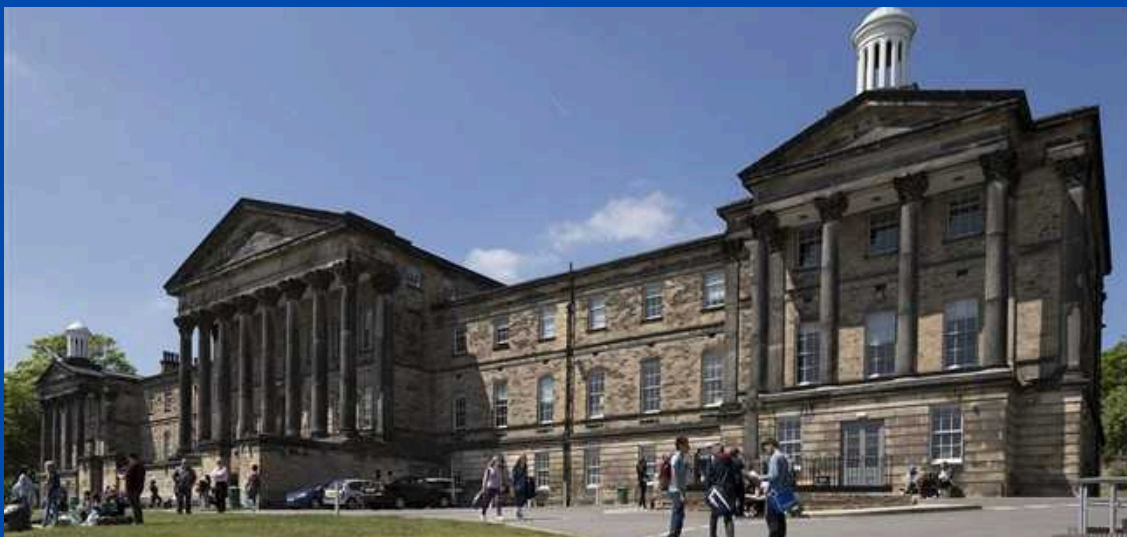


KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL



Spring 2025

TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the second School newsletter of 2024-2025



I would like to take a moment to reflect upon the incredible achievements of our School community over the past few months. It has been a term filled with academic success, personal growth and a renewed sense of energy across all year groups. I am immensely proud of the dedication displayed by our students, staff and governors.

One of the standout highlights during the term has been the wealth of student-led initiatives that have showcased the character and creativity of our young people. From charity fundraisers and environmental projects to outstanding performances in music, drama and sport, it is clear that our students are not only excelling in the classroom but also making meaningful contributions beyond it.

We hope you enjoy reading the wonderful articles and information in this edition of the newsletter.

As always, we are grateful for the ongoing support from parents and carers who play such an important role in our School community. Your partnership is vital to our shared success and all staff and governors look forward to continuing to work with you during the summer term.

If you would like to keep up to date about the School on a regular basis, please follow us on X: x.com/KESSheffield. If you have an article that would be of interest to our School community, please email it to jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk for consideration.

Warm regards
Linda Gooden
Headteacher

Important Dates

- Term starts on Monday 14 April 2025 until Friday 23 May 2025
- Monday 5 May 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed
- Half term break - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025 - School closed
- School returns on Monday 2 June 2025 until Friday 18 July 2025

OUR STUDENTS

OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC PROWESS

Many of our students at King Edward VII School have hidden talents; here we highlight two of our sixth formers who are outstanding competitive athletes - Casey in Y13, and Ruben in Y12. They were featured in our winter 2024 newsletter and continue to shine in 2025. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them every success in their endeavours.

An outstanding performance from Casey at the Senior British Indoor Athletics Championships in February! She made it to the 400m semi-final with a time of 54.38, ranking in the top 25 in the UK. Casey also claimed silver at the U20 National Championships!

Final U20	Name	Time
1	Eleanor McIntosh	55.06
2	Casey Musgrave	54.38
3	Arabella Wilson	55.55
4	Stephanie Okoro	55.88
5	Camiyah Lehorie Bennett	56.06
6	Ava Freeman	56.27



Our Sixth Form

Y12 SILVER MEDALIST

Miss M. WING, Y12 Pastoral Manager

Ruben Stovel, in Year 12, showcased an outstanding effort, securing a 2nd place at the English Schools Federation in Glasgow this November 18. This achievement reflects his dedication and hard work in preparation for the competition.

Ruben says:

"It was a great honour to represent my country last weekend in Glasgow (Emirates Stadium). I competed in my first international athletics competition, in the U17 Men's Pentathlon. I had the opportunity to compete in the much-awaited England event as I managed to achieve four personal bests in the hurdles, shotput, 200m and 800m, as well as securing a spot on the podium in silver (bronze!) I also contributed to Team England winning Team Goal! I now look forward to my next challenge."



DID YOU KNOW ... THE UK'S TOP UNDER-17 DECATHLETE LIVES IN NETHER EDGE?

By Andy Stewart

From his first school sports day aged 5, Ruben Stovel has always been fast. He currently ranks 1st in the UK in U17 Pentathlon and 1st in Shotput and 2nd in Discus. He also received gold in the 2024 National Championships, and a silver at the first international event this year, along with numerous 'topmarks' of the Year awards. Ruben leaves his athletics, his sporting prowess being growing making him now a leading 400m with a 54.38, 2nd in the UK in his age category.

Ruben's coach, Steve, says: "Ruben has big ambitions as a decathlete. He works ethic in preparation, his talent, drive and discipline will, we are sure, take him all the way to represent GB one day."

