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NEWSLETTER December 2022

Welcome to our first School newsletter of 2022-2023

As we approach the end of the autumn term 2022, it is joyful and uplifting to reflect upon the magnificent achievements of students, past and present, and the School as a whole.

The School's Climate Assembly (SCA) is a significant, prestigious national event and it was an absolute privilege for King Edward VII School to host the second SCA in October 2022, following in the footsteps of the first host, Stowe Public School, Buckingham, in 2021. Exciting, engaging activities were organised by the SCA and the School. Chris Packham, English naturalist, nature photographer, television presenter and author, was the key note speaker. See pages 3 - 8 for more details. Students from across the country were inspired and informed by all the guest speakers and workshop facilitators.



Our students continue to support the local community by offering their time to support the Wesley Hall lunch club in Crookes, as captured on page 24 and via the work of Soroptimist International, Sheffield, who helped to plan and deliver a city-wide conference entitled 'Voices of Women.' See the detailed articles on pages 37 and 38. We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this newsletter.

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

Warm regards
Linda Gooden
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

- Term starts: Tuesday 3 January 2023 until Thursday 9 February 2023
- Wednesday 4 January 2023: Ex Year 13 Certificate Presentation Evening
- Thursday 5 January 2023: Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 7 February 2023: Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Staff Training Day: Friday 10 February 2023
- Half term holiday: Monday 13 February until Friday 17 February 2023
- Term starts: Monday 20 February until Friday 31 March 2023
- Thursday 23 February 2023: Year 10 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 2 March 2023: Year 12 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 8 March 2023: Year 11 Information Evening
- Tuesday 14 March 2023: Year 12 Information Evening (Post 18 opportunities)
- Thursday 23 March 2023: Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Easter holiday: Monday 3 April until Friday 14 April 2023

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King Edward VII School Christmas Card Competition Winners 2022



Emma Skeates Y9



Hannah Martindale Y7



Varshika Bhargav Y8



Maddie Jelbert Y13



Charley Clarke Y13



Tanya Ninan Y9



Tuana Taylor Y10



Iggy Burns-Dennett Y7



Saffa Al-Jurani Y13



Dilnya Hussin Y10

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SCHOOLS CLIMATE ASSEMBLY - A CALL TO ACTION

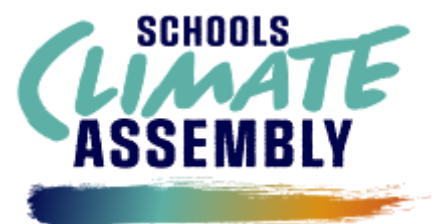


Caption: Chris Packham addresses over 1400 students and teachers at the Schools' Climate Assembly held at King Edward VII School.

On the 20th October, over 1400 students and over 45 schools from across the country met at King Edward VII School for the second ever Schools' Climate Assembly. Chris Packham's passionate words fell upon young ears as he tip-toed the fine line between the harsh reality of global rising temperatures and the hope and determination that young people must share in order to fight it. With him, Miriam Turner, CEO of Friends of the Earth; Scarlett Westbrook, noted for her work in climate and education policy; Mikaela Loach, a climate justice activist; Megan McCubbin, a zoologist and wildlife TV presenter; Maxwell Ayamba, an environmental journalist; and Sile Sibanda, a spoken word performer and local radio host, shared their unique insight into climate change; the struggles they had endured, and the successes they had enjoyed. After listening to the speakers' words and engaging in workshops, it was clear to all the students who attended that climate change is real and could have unimaginable consequences, but it is a problem that can be solved. Young people have the power to make real change. The students then signed a banner that displayed our three demands, including immediate action, which four King Edward VII students, including myself, later delivered to the doorstep of 10 Downing Street.

Shabaz Khan, a Y10 student who also attended the trip to the House of Commons, had this to say about the Schools Climate Assembly:

'I gained a lot of knowledge from the Schools' Climate Assembly as they taught me about the many environmental issues that occur due to us as humans such as transport, factories and energy. Moreover, throughout the assembly they gave us ways in which we can still save the environment and gave us hope for a brighter future.'



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KING EDWARD VII STUDENTS TAKE CLIMATE DEMANDS TO THE HEART OF GOVERNMENT



Four students, Charlotte Battye and Jamie Rhodes in Y13, David Ogah in Y11 and Shabaz Khan in Y10, hand in a petition signed by over 1000 students and teachers attending the Schools' Climate Assembly, hosted by King Edward VII School on 20th October.

Our visit to Downing Street coincided with the start of the COP 27 conference in Egypt. This means that we had a unique opportunity to make real change, and possibly influence the talks and decisions of world leaders at COP 27; a chance

for young people to make an impact on a global scale. Following the Schools' Climate Assembly, we had three demands, composed in a letter, to take to Downing Street: 100% renewable energy by 2030; climate education across the curriculum, for everyone; and investment into jobs and apprenticeships that will tackle climate change. From here we hope that our demands will be considered by our Prime Minister, and possibly discussed at COP 27, allowing the young voices of the Schools' Climate Assembly and King Edward VII School to be heard.

On the trip to London we were eager to represent the young voices of the Schools' Climate Assembly and we met with numerous politicians to discuss our demands and COP 27. We first met with Ed Miliband, Olivia Blake and Nadia Whittorne, enjoying a productive and inspiring conversation, in which the Labour politicians displayed their passion for this issue and a genuine interest in what we had to say.

It felt like a great privilege to get to speak with the likes of Ed Miliband who was very intense, yet friendly and compassionate, suggesting that he would take our letter of demands with him to the COP 27 conference. We finished our day meeting with Liberal Democrats Deputy Leader Daisy Cooper who reassured us that climate change was a top priority amongst many politicians, and that our frustration around climate inaction is shared by many in parliament.

Students sign the Schools' Climate Assembly banner with the three demands for the government to act in response the climate and ecological emergency.



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David Ogah, a Y11 student who was interviewed by BBC Look North and attended the trip to Downing Street had this to say:

“The event's purpose was to give a platform for the voices of us young people and to enlighten us about the severity of the climate emergency and what needs to be done by both the people and the government. Our visit to Downing Street was an extension of that as we were given the opportunity to let our demands be known and sent to our Prime minister and hopefully see changes via new laws that reflect our demands and aspirations.”



