

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL



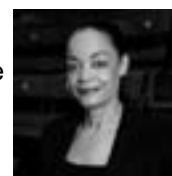
Summer 2026

TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the third School newsletter of 2025-2026.

As I write my final newsletter article as the Headteacher of King Edward VII School, I do so with immense pride, gratitude and optimism. It has been the greatest privilege of my professional life to lead and serve this remarkable School community and to work alongside talented students, dedicated staff, supportive governors, parents, carers and valued partners. Together we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes and created opportunities for our students to flourish academically and personally. What has always made our School special is not just its achievements, but its shared values of ambition, kindness, integrity and inclusion.



When I retire, I leave with complete confidence in the future of King Edward VII School. Its foundations are strong, the culture is positive and the School is very successful. I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the School during my time here: students, staff, governors, parents, carers, the Old Edwardians' Association and partner organisations. The relationships, memories and achievements we have shared will always remain with me and I will always remain a proud supporter of our School.

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

If you would like to keep up to date about the School on a regular basis, please follow us on Bluesky; @kessheffield.bsky.social.

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

- Thursday 10 September: Year 10 Information Evening, 6-7pm
- Tuesday 15 September: Year 12 Information Evening for parents, 6-6.45pm
- Thursday 24 September: Year 11 Information Evening 6-7pm
- Tuesday 29 September: Year 6 Open Evening 6-8pm
- Thursday 15 October: Year 11 Information Evening, 6-7pm
- Thursday 22 October: Year 7 Settling-In Evening, 4.30-7pm

Our Students

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION – CASTLETON, 22ND–24TH JULY 2026

Mr K. King, Teacher of PE and DofE Bronze coordinator

A total of ninety-one Year 9 students travelled to Castleton to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition. Despite exceptionally hot weather, every student demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination and teamwork throughout the three-day expedition.

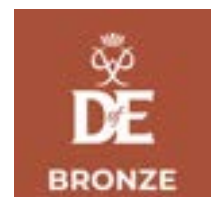
Working in their groups, students successfully navigated the challenging routes with confidence and accuracy, showcasing the excellent map-reading and navigation skills they had developed during their training. Staff were particularly impressed by the high standard of navigation across all teams.



As part of the expedition experience, students camped overnight and prepared and cooked their own evening meals, developing valuable independence and teamwork skills. On Tuesday evening, everyone came together to watch the England football match, creating a fantastic atmosphere at the campsite and providing a memorable opportunity to relax and celebrate together after a demanding day.

The expedition was a tremendous success, with students overcoming the challenges of the heat while supporting one another every step of the way. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, maturity and positive attitude shown by all ninety-one participants, who represented the school exceptionally well throughout the trip.

Congratulations to all of our Year 9 students on completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the expedition such a memorable success.



Our Students

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 2026

Mr T. Ingham, Teacher of English, Second in Department, Key Stage 3

The English Department was thrilled to receive so many interesting entries for the King Edward VII School Creative Writing Competition this year. Thank you to all of you!

Each student was asked to write a short story of no more than a thousand words. However, they could write about anything they chose. Some remarkable and unique stories were created! The entries covered a range of different subjects and circumstances, but a common strength of many of our writers this year was the ability to create a tense, emotive and even crazed narratives in many cases; pieces which were often exhilarating in pace, or psychological plot twists. We very much enjoyed reading all the entries and would encourage every one of you to keep using your extensive writing talent in the future.

The Winner 2026

Out of the many entries, this year's King Edward VII School Creative Writing Competition was won by **Ambrose Surridge** in Year 12. Congratulations, Ambrose! Ambrose's writing (a dramatic exploration of a teacher's psychological breakdown) was terrifyingly macabre and reminded the judging panel of works by writers such as Stephen King and Edgar Allan Poe! All the judges agreed that Ambrose's work demonstrated originality, creative spark and a willingness to experiment with form. Ambrose is clearly a great talent and should be highly commended for their story.