Ruben says: "I recently had a challenge to work, to have all the 10 events, including shot, and 1500m. It was the toughest challenge I've ever had, but I'm proud to have completed it. I'm going to continue to work hard to improve myself."

Our Sixth Form

Y13 RUNNING CHAMP WINS SCHOLARSHIP IN AMERICA

Miss M. WING, Y12 Pastoral Manager

This year our Year 13 student, Casey Musgrave, has taken part in a series of athletics competitions, running in the 400m and 800m relay. Starting with the English Schools' Athletics Championships back in January, Casey ran a new personal best of 55.33 seconds in the 400m which placed her ninth in the UK in her age category and achieving a silver medal in the event.

On 17 August this year, Casey competed for England after being placed eighth at the U20 National Final. Running the first leg of the 4x400m relay the team achieved a U20 England national record of 3:43.61. An incredible achievement for both Casey and the team.

Due to her running career and many achievements, this has propelled her into being awarded a full scholarship at OJ Schools in America where she will study for University when she leaves KES at the end of Y13 next year.

We're all incredibly proud of Casey and wish her all the best in her future endeavours and next steps in America.

If you would like to view more articles from the Nether Edge Neighbourhood Newsletter, please [click here](http://www.netheredge.org.uk/the-edge/), or visit <http://www.netheredge.org.uk/the-edge/>

NATURE NORTH CONFERENCE

Miss A. Ursu, Cover Teacher and Eco-Committee Leader

On 25th February, students attended the 'Nature North' Conference at the Millenium Galleries in Sheffield. Two-hundred people attended in person, four-hundred delegates attended online. It was an honour, as we were the only school invited and were introduced by the Mayor of South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard.

Moving forward, we are looking to work on numerous projects regarding nature, biodiversity and the environment and we made numerous contact throughout the day.

The students who attended spoke confidently about their wishes for the future and how we may address this to preserve our planet for generations to come.

Students were also interviewed on the day by the [Nature North team](https://www.naturenorth.org.uk) - <https://www.naturenorth.org.uk>



LANGUAGES FILM STUDY DAY AT SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY

Mrs E. Lamb, Teacher of German at KES and Chair, ALL Yorkshire

On Wednesday, 5th March, fifteen KES students joined more than 100 other Sixth Formers from across the region at Sheffield Hallam University. They participated in the Film Study Day which is organised annually by the Yorkshire Branch of the Association for Language Learning (ALL), the national subject association of foreign language teachers. Sheffield Hallam University hosted the event again as part of its outreach programme.

The Film Study Day was offered in three languages: French, German and Spanish.

It was aimed at Y11, Y12 and Y13 students with the intention of bringing the two groups together to enjoy a day of language immersion and film study and to encourage the GCSE students to continue with the language learning to A-Level.

Key Stage 4 students were offered an introduction to A-Level film study, whereas Post-16 students had the opportunity to consolidate their film study techniques and language. The event also allowed both groups to explore an A-Level cultural topic and to immerse themselves in French, German or Spanish for a day.



KES students listening to the German film expert



Morning Plenary in the Lecture Theatre of the Charles Street Building



The Spanish Workshop

DRAMA CLUB

Miss F. O'Farrell, Drama and Music Technician



Our **Year 7** Drama Club has had a fantastic term, filled with energy, creativity and teamwork! As they prepare for our exciting school production next term, the students have been developing their performance skills through a variety of fun weekly activities.

The focus this term has been ensemble work and team building, creating a group that works together seamlessly on stage. Through a variety of focus exercises, they have learned how to stay present, listen to their fellow performers and respond naturally in the moment – essential skills for any great actor!

With all this hard work, our Y7s are more than ready to take on the challenge of next term's production. We will be using all the skills they've built in improvisation, physical theatre and ensemble performance to devise an original school production. We can't wait to see what they'll create! Stay tuned for more details about our Summer Term Show – you won't want to miss it!



The **Year 8 and Year 9** Drama Club has been full of energy this term as students have thrown themselves into a range of exciting theatre activities. With next term's school production on the horizon, they've been busy refining their performance skills and exploring different theatrical styles to bring new depth and variety to their group work.

If you find yourself walking past the drama studio on a Monday night, you'd be forgiven for thinking a new choir had set up camp! This term, no drama club has been complete without a good singalong!

With their passion, dedication and ever-growing skills, our Y8 and 9 performers are set to deliver something truly special for the Summer Term Show.

KEY STAGE 3 THEATRE TRIP

Miss F. O'Farrell, Drama and Music Technician

This term, students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Playhouse Studio to watch *Pig Heart Boy*, a gripping stage adaptation of Malorie Blackman's acclaimed novel. The performance was a thought provoking and emotional experience, bringing to life the powerful story of Cameron, a 13-year-old boy facing the life-changing decision to undergo a pioneering heart transplant using a pig's heart.



The production, directed by Tristan Fynn-Aiduenu, was both moving and engaging, with stunning performances that captured the intensity of Cameron's journey, and the ethical dilemmas surrounding medical advancements. The use of lighting, sound, and innovative staging drew the audience into the heart of the story, making it a truly memorable experience.



Students will have the chance to reflect on the play in upcoming classes and we can't wait to hear more about what they think! A huge thank you to the staff who facilitated the trip and to Sheffield Theatres for a fantastic show. We can't wait for our next theatre trip!



Our Students

KS3 STUDENTS VISIT WESLEY HALL LUNCH CLUB

Mrs S. Hird, Y8 Pastoral Manager

I just wanted to take a moment to share how exceptional the students were while helping out at Wesley Hall Lunch Club at the end of January. They were polite, courteous, and enthusiastic, and their kindness truly brightened the day for many members of the community.