King Edward VII students at Westminster Hall, along with MPs, Ed Miliband, Shadow Net Zero and Climate Change Minister, Sheffield Hallam MP Olivia Blake, and Nadia Whittome, youngest MP in the House of Commons.

The highlight of the day was certainly our visit to 10 Downing Street. The strict security and police, casually boasting automatic weapons, echoed the importance and magnitude of the situation as we nervously approached the infamous door to hand in our letter of demands. The door was impeccably shiny and, after handing our letter to the doorman, it dawned on us that although the fight against climate change may at times feel impossible, scary, hopeless and untouchable, it is not. This is a fight that is worth fighting, a problem that is worth solving and it is the collective effort of many, just like the huge number of students who met on the 20th of October at King Edward VII School, that will eventually save our planet.

Jamie Rhodes, Y13



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Photos of the event



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Schools' Climate Assembly

The day of the Schools' Climate Assembly brought with it a torrential downpour which settled in for the day, perhaps a fitting reminder of the climate challenges we face. In spite of the incumbent weather, the School and marquee, erected for the event, held up to hosting over 1400 students from across the country.



Of course, this day could not have taken place without the support of the School staff who all pulled together to help guide students and visitors, assist in sessions and generally support where necessary, even in the pouring rain.

Conversely, the days leading up to the Climate Assembly were filled with beautiful sunshine as King Edward VII School prepared for the event. Much of the preparatory work was overseen by the staff in the School who worked tirelessly to ensure the School and the external buildings were ready on time to receive all the visitors. Here are just a few photos showing the preceding days leading up to the event.



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King Edward VII Y13 student wins prestigious scholarship to study abroad

At King Edward VII School we often encourage students to take advantage of opportunities offered by outside agencies when they arise. Wilfred Lamont is one of our most outstanding linguists in Year 13 and when made aware of the Dresden Trust Scholarship he jumped at the chance. His application was successful and allowed him to spend a fully funded period of three weeks in a German school studying alongside his German peers and living with a German family.

His report below describes this once-in-a-lifetime experience and makes interesting reading.

Wilfred Lamont, Year 13

Dresden Trust Scholarship report

3rd to 25th of September 2022



I am confident that my scholarship with the Dresden Trust will remain one of the most enjoyable and valuable experiences in my education for many years. Over just a few weeks, I learnt and achieved so many new things. Communicating in a foreign language, surrounded by a foreign culture, is the dream of every language learner and during my stay I was able to live it. Even when compared to all of the other things I was able to do in Dresden, this central linguistic gift of my scholarship stays in pole position.

Arriving late on a Saturday evening, I was welcomed by the family that would become my own for the duration of my stay. It was lovely staying with my host family. It was incredible how we developed close and supportive relationships over such a short space of time. I am grateful for how well my host brother looked out for me on my first few days in school and I am grateful for the daily conversations after school with my host mother which helped me process all my new experiences. Without this social grounding, things would have been a lot more difficult.

Before I knew it, I was on the tram heading to my first day in school. The biggest difference was that my peers were studying a wide range of subjects all the way to 18. My A-Levels at home don't include any humanities apart from German. Going back to a wide range of subjects at school in Dresden made me realise that the British system of early specialisation does cause us to miss out. It was refreshing to practise some old skills again, but on the other hand, it was frustrating that I didn't get time to go as deep into the subjects I found most interesting.

They do have some choice and can choose two subjects to focus a bit more on. I accompanied my host brother in these, his two *Leistungskurse*, Maths and Religion.

Taking Maths in Germany was a very interesting comparison with my own A level Maths. From the snapshot of content that I learnt, I could tell that the curriculum had a different focus and interesting ways of linking different topics. In my last week in Dresden, my class had a test in the topic we had been studying in the previous weeks, capping off my studies nicely. The camaraderie of revising together beforehand and then discussing the paper afterwards helped me feel connected to my class.

In Dresden, Religion quickly became my favourite subject. I was in quite a small class and lessons involved a lot of open discussions, so it was a lesson in which I had the most confidence to contribute. It was very good practice to try and engage with quite abstract topics in German and even read challenging biblical language.

I couldn't have asked for a more welcoming school than St-Benno. There is a strong sense of community among the relatively small cohort of 16- and 17-year-olds I was placed with. My host brother introduced me to all of his friends, and I also began to make my own. During my stay I really did feel like I was integrating into that close-knit school community, even through things as simple as recognising faces on the tram as we travelled to school each morning. The wonderful social environment made it even harder to say goodbye when the time came!

I had plenty of time to do things outside school, and managed to find out a lot about the city I was staying in. Lots of this simply involved walking about the city and discovering nice places like the central library. I also did some activities together with the other Dresden Trust scholars. We went on a tour of the Frauenkirche, and one of the host fathers in the group was able to organise a trip to the former concentration camp at Buchenwald. I also went

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to a talk at the Dreikönigskirche about German-Jewish linguist and former Dresden resident Victor Klemperer, who experienced and wrote extensively about the use of language by the national socialist regime. Combining my established interest in linguistics and my developing one in Dresden's history, this evening was one of the highlights of my trip. I was so enthusiastic about it when I came home, that my my host mother gave me his biography and most important book, *Lingua Tertii Imperii* (Language of the Third Reich) as a gift.

