event was a real eye opener to some of the students with regards to what opportunities were on offer for future careers and employment. Students were inspired by the interactive engineering displays and conversations that they had. Many of them left pondering their futures as engineers. The event was a very positive and useful experience.



The visit went very well and the students that attended were a credit to the School. They were able to show off a little of what they had learnt at King Edward VII School as well as gain some new found knowledge with regards to engineering and science.

Mr. Wainman
Design, Technology and Engineering
Curriculum Leader

Huge congratulations to Sophia Nasser, **Year 12**, who earlier this year claimed a Gold Medal for ice skating in the Reykjavik International Games. Sophia represented Sheffield and Great Britain in the Junior B section of the Games. She said she was “delighted with my skate” and went on to say that, “I think it is the best performance I have ever given.” Sophia manages to combine her studying with training six days a week at Ice Sheffield.



Science Week

Each year during the national “Science Week”, previously called Science and Engineering week, a huge number of events are organised to raise the profile of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects and their related careers. This year we had more events than ever!

This focussed period of activities is engaging and fun, as well as giving students’ food for thought about what they might want to do later in life. The events this year included:

Engineering Extravaganza – A group of students from Year 8 and 9 visited the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) for a day learning about different aspects of engineering.

Living in Space – an exciting talk delivered to all Year 7 students which covered what we would need to live, survive and colonise space.

RAF Flight roadshow – an engaging talk delivered to all Year 9 students by engineers from the RAF considering how flight works; it included the demonstration of a real jet engine!

Warwick Castle Science Fair – A trip to Warwick Castle for the students who have been involved in the Lower School STEM Club this year (Years 7-9).

Exploring STEM for girls – a visit to the University of Sheffield to encourage girls to consider engineering as a career.

At the Upper School site we also had three advanced level talks for Sixth Form students and Y11 students entitled:

Mysterious neutrinos

iPhones, cavemen, health and happiness

Two hands of nature

Year 7 students visited the University of Sheffield to carry out forensics investigations, with year 9 students also visiting the University of Sheffield to synthesise aspirin.

At King Edward VII School we believe it is crucial that, as well as delivering high quality lessons throughout the year, subjects like Science, Maths and Technology are able to offer these enrichment activities to further develop student understanding and interest.

Before the end of the year we also have a trip to Sheffield Hallam University where Year 9 girls will be encouraged to see how STEM can be used to rebuild communities after a natural disaster or war.

Mr Fehler

Curriculum Leader for KS3 Science

Celebrating women in computer science and engineering

We had a fantastic day at Upper School on 23rd June, where over 100 guests from all over the country attended a celebration event organised by Mr Kavanagh (see if you can spot him in the photo!) to coincide with the International Women in Engineering Day 2017.



The day was attended by schools from all over South Yorkshire; 80 girls took part.

There were four computer science and engineering workshops for the girls to take part in. The students programmed robots to detect water, heat and to work their way around obstacles. They built and tested solar powered cars, programmed BBC MicroBits to set rockets off built from K'nex and programmed the University of Sheffield's very special Neo Bots.

The girls then took part in a Speed Careers event where women computer scientists and engineers spoke to the girls about the opportunities available to them and shared their experiences and personal stories with the students. A thoroughly inspiring day for the students, who left many positive comments on our graffiti wall.



The event was kindly sponsored by ARM Ltd and supported by Gaia Innovation.

Our governors

We have a very active Governing Body which has taken every opportunity to be involved in the life of the School. They have attended after School events, drop-in sessions with the Headteacher, met with groups of staff on a number of occasions, had regular feedback from our students, as well as attending full Governing Body and Sub-Committee meetings with the Headteacher and other staff.

For this edition, we profile one of our governors, Dr. Peter Dickson

Peter Dickson is Vice-Chair of Governors at King Edward VII School. Initially elected to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor (Peter has a daughter in Year 9 and a son in the Sixth Form) he is now a co-opted member of the Governing Body.

Peter attended the University of Warwick, South Bank University and latterly the University of Sheffield where he obtained his Doctorate in 2003. He has spent the majority of his career in Local Authority education management and administration.

Peter works for the Local Authority's Children, Young People and Families Directorate where he manages a service dealing with challenging school issues surrounding children, their parents and carers and works closely with headteachers and other governing bodies across the city. He is very experienced in child protection procedures, safeguarding, behaviour, inclusion, SEN, attendance and a wide range of difficult pupil issues. He is Chair of Governors at a Sheffield Primary School and a Local Leader of Governance. Local Leaders use their skills and experience to support other Chair of Governors to improve school and academy performance and ensure that in Sheffield there is a group of experienced and skilled governors available who are able to be quickly deployed to support local schools.