The students spent time playing pool, darts, connect four, and dominoes with the elderly attendees, creating meaningful connections and bringing lots of smiles. They also served a delicious lunch of fish and chips, followed by a tasty lemon sponge with custard. The day was rounded off with a lively game of bingo, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

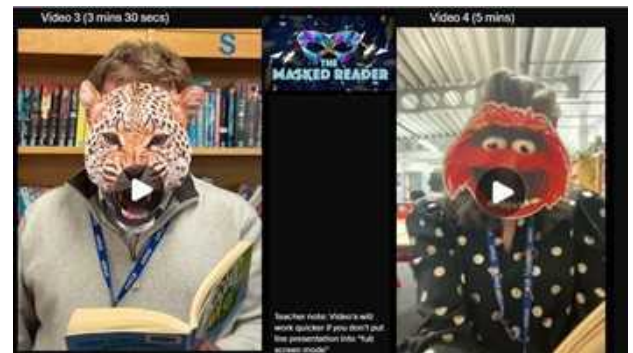
Thank you for allowing them to take part in this wonderful enrichment activity. I hope they found it as rewarding as the community members did.



Our Students

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

As part of the World Book Day celebrations on 6th March, students at Lower School were busy trying to work out which members of staff were behind the mask in the Masked Reader Form Competition.



Students in Year 7 and Year 8 were also gifted a World Book Day book which was given out in form, they got a choice of these great titles...



Some students at Lower School took part in a book quiz and made corner character book marks and straight bookmarks. They designed their own picture quizzes based on books and quizzed each other.

At Upper School, there was a book quiz for all, and book lovers from Year 10 and 11 were treated to fun activities in the Library including book jenga, matching pairs, make your own book, a Batman or Bard quotation quiz and blackout poetry. Sam in Y11 did a fantastic job!



Our Students

CULA CLUB

Mrs E. Lamb, Teacher of German



The CuLa Club has been running again since September and has attracted students from across Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. They youngsters have engaged in a variety of cultural and language related activities with an international dimension.

They have:

- tasted foods from other countries
- learnt about biscuits in different countries and how they are made and eaten
- found out about Halloween, where the festival comes from and how it is celebrated in different countries
- researched how Christmas is celebrated around the world
- found out about the German festivals of St Nikolaus and his mate Krampus
- learnt about different languages and scripts
- learnt how different languages are related to each other
- watched short films from different countries



This term, CuLa Club members have made friendships with children from other countries.

They wrote letters to pupils of DAV Centenary Public School in Punjab, **India** and are now excited to talk to their new friends in **Morocco** via Skype link. We are also exploring friendship links with **South Korea** and the **USA**.



Indian students with their letters from KES



KES students with their return letters from India



Our Students

SHEFFIELD HATTERS RESPECT PROGRAMME

Mr A. Chatterton, Year 10 Pastoral Manager

Earlier in the term, twelve Year 10 girls started their six-week Respect Programme with Sheffield Hatters. With sponsorship from Canon Medical Systems, this initiative will give the students an opportunity to engage with a range of personal development activities as well as having coached basketball sessions.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



To celebrate International Women's Day, this year held on 8th March 2025, students and staff were invited to fill up our display with quotes and names of women who are inspirational to them.

Happy
international
Women's Day!



Our Students

SPRING CONCERT



The School's Spring concert, held on 12th March, was a spectacular film-themed event filled with talented performers and enthusiastic audience members.

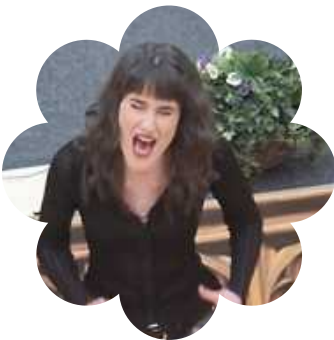
The concert showcased a diverse range of musical talents and every single performer brought their unique style and energy to the stage, captivating the audience with their performances.

The whole evening was a true celebration of the musical talent at KES with so many outstanding student performances ranging from folk, classical Lieder, famous film themes and a string orchestra with 6 double basses!



The success of the concert can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of all the participants, who spent countless hours practicing and perfecting their performances.

Thank you to all who participated and to the staff that supported and nurtured this amazing talent!



RECENT PE SUCCESSES

Mr T. Grantham, Curriculum Leader for PE

Here are some exciting updates:

- The Year 7 boys and girls teams both won their Sheffield round of the Sports Hall Athletics and are advancing to the Southfields Championships on March 20th.
- The Year 8 boys' basketball team is heading to the finals on March 17th, remaining undefeated this season.
- The Year 11 boys' football team has reached the semi-finals of the Sheffield Cup, which will be played next week on March 11th. They're aiming for the final on March 22nd.
- Key Stage 3 students will be competing in the Sheffield Climbing Final this March.
- The Year 7 rugby team delivered an outstanding performance in their tournament.
- The Year 10/11 girls' football team narrowly lost to Sheffield Girls' High.
- James Gormley, a former KES student, will be competing for Ireland in the European Indoor Athletics Championships this weekend, airing on BBC at 12:45 PM on Saturday.
- Casey Musgrove (Y13) has made it to the semi-finals of the GB Senior Championships in the women's 400m. Can be rewatched on BBC iPlayer.

For photos and updates, check out our X account: [KESSheffield](#).