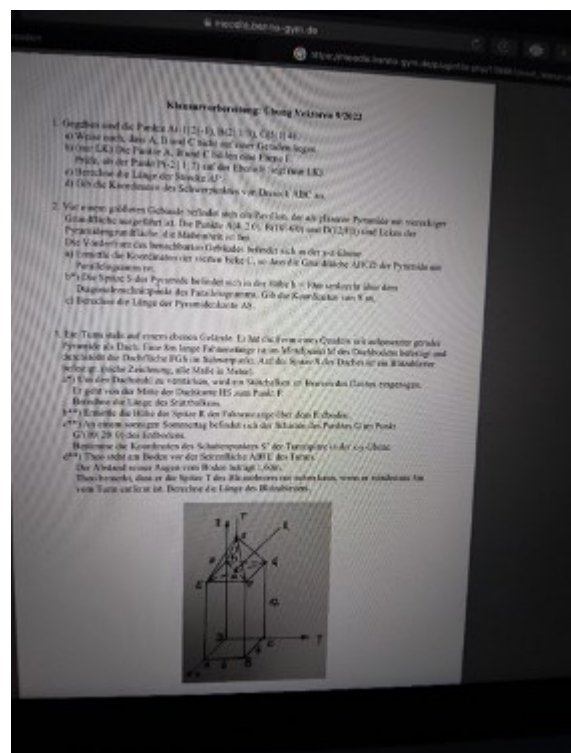
I would like to thank the Dresden Trust for providing me with my scholarship and all of the unique experiences it brought. I am really hopeful that I can return to Dresden to visit some of my friends and to experience the wonderful feeling of language immersion again.



Wilf with friends in Germany



St Benno School in Dresden



Maths in German

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Isaiah Powis - Sporting Star

Isaiah is celebrating winning two awards this December - the Sheffield Schools' Sports Personality award on 12th December and the Javid Khan Award from King Edward VII School on the 14th December.

Javid Khan was a KES pupil heavily involved in sport who was sadly knocked over by a car and passed away. His parents donated the award to School and it is presented each year to a student with excellent sporting prowess. Mr Grantham, PE Teacher, says,

“Isaiah Powis, throughout KES VII, has developed and moulded into a elite sportsman. Improving year on year across all topics of the curricular, both in and out of lessons.

This includes playing basketball for School and assisting the team to the National Cup QF, slam dunking the winning point at the National Basketball Centre in Manchester in March 2021.

Representing KES VII at a number of track and field events followed and subsequently Isaiah represented Sheffield at athletics at the South Yorkshire Championships.

To continue his outstanding performances, he was then selected to represent South Yorkshire in the pentathlon at the Schools Combined Event in June competing in 80m hurdles, shot putt, long jump, high jump and 800m. Missing out by 10 points to qualify for the English Schools' National Combine Events and helping the team finish second in the North of England.

Isaiah's main passion is undoubtedly football, where he has played for KES VII, Sheffield Boys and South Yorkshire Boys scoring in various roles as well as been signed to the Sheffield Wednesday Football Academy. This has given him the opportunity to travel around the UK and play at various football stadiums.

Clearly his sporting credential identify him for this award, as well winning the Sheffield Schools' Sports Personality award on Monday night.

Well done Isaiah and continue with the hard work.”



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Reward Trip to Alton Towers

On Friday 23rd September 2022, 550 Y8-11 students and staff had a wonderful day at Alton Towers on the reward trip postponed from July. Wonderful weather and a quieter park meant lots and lots of rides and lots of giant dogs won! Mrs Proost looked after them all!



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BTEC Business Trip

After a Covid hiatus, students and staff from the Business Department were excited to visit Manchester for a BTEC conference designed to support students for their January exam.

It was fantastic to once again have the opportunity to learn outside the classroom. The students were engaged throughout and it was noted by the facilitators how fantastic King Edward VII students were. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing results in January.



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Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds

On a visit to the Thackray Museum of Medicine in Leeds, our Y12 Health and Social Care Students were able to put their module on public health development into context as they walked down 'Disease Street' (a street in set Victorian times, before public health policy). They could experience a dirty smelly street with food being prepared and served with rats crawling around, next to a toilet !! (Not real of course!).

There was information on key people they have been learning about such as Edwin Chadwick and John Snow. They were able to see how public health policy has improved our living conditions and health and have some more information to add to their assignments.

Students had a great day and learned so much about health and disease in general and they represented the School brilliantly.



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French Translation Competition Winner

We are delighted to share that Jenalla Waddington, a Y13 student at KES, is a winner in The University of Sheffield's French Translation Competition. There were over 120 entries for the competition with an impressively high standard so Jenalla did amazingly well.

According to The University, "The competition runs annually and is open to students of French in Years 12 and 13 in the UK. Entrants must translate into English an original French text that has not previously been published in English. Translations must be the original work of individual students, and submitted via an online entry form.

The translations were read and judged by a panel of French experts from the School of Languages and Cultures at The University of Sheffield.

The winners received a prize of a £25 Amazon voucher and an invitation to take part in a special translation workshop organised by the School of Languages and Cultures at The University of Sheffield, involving French academics, Masters students in Translation Studies and alumni who work in translation-related fields. The Workshop was held on Wednesday 7th December 2022."



This is to certify that

Jenalla Waddington

King Edward VII School

is a winner of the University of Sheffield
French Translation Competition 2022

Congratulations!

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Gold Award presentation evening was held on Thursday 22nd September to celebrate the achievements of our Post 16 students. Students from each group gave a short presentation about their experience of hiking and camping in Scotland. We were entertained by comical Kahoot quizzes, frank accounts of midges and bog, amazing photos of the stunning scenery and snapshots of the teamwork involved. Many thanks to all the participants for an enlightening evening, and family and friends for their support.



Congratulations to Isabel Smith and Imogen Gale, two of our current Year 13 students, and to Poppy Lee, ex KES student now studying at the University of Cambridge, for completing all sections of their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award in the autumn term. Next step for these students will be a Gold Award Celebration Event held at a Royal Palace of their choice – a momentous occasion to celebrate an impressive achievement!



Our current Year 12 DofE cohort have been learning outdoor first-aid skills this term in preparation for their qualifying expeditions in the summer term. Students practised being a first responder in various scenarios involving unconscious casualties, broken limbs and the recovery position. Thank you to Molly Gill, our BASP instructor, for delivering these courses. Training will continue next year.



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Year 7 Settling In Evening

On Thursday 3rd November 2022 we welcomed Y7 students and their parents and carers to our 'settling in evening'. It was a busy and successful evening where families could meet form teachers and discuss how their children have settled into secondary school.



It was also the first official selling event for our Big Challenge teams. We have over 50 teams entering this year, the majority of whom are in Y7. Students are making, marketing and selling their own products, from jewellery and scented candles, to recycled products, macrame and felt, homemade soaps and body sprays, cookies and cakes. The next selling opportunity will be the Christmas Fair on 7th December. Well done teams!