Peter is passionate about education and governance issues and is keen to support the School Leadership Team to deliver the best outcomes for all the students at King Edward VII School.

We have participated, for several years now, in a programme organised by the German Cultural Institute and the German Academic Exchange Service whereby a teacher from Germany gets placed in a British school for two weeks - at no cost to the schools (as long as they provide accommodation). The Germans are vetting the teachers and support them financially with their travel costs etc.

This scheme has always worked very well for us as these teachers are keen to get involved in lessons and working with small groups of students for conversation practice etc.

We were pleased to welcome [Gabi Matt, a teacher from Cologne](#), who worked with our German A-Level students in preparation for their oral exams.

In the community

Earlier in June, six students from **Year 7** volunteered to attend the Wesley Hall in Crookes and served 40 pensioners their lunch. On arrival, the students set the tables and arranged the coffee station.

As the pensioners arrived, the students greeted them and showed them to their seats. They then served drinks followed by a hot meal and dessert. The students then joined them for lunch which consisted of roast gammon followed by lemon sponge and custard.

They were great ambassadors for KES with several people commenting positively on their excellent manner. Well done to all who took part.

A group of **Year 8** students, some pictured below with the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, have helped to plant flowers in the planter tubs at Crosspool. They worked with representatives from the Crosspool Forum who were very impressed with their attitude and behaviour. Well done to all the students involved!



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

Thursday 14 September 2017, Nether Green Junior School 6-7 pm

Thursday 9 November 2017, Sorby House, 42 Spital Hill 6-7 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

Did you Know?

Our School was established by Sheffield City Council in 1905 by amalgamating two, much older, existing boys' schools.

It was planned that the new School (also a boys' only school) would use the superb Palladian School building that had been built by the Sheffield Methodists and named **Wesley College** after John Wesley, the famous 18th century preacher. The Council had bought the building in 1904 and the front exterior looks exactly the same today as it did in 1838 when Wesley College first opened.

Most of the first pupils of the new School came from **Sheffield Royal Grammar School** (founded 1604) whose main building still exists on Collegiate Crescent and is part of Sheffield Hallam's Collegiate Campus today. Some boys joined the new School who had been at Wesley College, but that had been a boarding school and not so many of their pupils opted to stay on and join the new King Edward VII School.

Because the City Council intended that this new School would be of the highest standard, as good as any school in Yorkshire, they petitioned the King (Edward VII 1901-10) to ask to use his name. He agreed just before Christmas 1904 and so a new coat of arms was created that is still the school's badge today.



The top half of the Arms shows the **Arms of the City of Sheffield**. They are crossed silver arrows on a blue background representing the metalwork and cutlery heritage of Sheffield and below three sheaves of straw on a green background (i.e. Sheaf Field).

On the lower left side are the arms of **Sheffield Royal Grammar School**. They show an early 17th century school-boy who appears to be pierced by arrows, but in fact he is standing in front of the crossed arrows that were Sheffield's original Arms before the Nineteenth Century.

On the lower right side are the arms of Wesley College, which include John Wesley's arms on the left and London University's on the right. (*You can see these arms more clearly on the coloured plaque in the Upper School Entrance Hall*). The reason London University's arms are shown is because for many years after 1844, Wesley College offered older students courses leading to degrees of London University.

The **Crest** with a Rampant Lion holding a shield is taken exactly from the crest on the City of Sheffield's Arms. This Lion crest was the School's blazer and cap badge on the old uniforms before 1982.

The Latin motto **Fac Recte, Nil Time** means "Do Right and Fear Nought." It was selected at the last minute in 1905 by the new Headmaster, Dr. Hichens. It was his family's motto.

The title of the School around the belt scroll, **Reg. Edward VII Schola, Escaf.**, is Latin for King Edward VII School, Sheffield. Escafeld is the Latin interpretation of the name of Sheffield.

J.C.Cornwell , May 2017

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

The **purpose** of the charity is:

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

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

Outdoor Spaces at Lower School

We are looking to develop the outdoor space at Lower School to enhance the overall environment and provide improved facilities for students at break and lunchtime. We hope to provide a mix of leisure spaces and areas for students to be more active, including benches, extra seating, sports equipment and artificial pitch areas.

Thank you to those parents who have already contributed to this project. If anyone else is able to help, either with time, expertise or finance, then please contact Mr Creedon at Lower School.