Our Students

ECO-COMMITTEE NEWS

The Eco-committee have been busy raising funds and reducing waste. They held a book sale/exchange on Friday 31st January and again on Friday 7th March. Both were very successful and provided funds to purchase spring bulbs to plant in the grounds. On Friday 14th March they also held a clothes sale/swap at Lower School. Thank you to all students and staff who helped with these initiatives.



Their gardening project, including planting bulbs, is ongoing. Students and staff have done amazing work so far! If anyone is able to donate any gardening equipment or plants, please get in touch with aursu@kes.sheffield.sch.uk.



Our Students

POP MATHS QUIZ

On Saturday 8th March, KES sent seven teams (one from each year group) to the 30th Anniversary of Sheffield Hallam Pop Maths Quiz. All teams performed brilliantly, with our Year 10 team of Ed, Laura, Reuben, Evie, Lily and Paige beating twenty-one other teams from Y10 and 11, to win their quiz.

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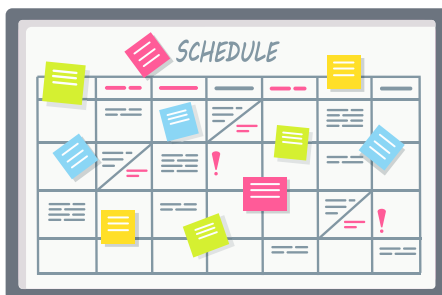
Y11 REVISION CAROUSEL



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Our Year 11 students continue to work hard in the Revision Carousel!



King Edward VII School, Sheffield @KESSheffield · Feb 5
Some of our Year 11 students working hard on the Revision Carousel. Staff teaching them many different methods of how to revise for upcoming trial exams and beyond.



Our Students

BIG CHALLENGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Mrs K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader

It was a jam packed Big Challenge Christmas Fair at Lower School in December. Many stalls sold out of their wares. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to everyone who came along, made purchases and supported our students.



PE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR KS3 STUDENTS

Mrs. J. Murray, Second in Department, PE

YEAR 7 NETBALL TEAM

The Year 7 netball team at King Edward VII School has been truly exceptional, embodying the essence of teamwork, commitment, and skill. Each player brings their unique strengths to the court, creating a cohesive and dynamic unit that thrives on collaboration and mutual support.

Their outstanding performances, marked by precise passes, sharp shooting, and solid defensive plays, have earned them well-deserved recognition. The team's unwavering dedication to practice and improvement is a testament to their passion for the game and their determination to excel.

With such remarkable talent and a strong sense of camaraderie, the Year 7 netball team continues to set a shining example for the school community.

They have not lost a game this season!



YEAR 7 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

The Y7 Sports Hall Athletics Team gave an exceptional performance at the Sheffield Schools Sports Hall Athletics competition, showcasing outstanding talent in both track and field events.

Their dedication, enthusiasm, and teamwork were inspiring, as both the boys and girls dominated their events. Their impressive achievements earned them the title of Sheffield School Champions, highlighting their remarkable skills and determination. Truly, they are a phenomenal team!



PE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR KS3 STUDENTS

Mrs. J. Murray, Second in Department, PE

SHEFFIELD SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Incredible individual performances from all the KES athletes, whose commitment and determination shone through as they competed on Saturday mornings in the Cross Country league this season. After five races, five athletes made it into the top 10 in Sheffield: Freya Hall, Sophie Hindle, Ellie Murray, Frederick Greenwood, and Poppy Tedtill this is an incredible achievement. In terms of team achievements, the Year 7 Girls' Team emerged victorious, becoming the Sheffield Schools League champions.



KES OUTSTANDING CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES

Five of our talented students Ellie Murray (Y7), Frederick Greenwood (Y7), Freya Hill (Y9), Sophie Hindle (Y9), and Poppy Tedstill (Y11) earned spots on the Sheffield Schools' Team after their exceptional performances in the Sheffield Schools Cross Country League. They showcased remarkable skill and endurance at the South Yorkshire Schools competition at Winterhill School in Rotherham, competing against teams from Barnsley, Rotherham, and Doncaster. KES is extremely proud of their achievements!



PE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR KS3 STUDENTS

Mrs. J. Murray, Second in Department, PE

YEAR 7 CLIMBING

The Year 7 climbing team competed in the Sheffield Schools climbing competition at the Mini Works, where 15 climbers showcased their talent. They tackled tough routes, pushing themselves on challenging climbs, such as overhangs demonstrating impressive skills. The team displayed great unity, supporting one another throughout the competition, and fostering a strong sense of team spirit.



Y8/9 GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls won the Sheffield United Football tournament at the English Institute of Sport in February. Amazing performances by all.



Our Students



King Edward VII School, Sheffield @KESSheffield · Mar 18  
Y8S came close in the Sheffield Schools' Basketball Final, battling back from a 12-point deficit in the first quarter to narrow the gap to just one point with 5 minutes remaining. The final score was HS 51 - 46 KESVII. Well done to both teams for their outstanding efforts!



SPORT



King Edward VII School, Sheffield @KESSheffield · Feb 13  
70 of our students had a fantastic opportunity to participate in an athletic event at the EIS. They competed in the 60m sprint, long jump, shot put, and 200m relay. It was wonderful to see so many students getting active and experiencing athletics; some for the very first time!



King Edward VII School, Sheffield @KESSheffield · Feb 10  
The KES Y7 Cheer Team embodied team spirit and dedication as they proudly wore their new cheer jumpers. Training together twice a week, this amazing group of girls have built a strong sense of commitment and teamwork. Their hard work and passion shine through in all they do!