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A Sea of Daffodils

Mr C. Jarvis, one of the school Buildings Officer, has been planting daffodils for the past few years to create a beautiful display each spring. This year the Year 10 Foundation Learning Group helped with a planting session one cold Tuesday afternoon in October.

The Foundation Learning students, along with Dr C Bradley and Miss R Payne, all pitched in to help plant the bulbs. Tasks were divided into drilling holes, sorting bulbs, planting bulbs and filling holes. The most popular role was drilling the holes and all students enjoyed having a go at this.

The rain started to fall towards the end of the session which definitely dampened our spirits but we look forward to seeing the wave of colour come the spring.



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Y13 Geography Residential – North Yorkshire

The Y13 geographers had a fantastic time visiting North Yorkshire on their three-day residential. Their stay involved intensive expert tutorage from professional field study staff who specialise in outdoor fieldwork. Students visited coastal, woodland and urban environments to develop their fieldwork skill set in preparation for completing their own independent investigations.

Despite the lack of sunshine and extreme weather conditions our students remained positive and eager to learn. They learnt how to use specialised equipment and electronically collect data to analyse back in the classroom. Working together as a team they were able to use advanced statistical techniques to assess the reliability of their data. The geographers are now confident that they have the capability to complete an independent geographical enquiry.



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The Great Debate

On 17th November 2022 two students took part in the regional heat of The Great Debate competition at The University of Sheffield. Organised by the Historical Association, The Great Debate is a public speaking competition open to students in years 10-13 where students have five minutes to present their speech arguing their answer to the question. The students must demonstrate research as well as historical arguments and can not use props or slides or any kind.



Both students gave impassioned and thoughtful speeches on 'Why does history matter to me?'. Jamie Bernard won the competition and was invited to the Grand Final which is being held at Windsor Castle in March 2023.



Well done Jamie, we look forward to hearing your next speech!



Lower School Rewards Winners

There were five categories of rewards with three big prizes in each - Food, Entertainment, Health and Wellbeing, Sport, and School. There was also a bonus category for the top 5% for conduct at Lower School, with the winner, Ivy Colmer, having Domino's pizza with four friends in the last week of half term! Congratulations to all the winners and keep up the good work!

Ivy Colmer 7P1
Ayan Chowdhury 7P1
Tahera Gmucova 7L1
Heather 7R1
Abdelrahman 7P1
Anna 7L1

Theo Carrack 8L1
Ramona Sadegheh 8S1
Isaac Briggs 8L1
Sylvia Pumphrey 8P2
Anna 8S1

Esther Peterson 9S1
Noel Broadbent 9L2
Ramadan Amer 9S1
Bella 9R1
Hannah 9S1

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Year 8 and 9 Careers Fair

On Thursday 17 November 2022 our Year 8 and Year 9 students spent the afternoon at a Careers Fair organised by our Careers Department. The students had the opportunity to move around and speak to a variety of employees from different organisations. Students built knowledge about a range of career choices, as well as receiving key information from both The Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam University. The atmosphere was fantastic and once again our students represented the school in a highly positive light.



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Wesley Hall Lunch Club

Mr Chatterton, Y8 Pastoral Manager, recently took six students to the Wesley Hall lunch club in Crookes. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to the School.

As the guests started to arrive, the students joined them in playing games such as dominoes, table air-hockey, table tennis, carpet bowls and cards. The students then split up, and sat on separate tables with the guests, and chatted whilst they ate lunch.

The six students who attended were:

Willow Wood; Ellery Smith; Alina Hassan; Tayyibah Abdulla; Hafsa; Abdullah.



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Year 10 Cutlers' Ambassadors Graduation Ceremony

On 20th September our Y10 Cutlers' Ambassadors attended their graduation ceremony at the Cutlers' Hall. Family and friends accompanied them to see them awarded their passport by the Master Cutler, Mr James Tear.

During the ceremony Mrs Proost was invited to address the audience about King Edward VII School's long association with the Cutlers' Ambassadors Programme. We are extremely proud to be involved with this prestigious programme and continue to appoint new ambassadors each school year.



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Photographs from the Graduation Ceremony



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Year 9 Cutlers' Ambassadors

On Wednesday 16th November Mrs Sadiq accompanied our 15 new Y9 Cutlers' Ambassadors to a full day of events at the Cutlers' hall. Our ambassadors spent the day working with students from other schools, looking at how skills matter and teamworking.

They were treated to a hot buffet lunch and a tour of the prestigious Cutlers' Hall. They met the Master Cutler, Dame Julie Kenny, and were formally welcomed onto the programme. Parents and carers were invited at the end of the day to see them present their work. It was a wonderful day, well done all.



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Women in Finance Taster Day

The Business Department organised for our Year 12 girls to visit Sheffield Hallam University for a Women In Finance Taster Day. Sadly, even in 2022, it is still a fact that the finance industry is still dominated by males with Business, Economics and Finance courses at approximately a 80:20 ratio boys to girls at most universities. This filters down to an industry with most senior roles being filled by white males. The day was just for girls where they got the opportunity to hear from amazing women in the finance industry (HSBC, Aviva, GRP) and how they got to where they have despite such figures working against them.



The disproportionate under-representation of women in this industry is something that must change and at King Edward VII School we are proud that our Business and Economics courses have a much better ratio of almost 50:50 males to females. This figure has improved significantly over the last few years, and is a step in the right direction to helping universities improve their figures.

The girls were amazing and took so much away from the day. We are looking forward to going back next year.

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Badminton Star

We are happy to share an update on Yulia's success in the Badminton world.

Yulia's mum said, *"I just want to share some achievements ... Yulia represented Yorkshire and won both the Women's Single and Women's Double in the English Counties Champion of Champion tournament 2022. The tournament was held at National Badminton Centre Milton Keynes on 5th and 6th November 2022. As to the last Denmark tournament, although she did not get any prizes, that was still a very good experience for her and improved for the next tournaments."*

Thanks again to KES for your support!."

We think Yulia's accomplishments are amazing and look forward to hearing more about any further success in the future.