OUR SIXTH FORM

Y13 HISTORY TRIP TO LONDON 13TH – 15TH FEB 2025

Contribution from Hol Jones, Y13 student



London is a place that we constantly talk about when studying Tudor history. Everything seems to have happened there – coronations, treaties, rebellions, executions. But you can't quite comprehend all of this history until you see it for yourself, which was what this trip allowed us historians to do!

The first day was full of excitement (and a small amount of grumpiness when we arrived at the train station at 6:15am...). Our first stop was the British Museum, which allowed us to explore artefacts linked to our history coursework and learn more about African culture. Next, we went to Westminster Abbey. It was absolutely magical to see burials and monuments for the Tudor monarchs we study (and watch Mrs Davis and Mr Harland compete to translate the Latin on each of them), as well as observing the different levels of grandeur attributed to each grave, and what this could mean for how they were perceived at the time.

The second day was very busy, but my absolute favourite. We learnt a lot about Tudor life in Shakespeare's Globe theatre, and we also discovered a connection to the American side of our history course, as Sam Wanamaker (the director responsible for the reconstructed theatre) fled to England in the 1950s to avoid the Hollywood blacklist during McCarthy's Red Scare! We then went to the Tower of London. This is a place that is referenced under every Tudor monarch we study as a prison and a place of execution – reading about it in a textbook was nothing like seeing it in person, walking the same path that the likes of Anne Boleyn and Lady Jane Grey did as they were led to their executions. It was emotive in a way I simply couldn't imagine without seeing it all; seeing the spot where Anne Boleyn was beheaded, the gate Elizabeth arrived at when she was imprisoned under Mary, the graffiti left behind by 900 years' worth of prisoners, carved into the brickwork. But the overall highlight for most was seeing Six the musical in the evening, which was a great portrayal of the wives of Henry VIII, with a powerful message of how we remember these historical women. It was the perfect end to Valentine's Day.

Y13 HISTORY TRIP TO LONDON CONT'D

Spending the morning at Hampton Court Palace (the centre of Tudor politics) on the final day was excellent. We saw paintings that we've only ever seen pictures of in lessons, watched a reconstruction of Elizabethan Court, and (possibly the most exciting part of the trip) spoke to Queen Elizabeth I. While she was very happy to see the back of us, convinced that we were northern rebels supporting Mary, Queen of Scots, this was a brilliant day of Tudor fun.

I think the most valuable thing we got from this experience was seeing history for ourselves. It's so easy to forget that the events and people we study are real when they are just words on a page. But seeing the graves of Tudor monarchs, touching the stone walls of the Tower of London, looking at the paintings in Hampton Court Palace; it reminds us that we are studying real people, real lives, real events, and you can't comprehend that without seeing it all for yourself.

For many of us, this was the first school trip we had been on since before COVID, when we missed out on so much due to the pandemic. This trip more than made up for those missed experiences, and it was all made possible by the excellent organisation and support of Mrs Davis, Mr Harland and Mrs Brown.



Hampton Court Palace



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SHEFFIELD WORKING WITH KES SIXTH FORM GIRLS

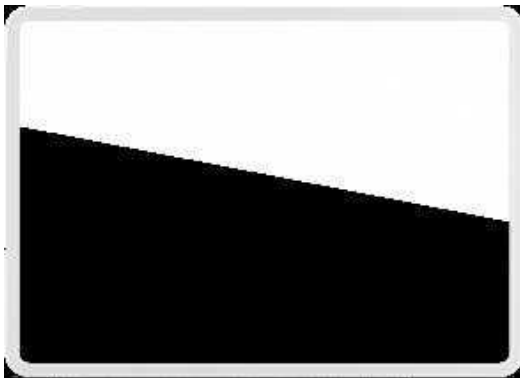


Mrs E. Lamb, Teacher of German

Booklet for women escaping abuse launched on International Women's Day

KES Sixth Form students have been involved with the work of the Sheffield Club of Soroptimist International for several years. They help raise funds for women's charities, volunteer their time and expertise at events and develop their own projects, such as sourcing books and helping to establish children's libraries at the women's refuges the Soroptimists support.

On Saturday, March 8 – International Women's Day - the Sheffield Soroptimists launched their publication "Fresh Thoughts", a 20-page booklet which is intended for professionals and organisations supporting women escaping domestic abuse. KES girls helped with the registration of attendees and the distribution of the booklets.



KES students Diana and Maisie at the event registration desk.



South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard with SI Sheffield members Mrs Cawthorne, Mrs Lamb (German teacher at KES) and Mrs Godley (ex-Head of RE at KES)

The booklet covers a wide range of useful information such as staying safe online, the court system, how to access benefits and housing as well as the contact details of support agencies in Sheffield.

It carries the endorsement of the Mayor of South Yorkshire, Oliver Coppard, who spoke at the event in support of this initiative. Sheffield Central MP Abtislam Mohamed also spoke at the event.

The launch took place at St Mary's Conference Centre and was attended by representatives of many of the local organisations which are dealing with women and children escaping domestic abuse.



Sheffield Central MP Abtislam Mohamed chatting with attendees

Our Sixth Form

DOFE GOLD

As ever, our DofE Gold students are training hard to prepare themselves for their expedition. Here they are enjoying the warmer weather and beautiful views in Stanage during a break from navigation training on Saturday 8th March.



POST 16 FOOTBALL SUCCESS

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P16 Football: KESVII 3-1 High Storrs: An outstanding performance from the team as they triumph 3-1 over High Storrs securing their place in the Sheffield School Football Cup final on 22.3.25. Midfield was exceptional, creating vital chances. A well deserved win!



King Edward VII School, Sheffield @KESSheffield · Mar 13

P16 Football Game 2: KESVII continues their winning form with a thrilling 7-4 victory over TRC! The team displayed incredible strength and resilience, maintaining their success with back-to-back wins.



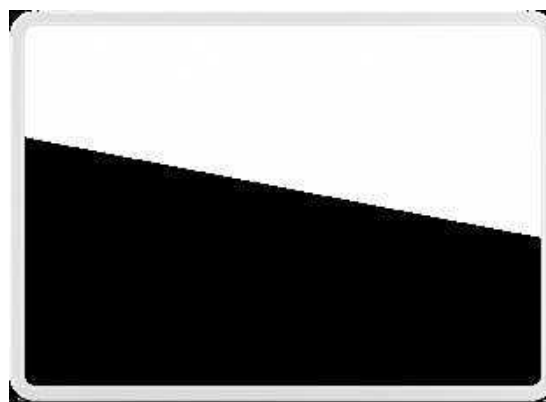
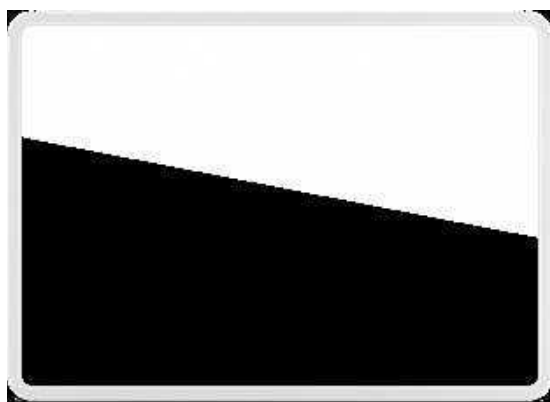
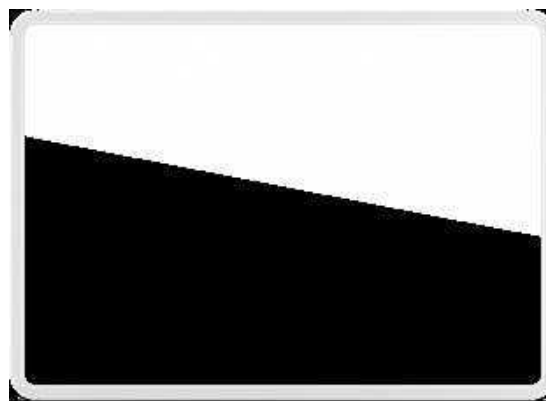
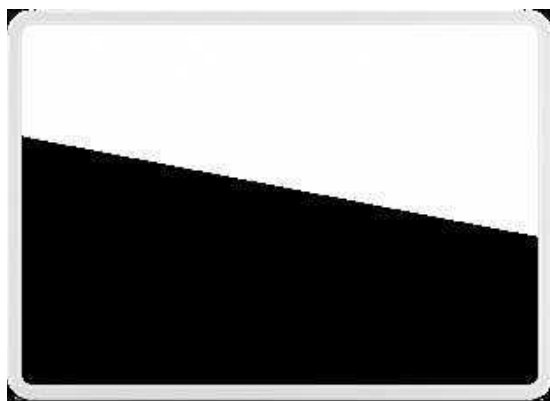
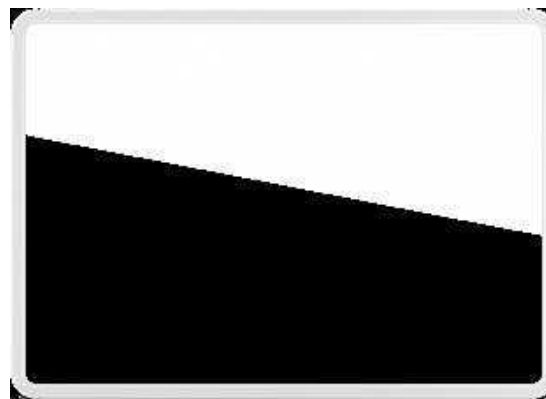
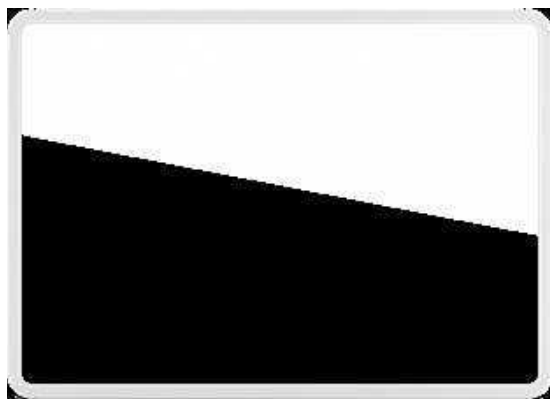
Our Sixth Form

CHEMISTRY VISIT TO SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY

On Friday 19th January, Year 13 chemistry students visited Sheffield Hallam University where they synthesised and purified aspirin before performing analytical techniques such as infra-red spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. The students demonstrated excellent practical chemistry and team work skills.



They also attended a taster lecture on protein structure and had a tour of the university campus. The students represented the school superbly throughout the day.



Our Sixth Form

OPHTHAMOLOGY PLACEMENT

Mrs H. Marsden, Curriculum Leader for Health and Social Care (joint)

One of our Year 12 students, Sandar Ucgul, secured a placement at Sheffield Teaching Hospital, following a very robust application process, training and health tests over five months. In February. Sandar had a fantastic experience and was placed in Ophthalmology where she shadowed staff and patients from admission to discharge. She even got to observe eye surgery.