Winners

Mens Singles

- 1 Ben John Muir [1]
- 2 James Bonnels [3/4]
- 3/4 Jamie Pearcy [2]
- 3/4 Ryan Quek [3/4]

Womens Singles

- 1 Yulia Tang [1]
- 2 Amelia Ngooi
- 3/4 Chloe Sidwell
- 3/4 Abbie Smith [3/4]

Mens Doubles

- 1 Nathan Rossiter [2]
Steven Strickland
- 2 Robin Harper
Ewen Stephen
- 3 Alex Dillingham
Chris Tonks
- 4/6 Tom Armstrong
Chris Hall
- 4/6 Kelvin Koon
Jonathan Tang
- 4/6 Matthew Stacey
Shane Wilson

Womens Doubles

- 1 Yulia Tang
Jennifer Wallwork
- 2 Jessica Hopton [1]
Devon Minnis
- 3 Laura Mercer [2]
Sarita Patal
- 4/5 Lydia Ip
Claire Royall
- 4/5 Molly Goode
Kelly Risley
- 4/5 Evie Hamar
Anne Hubscher

Mixed Doubles

- 1 Laura Mercer
Samuel Ricketts
- 2 Joanne Goode M B E
Harry Goode
- 3 Jessica Choi
Ka Wai Ng
- 4/5 Katherine Arksey
Nathan Rossiter
- 4/5 Jessica Hopton
Adam Porter
- 4/5 Catherine Hancock
Andrew Wainwright



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2022 Remembrance Day Parade in London

Every year the Royal British Legion organises the Remembrance Day Parade in London. This year is particularly special because it is the 40th Anniversary of the Falkland's conflict.



We are proud to say that one of our Year 9 students Poppy had the privilege of participating in the National Remembrance Parade in London as part of her Army Cadet Force. The parade was shown live on the BBC coverage and she was even spotted by a few people!



Poppy says it was a very good experience and she enjoyed it.

Congratulations Poppy, this is a fabulous opportunity and an amazing achievement for you.

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Remembrance Day 2022

Ms Gooden, Headteacher, led the Remembrance Day assembly for all Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 students at Upper School on Friday 11th November 2022, Armistice Day. At Lower School, the assembly was led by Mrs Proost and Mr Gardiner.

There was silence for two minutes at 11.00 am on both sites and Mr Doubleday, Curriculum Leader for Music, played The Last Post in the reception area at Upper School.

We are also privileged to have a photography installation in our School by artist/teacher, Stephen Carley who worked with Post 16 students to create a piece of work that marked 100 years since the end of the 'war to end all wars'.

The installation on the first floor of the School is a constant reminder to our students of the sacrifices Old Edwardians made, and continue to make.



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Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair was held on 7th December. It was lovely to see so many of our Big Challenge students selling their wares to lots of visitors. Thank you everyone that attended.



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Winter Festival 2022

King Edward VII School



**Tuesday 13th December 2022
7:00pm – Upper School Hall**

KES Orchestra Conductor: Mr Doubleday	Walking in a Winter Wonderland	Felix Bernard & Richard H Smith
Matthew Rhodes	Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
Lower School Pops Orchestra Conductor: Mr Doubleday	William Tell Last Christmas	Giachino Rossini George Michael
Maisie Brook	Mary	Big Thief
Lower School Strings Conductor: Mr Doubleday	Flying Theme from How to Train Your Dragon	John Powell Arr. Julie Doubleday
Rebecca Smith	It's Beginning to look a lot Like Christmas	Meredith Willson
Maddie Cooke	On My Own	Claude-Michel Schonberg
Upper School Strings Conductor: Mr Doubleday	Two Rondeaux	Henry Purcell
Upper & Lower School Strings Conductor: David Caroe	We're Walking in the Air	Howard Blake

This Evening's Performers Are:

Lower School Pops Orchestra:

Lydia Miller
Megan Hindle
Lucy Bedford
Lucy Fehler
Amy Clarke
Tanith Nightingale
Sebastian McGrade
Lucy-Laura Miller
Sam Fehler
Sophie Hindle
Poppy Teddill

Lower School Strings:

Lucy Fehler
Amy Clarke
Tanith Nightingale
Sebastian McGrade
Zachary Bray
Lucy-Laura Miller
Sam Fehler
Lucy Bedford (Piano)
William Bridge (Percussion)

Upper School Strings:

Alex Johnson
Meg Withington
Alexa Hooks
Coralie Noble
Hannah Noble
Hi Daw
Sophia Dishop-Wilshire
Al Gregory

Winter Wonderland:
Pupils from the Lower & Upper School
ensembles
Lily Moshiri

David Caroe
Nicolas Ruvinski

Djembe Drummers:

Shantah Wright
Isia Galpin
Ash Clines
Ava Dibbon
Zachary Bray
Sam Fehler
Poppy Teddill
Lydia Miller
Megan Hindle
Lucy Bedford

Opia:

Amelia Butler-Shields
Finn Howat
Tom Flynn
Ned Palmer
William Bridge

The Chynes:

Faye Tweedie
Jonathan Taylor
Dan Brown
Calch Whittaker

Soloists:

David Caroe
Maddie Cooke
Matthew Rhodes
Maisie Brook
Rebecca Smith

David Caroe	The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)	Mel Torme & Robert Wells
Djembe Drummers	Sogo Rhythm from Ghana	Traditional African
The Chynes	Waiting to Fly	The Chynes
	Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Hugh Martin & Ralph Blane
Opia	Layla	Eric Clapton
	Little Black Submarines	The Black Keys

Thank you to all performers who gave up their time to rehearse
Thank you to the peripatetic staff for helping to prepare students
Thank you to Mrs Gooden for the use of Upper School Hall
Thank you to parents for your continued support

There will be a collection with proceeds
shared between local charities and the
Music Department

Our Students

Winter Festival 2022



Our Students



Our Staff

'Volunteers' by Stephen Carley

Process No Props | No Poppies | No Expressions of Grief | Anger | Fear | No Celebration of Victory | No Soapboxing About the Futility of War



12 photographs. 12 KES students holding a portrait of a KES student killed in WW1. 100 years on... 17 or 18 years of age. The singularly consistent connection between the two students. Reflection. Contemplation. What if's and maybes... To mark 100 years since the end of the 'war to end all wars'. 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
Pro patria mori.*

Wilfred Owen.

<https://stephencarley.co.uk/Volunteers>



Our Staff

Big in Brass

Our Curriculum Leader for Music, Mr M. Doubleday, plays with Stannington Brass Band who have had quite the year! In March they won the First Section Area Contest which gave them passage to represent Yorkshire in the National Finals held in Cheltenham on September 17th. We are pleased to share that they won which makes the band National Champions of Great Britain for the First Section 2022!



Recently they played at an entertainment contest in Bolsover attended by bands from across the country. Mr Doubleday was chosen by the band to be the soloist which was fortuitous; as well as the band winning the First Section competition, Mr Doubleday won the soloist prize! Congratulations Mr Doubleday, what an amazing achievement!



If you would like to view the performance the link is below.

<https://youtu.be/NsdmfzKpv0g?t=15080>

Tesco Support

King Edward VII School is pleased and proud to be working with Tesco at Crosspool.

Tesco have kindly donated items for our students and wish to support the School in any way they can as part of their community work. The items will be distributed to our students as rewards and prizes.

Picture of Mrs Proost receiving the donations.

THANK YOU Tesco!



Our Sixth Form



Our Sixth Form Girls working with the Women of Soroptimist International Sheffield



Several KES staff and ex-staff are members of SI Sheffield, the local Club of Soroptimist International. The Soroptimists are an international women's organisation with a focus on transforming the lives of women and girls, locally, nationally and globally, through education, empowerment and enabling initiatives. Soroptimists make a difference to the lives of more than half a million women and girls in the world every year.

The women of SI Sheffield have worked with King Edward VII School for a number of years and have developed a very productive relationship with the Year 12 and 13 girls and staff. Our Post 16 girls have been involved in activities such as providing support for women in the local refuges and raising awareness on feminist issues, as well as the award-winning Toilet Twinning Project. They have led school assemblies, organised and managed fundraising events and developed the Club's social media pages.

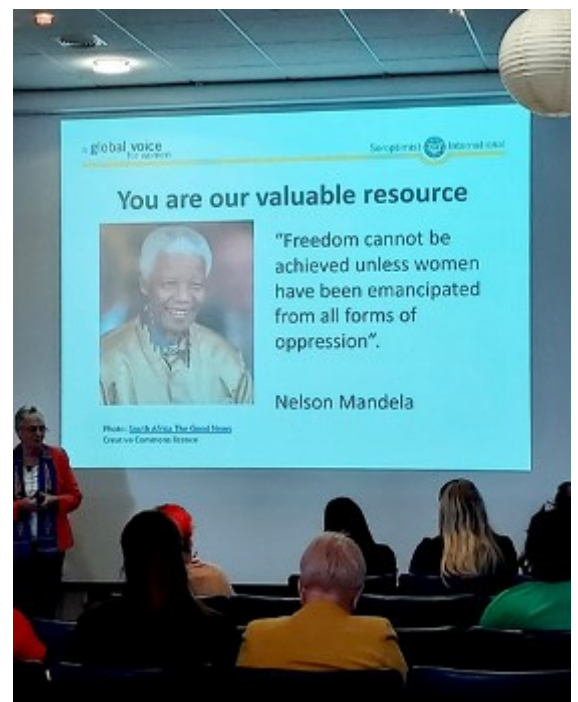


Some of the KES girls involved in Soroptimist projects with their certificates

In September this year they were involved in the planning and delivery of a city-wide conference, **"Voices of Women"**. This event brought together many local organisations working with vulnerable and abused women and their children. The overall aim of the day was to share information, identify gaps in service and facilitate a greater understanding of organisations supporting women in Sheffield.

The conference was held at Tupton Hall on 22nd September 2022. A KES Y13 student, Sam Hunnam, acted as the reporter. Not only did she provide a report which was published on the Soroptimist International website, she also learnt a lot herself and supported the initiative further by setting up a social media page through which all the participating organisations are now communicating.

Please read her account of the event on the next page.



Our Sixth Form

VOW! Voices of Women Conference

Sam Hunnam, Y13
Student Reporter



After raising money for CEASE at King Edward VII with Soroptimists in July, I was invited to report on the Soroptimists' conference at Tipton Hall, where women's organisations from around Sheffield and South Yorkshire gathered to showcase the important work they are doing, and find ways of working together.

More than a dozen organisations were represented and showcased their work and hopes for the future.

IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services), one of the leading domestic abuse charities in Yorkshire, made 22,000 calls last year, to women from all backgrounds. They have specialist teams for LGBT, young people, the elderly and disabled victims etc. They provide safe zones for 6-18 months to help victims get back on their feet, and rebuild confidence. IDAS works closely with **CEASE/REMEDI**, another domestic abuse charity that specialises in education, mentoring and intervention at a young age to stop domestic abuse at its root cause. They not only educate those at risk of being abused, but also intervene when necessary to educate those displaying signs of coercive and controlling behaviour themselves.

Also represented at the Conference was **DACT**, the City Council's Domestic Abuse Coordination Team, who work with many agencies in the city to prevent violence against women. They tackle systemic misogyny, liaise with the police and work to build back trust in social services. **Sheffield Women's Aid** provides accommodation and support for women, children and even pets escaping domestic abuse. **YWCA Yorkshire** in Sheffield provides supported accommodation for 16-25 year old women by tailoring plans to each individual young woman, using programmes like Escape the TRAP for example, to help teens in abusive relationships. Women in these situations are often referred to counselling charities, like **Saffron**, **SRASAC** (Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre) or **VIDA Sheffield**.

Together Women is a charity which helps those in the criminal justice system, in Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford and Hull. They help women once released with dependency, social inclusion, housing, and family issues, to help break the cycle of reoffending, and to try to stop the break down of families when the mothers are incarcerated.

A charity which helps mothers in particular is Mums-In-Need, a small grassroots charity which was set up by a domestic abuse survivor herself. It provides practical help to mothers who have escaped domestic abuse and also supports them with legal and financial advice.