Sandar says,

"At the Hallamshire hospital I shadowed a Cornea specialist and I got to look at patients' corneas through a slit lamp and binocular lenses. On the second day I shadowed a optometrist whose specialty is on vein occlusions. I got see patients' retina and optic nerves through the binocular lenses. At the Northern General Hospital, I got to observe three cataract surgeries and followed three patients around pre and post operation. I saw the admission process which was mainly paperwork and identifying the patients identity. The preparation stage was when the patient received local anastatic drops and antibiotics. The surgery itself took 20 minutes for each patient. To put in simple terms the surgeon made a tiny incision on the cornea and broke the old Lense, she then vacuumed the old lens out and inserted the new Lense. The discharging of the patient is when they send the patient home with several eye drops and taught the patient how to clean their eyes. Overall this experience was very useful and I am definitely going to use this in my interviews and personal statement when I apply for medical school."

Well done Sandar on securing your placement and making the most of the fantastic opportunity.

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONAL VISIT

On January 17th, Anna Beaven, registrar in dental public health and studying for a PHD, chatted with Year 13 Health and Social Care Diploma students about how research informs public health initiatives. Thank you [@beaven_anna](#) for sharing your time and expertise today.



OUR STAFF

HISTORY COLLABORATIONS

On Saturday 15th March, Mrs Davis, our Curriculum Leader for History and Politics, spoke about Permacrisis in 1938 and teaching emotional literacy in history with Prof. Julie Gottlieb at the Yorkshire History Forum, run by the Schools History Project. This builds on the work that they have already done on teaching appeasement.

The resources linked to the project have been published by the Historical Association and an article explaining the importance of teaching emotional literacy was published in Teaching History Journal in September 2024.

Mrs Davis will be speaking about this, and the wider curricular potential for improving emotional literacy at the National Schools History Project Conference in Leeds in July and will continue working closely with Prof. Gottlieb and SHP to develop national principles and policy on the issue.

Becca Nicholson, History Lead at Lydgate Juniors, also spoke about her curricular journey and her collaboration with Mrs Davis at the Yorkshire History Forum. It was great to be able to celebrate collaborations with local universities and with feeder primary schools.



YORKSHIRE HISTORY FORUM #2
 MAKING SCHOOL HISTORY HIT HOME
 15 March 11-4pm
 The Diamond, University of Sheffield

PRIMARY SESSION 1 Ian Martin (Shire Oak Primary, Leeds) What do Carthage and Rome have in common?	SECONDARY SESSION 1 Mark Cottingham (University of Sheffield) Bowie knives, sugar and abolitionists: how hidden local histories can be used to overcome imperial amnesia
PRIMARY SESSION 2 Becca Nicholson (Lydgate Junior School, Sheffield) Reimagining primary history without reinventing the wheel	SECONDARY SESSION 2 Sarah Davis (King Edward VII School, Sheffield) What might 'permacrisis' have felt like in 1938?
PRIMARY KEYNOTE Andy Gull, Vicki Powntney (Sheffield Hallam University) and Clive Belgeonne (DECSV) But isn't that geography? Teaching climate and sustainability through primary history (and geography?)	SECONDARY KEYNOTE Matt Shilton (Sheffield Hallam University) Germany 1918-1945: The legacy of the 'War Mindset'

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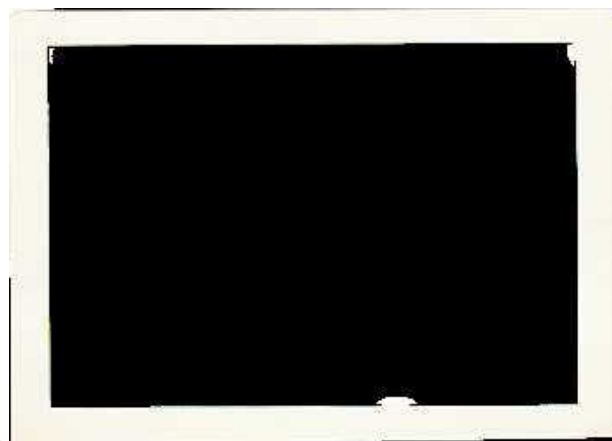
Dale Banham	The Power of Stories
Luke Mayhew	Maps, mead and material remains: Resources to enrich GCSE History
Sarah Davis	How can studying 'history from within' help our students to improve their emotional literacy?
Joah Garry	From Diversity to Decolonisation
Pam Canning and Jack Brown	Harnessing the power of Film(makers) in the History Classroom
Katie Amery and Colin McCormick	Approaches towards teaching the Transatlantic Slave Trade at Key Stages 2 and 3 with a spotlight on Liverpool.
Athur Chapman	History and Story - Concepts and Strategies
Judy Clarke and Rachel Bruce	Using a local focus as a window into social changes in Britain

OUR SCHOOL

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

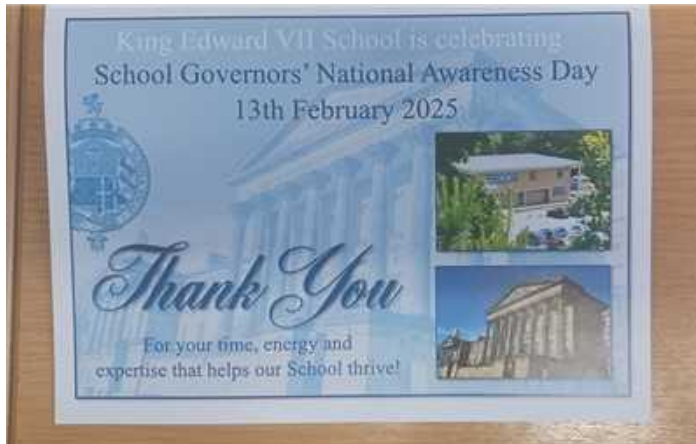
Every year since 2018, King Edward VII School has supported the Sheffield S6 Food Bank by collecting donations of food and essential toiletries from students and their families throughout December.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 donation programme. It was collected on 17th December, just in time to help those in need over the holiday period.