In the UK, there are an estimated 136,000 men, women and children trapped by the slavery and human trafficking industry. In 2021, 12,727 victims were rescued by the police, and this is where Snowdrop come in. The **Snowdrop Project** is dedicated to "empowering survivors of human trafficking" by providing safe houses after they have been rescued to ensure they do not fall back into the hands of potential traffickers. Incredibly Snowdrop volunteers have recently raised just over £31,000 for the charity, by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, all for the victims of slavery.

The Conference ended with all the participating organisations vowing to keep in touch and working together. I was very impressed with the passion of all the speakers and their determination to improve the lives of women and children who have suffered at the hands of abusers. I am proud to have been able to support them by building a social media site through which they can keep in touch and work together in future.



KES Y13 student Sam Hunnam with Mrs Lamb and other Sheffield Soroptimists

Our Sixth Form

Oxford and Cambridge Universities - application successes

The Yorkshire Post published an article on 13th October 2022 based on data compiled by a national broadsheet. King Edward VII School is one of the top Yorkshire schools in terms of progression of its sixth form students to Oxbridge. We are placed second on the list, with 10 students (1.61%) from our sixth form of 620, who last year gained an Oxbridge place. According to the data, Greenhead College in Huddersfield, with 2700 students had 25 students (0.93%) gaining an Oxbridge place which gained them the top spot.

We appreciate that Oxbridge is not the most appropriate progression route for most of our sixth form cohort but our students' success speaks volumes about the quality of education they receive at King Edward VII School. To be able to hold their own through the vigorous selection process means their classes have been challenged and inspired by teaching staff and they have prepared by the work of the Post 16 team to make a really strong application.

Those students that do make it into Oxbridge work extremely hard and we are extremely proud of their achievement and success. This year we have twenty Oxbridge applicants and look forward to their successes this summer.

www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/education/these-are-the-yorkshire-schools-that-get-the-most-pupils-into-oxford-and-cambridge-universities-3878163

For more information about King Edward VII School Sixth Form, please visit www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk/post-16



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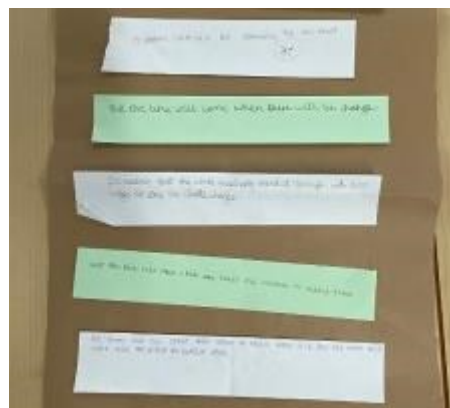
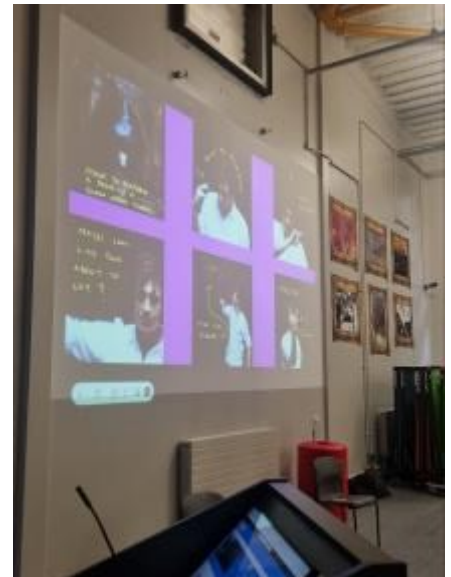
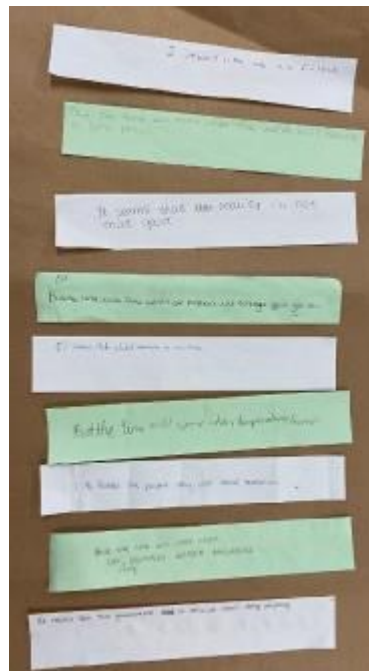
Our School

Philip Wilcox - Eco Performance Poet

We were delighted to welcome Phil Wilcox to King Edward VII School on Wednesday 2nd November. Students from Y8, Y9 and Y10 were able to enjoy performance poetry which focused on the natural world and what's wrong with our planet, a theme which tied in with National Poetry Day 2022 and the Schools Climate Assembly both held in October.

Students in each assembly were also tasked with contributing to a collective poem, some of which can be seen in the photos below.

It was wonderful to see so many students engaged in poetry and Phil was definitely a hit at both Upper and Lower School!



Our School

BBC Share Your Story: Celebrating 100 Year of the BBC

We were delighted to welcome a team from the BBC to King Edward VII Upper School on Wednesday 30th November who are taking their "Share Your Story" tour around schools as part of their centenary celebrations. King Edward VII School was selected to be visited by BBC ambassadors to share stories of their background with students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13.



Libby Clegg MBE - Paralympic Athlete - visited us with the team, accompanied by her guide dog, Bramble, and students had the opportunity to ask questions about her life, background and career. Students were invited to take part in the BBC's Young Reporter scheme - more details can be found here - www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter.



Our School

Lower School Catering

Students at Lower School were in for a mighty treat from the Mitie Catering Team with gruesome grub and scary snacks on the menu for Halloween! Tasty treats and amazing displays were enjoyed by our students!



Old Edwardians and Young Edwardians

Madeleine Day and Tom O'Connor



We were very pleased to receive an email recently from Madeleine Day, one of our alumni, providing an update on her journey since leaving King Edward VII School. It is so lovely to hear what has happened to our ex students; if you would like to share what you are up to, please email news@kes.sheffield.sch.uk.