Our School

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS



It was School Governors' National Awareness Day on Thursday 13 February 2025. This is a national celebration to thank governors in schools for their commitment to these vital roles. To highlight the good work our governors do in School, we asked some of them to tweet why they volunteer their time in this role.

If you are interested in becoming a School Governor take a look at the [Governors for Schools website](https://governorsforschools.org.uk/become-a-school-governor/) - <https://governorsforschools.org.uk/become-a-school-governor/> - for more information.



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I have a deep connection with the school as a former teacher of 21 years so being a governor is a way to continue that important and personal association. The ethos of the school aligns with my values and I hope to help it continue to flourish in any way I can.



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I became a Governor because I became invested in the future of KES which has a unique history and is the last local authority secondary in Sheffield. It was a way to give back to the school community, gain insight into the standard of education and opportunities on offer.



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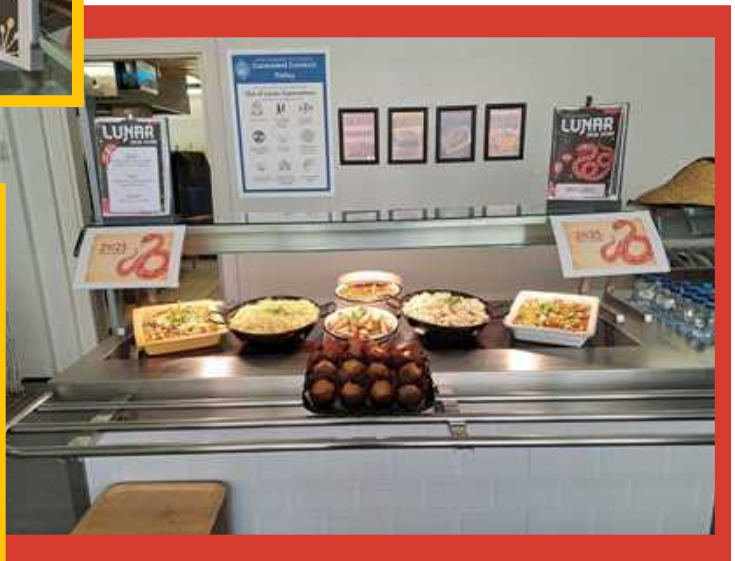
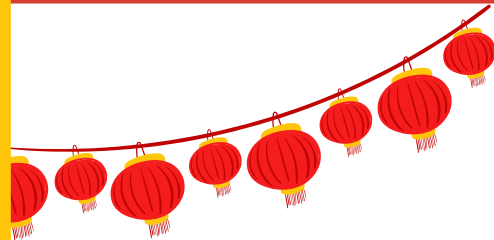
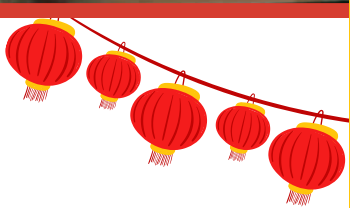
I became a governor at KES as I admired its ethos; I recognised this when one of my girls attended the school. I've been so impressed by the commitment of staff and students, who go above and beyond. It's a privilege and a great opportunity personally to develop and learn.

Our School

LUNAR NEW YEAR FOOD DELIGHTS

Tracy Gillott, Unit Manager, Chartwell, Lower School

To celebrate Lunar New Year at the end of January, students and staff at Lower School were treated to an array of wonderful culinary delights.



OLD & YOUNG EDWARDIANS

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

It is with delight that we follow the success of two of our alumni - **Andre Brooks** and **Isaiah Powis**. Both are making great strides in their footballing careers at Sheffield United and Brentford FC U18s respectively, and we look forward to their watching their continued success.



Isaiah Powis is a rising talent in Brentford's U18s team, having developed through the youth setups of Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday before making the move to the Bees.

A powerful defender, Isaiah's playing style can be described as a "destroyer" who plays with a "rash" and "physical" presence on the pitch, dominating the defensive lines.

Off the pitch, Isaiah keeps it energetic, getting into game mode with tracks from Lil Baby and when asked to sum up his experience at the club, he emphasises the mantra "Run hard, play hard." This captures his work ethic and determination to excel at every opportunity.

His primary goal for the season is to lift a cup with his teammates, as they push for success in the youth competitions. Influenced strongly by his uncles, Isaiah has taken their lessons to heart, honing his craft to provide strong defensive coverage, which he believes will be a key asset to the club in years to come.

Training at the Robert Rowan Performance Centre alongside the first team has given Isaiah invaluable insights, teaching him the finer details of his role and preparing him for the step up to senior football. Looking ahead, he aims to be a solid presence for Brentford's future, ready to deliver on and off the ball with his commanding defensive abilities.

Andre

BROOKS

35 | Midfielder



PLAYER INFO

Boyhood Blade Brooks has been at the club for well over a decade now and signed his first professional contract in May 2021.

Last season, following the reappointment of Chris Wilder, the exciting midfielder made 18 Premier League appearances, in addition to featuring twice under Paul Heckingbottom in the top-flight.

His versatility has seen him utilised in a number of roles and Brooks has impressed in a more attacking role during pre-season.