Me and my partner Tom O'Connor attended KES 2011-2013. Although we were both only there for sixth form the two years had an impact on both of us. Although I really lacked some self-confidence. As it's been almost 10 years(!) since we were there, I thought to maybe send you an update.

We were in a relationship during the time we were at KES and we both recently got married on a beach in the Seychelles Islands, East Africa. Childhood sweethearts!

After KES, Tom went to St Hughs College, University of Oxford where he graduated with a first-class degree and masters in engineering and now works for a company where he develops software for schools. He has also spent a lot of time playing in many bands and even performed on the BBC introducing stage at Glastonbury.

I took time out to figure out what I wanted to do and ended up falling into modelling, where I went on to have a lot of fun in the weird world of high fashion.

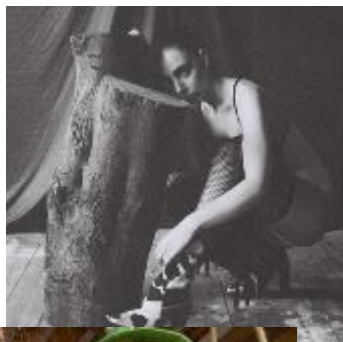
I started studying Structural Molecular Biology at the University of London (UCL/ Birkbeck) and then onto the University of Sheffield where I studied Molecular and Biotechnology and have recently graduated with a distinction.

We have both just moved to Cologne, Germany where I have been offered a fully funded scholarship to study for a PhD/Doctoral degree in plant and fungal science and The University of Cologne.

We have also spent a lot of our free time travelling the world.

I hope everything at KES is going well.

Madeleine Emily Day



Old Edwardians and Young Edwardians

Derrick Cantrell 1926 - 2022

Derrick was Head Boy whilst at King Edward VII School, and later became a major figure in music, especially in the Manchester area. His obituary was included in The Times Readers Lives on 19th November 2022, shown below.

Cathedral organist with a weakness for cutting-edge technology

Derrick Cantrell, 96

At the end of a day's teaching at the Royal Manchester College of Music (RMC) in the early 1960s, Derrick Cantrell and his colleagues found a curious way to unwind. A member of staff would strike up the first line of the national anthem on the piano; a second would provide the next line in a new key, followed by a third, until all seven lines had been played in different keys.

At the RMC Derrick was a popular colleague and a gentle, encouraging teacher who believed in regular practice, thoroughness and attention to detail. His teaching supplemented his principal role as the organist and master of choristers at Manchester Cathedral through the 1960s and 1970s.

It was a post that opened up musical opportunities, for as well as being close to a college of music, it boosted his recital work and gave him the cathedral's Cantata Choir to train



Derrick Cantrell in the early Seventies at the organ of Manchester Cathedral

and perform. His broadcasts for BBC radio included a Handel concerto with the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra in the Promenade series

and recitals from Manchester Cathedral as well as St Philip's, Salford. He also took his choir to the churches of Norway and France.

Derrick retired from the cathedral in 1977 and travelled as a senior examiner for the Associated Board of Music across Africa and the Far East. He took on a full-time teaching role at what was now the Royal Northern College of Music and continued private tuition into his eighties; in his nineties he won a prize in a national care home competition for his rendering of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

Derrick was born in Sheffield in 1926, the younger son of Cyril, a musician who broke away from the family cutlery business to earn a living as a parish organist and music teacher. Derrick's mother, Winifred (née Munn), was a housewife.

After King Edward VII School in Sheffield, Derrick won the Holroyd music scholarship to Keble College, Oxford, in 1944 but matriculation was partly delayed by a six-month crash

course in Japanese translation. So hurried was the learning that all he could remember later was the Japanese for ping pong, which, as pin pon, is much the same in English.

A further two years were spent as a fresh-faced education officer in HMS Atheling, giving career advice to war-weary troops returning from the Mediterranean and the Far East.

Oxford University was marked by three events of personal import. In 1947 he got the position of assistant organist at New College; a year later he won the Limpus prize for the highest national marks in the FRCCO exam; and in 1950 he married Nancy Bland, who had trained as an actress at Lamda. They raised four children who all became teachers: John, Helen, who died in 1992, Peter and Diana. Nancy predeceased him in 2017.

For a couple of years after Oxford, Derrick was organist and choirmaster at the Church of the Holy Rude in Stirling. Duties were confined to Sundays and so he found work teaching at Glasgow University and at

the Royal Scottish Academy of Music. From 1952, for nine years, he was at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Music left Derrick little time to pursue hobbies. His most enduring interest was fell walking and in 1972 he bought a cottage three miles south of Kendal. Although thrifty, he was prone to spasms of retail extravagance, with a weakness for cutting-edge technology, such as a Danish stereo system or a high-performance camera. His final big-purchase item, a Steinway grand piano, possibly cost more than the home that housed it.

Conceivably an agnostic Anglican, if Derrick had a creed it was probably the pragmatic one of steadfastly getting on with things. It was his duty to fulfil every engagement. In his eighties, when traffic congestion caused him to run late for an organ-playing event in Manchester, he hopped off the bus, and put out his thumb to hitch a lift. It satisfied him to make it just as the dignitaries were taking their seats.

Alan Jkinson

We recently learned of the death of former King Edward VII student, Alan Jkinson, at the age of 87 years.

Alan attended the School immediately after World War II and later stood for the Labour Party in the famous 1962 Orpington by-election. A supporter of Hugh Gaitskell, he attacked Eric Lubbock, the Liberal Party candidate for supporting unilateral nuclear disarmament. However, Lubbock won the seat, while Jkinson took third place with 12.4% of the vote, losing his deposit.

He worked for the National and Local Government Officers' Association (NALGO) of which, in 1983, he became Deputy General Secretary. In 1990 he succeeded John Daly as General Secretary of the union.

In 1993 NALGO members voted to merge the union with two other trades unions organised within local government and the NHS, NUPE and COHSE, to form UNISON and Alan became its first General Secretary. He retired from that role in 1996. During the time he worked for the union he also held a number of positions within the Trades Union Congress (TUC). Alan died on 6th November 2022, leaving a widow, Ann.

Steve Hoyland

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