Runner up category:

2026's range of entries were captivating for their originality; therefore, we had to acknowledge the potential and ability of our runner up, **Desmond Duruoha** in Year 8 whose story's atmospheric tone showed him to be a writer of real ability. Well done!

We were delighted to give both exceptional writers' book vouchers as part of their reward. We hope they enjoy spending them!

Honourable Mentions:

In addition, we would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the following students for producing work which really was excellent too:

Fred Galpin, Year 9 – and their story called 'Tsukumogami – The Artifact Demon'

Lily Clare, Year 10 – and their story called 'The Lover I could Only Love Once'



AIMING HIGH WIN FOR KES STUDENTS



Mrs K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader

Huge congratulations to Connie, Juliette and Ellie of Team Pros and Connies who won the HEPP (Higher Education Progression Partnership) Award for Aiming High at the Cutlers Hall on 21st April 2026. Not only is this a fabulous achievement but they managed to be one of the final eleven teams out of the one hundred and sixty that entered.

As part of their prize they will attend a tour of Sheffield Hallam University with lunch!



HISTORY TRIP QUARRY BANK MILL

Mrs J. Brown, Second in Department History & Politics



On two days in June, one hundred and twenty Year 8 students visited Quarry Bank Mill in Styal, Manchester, to learn more about the Industrial Revolution. Quarry Bank Mill is one of Britain's best industrial heritage sites. Owned by the National Trust, it is still a working cotton mill today.

Just like last year we were very lucky with the weather on both days and had a lovely time exploring the site. We were given a guided tour by National Trust volunteers who showed us the huge water wheel, the machinery in the mill, and the local village where many of the workers lived. A highlight of the trip for many students was the guided tour of the Apprentice House, where young apprentices lived while they worked under contract at the Mill. Students learnt about the daily routines, diet (mainly porridge!), education and punishments for these child workers.

Our students showed excellent curiosity, asking the guides lots of good questions and engaging with the questions they were asked about whether they thought this was a good life for the young people. In the end most of them decided that school is definitely better than working twelve hours in the mill, but that they would rather have worked in Quarry Bank Mill than be in a workhouse!

One of our students, Emily Davison, said "I enjoyed comparing the machines and looms, it was incredible to see how much our methods for making fabric from cotton improved in such a short space of time. I also loved seeing the local town on the heritage and scenic walk. The living conditions for the workers was the most interesting part of the day though as they were treated much better at Quarry Bank Mill than most other places at the time: they were able to get medical care when necessary and were even allowed multiple helpings of food!!"

Our Students

CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025-2026

Mrs D. Harper, Upper School Librarian

Our annual Chess Tournament presentation was held on Tuesday 28th Aprilth, and we were pleased to present our students and staff with their prizes, trophies and medals. Congratulations go to **Ketan Sorefan** in Year 13 who was a worthy champion, and Burak Teke, also in Y13 who became runner up in the hard fought final battle. Bronze medals were presented to our third place group consisting of Sahand Sadiq and Kai Harrison, both Year 13, Reuben Bryce and Gleb Khachaturian, both Year 11, and Mr Harvey and Dr Combley. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fantastic event.



A final special mention must be made for Mr Badger who is retiring this year, and without whom the Chess Tournament would not be the success it is. Throughout his many years at KES, he has championed the game, and raised funds to buy the chess sets, amazingly by playing multiple matches simultaneously, and winning them all!

We will miss you Mr Badger but enjoy the rest!

PRIZE WINNERS:

Champion - Ketan Sorefan Y13
 Runner Up - Burak Teke Y13
 Third Equal - Sahand Sadiq Y13, Kai Harrison Y13, Reuben Bryce Y11, Gleb Khachaturian Y11, Mr Harvey, Dr Combley

COMMITMENT MEDALS (ALL 5 ROUNDS) AWARDED TO:

Y11 & STAFF	Y12	Y13
Angelina Isaac	Allen Abraham Joby	Adam Gibbs
Arijus Sireikis	David Aaron	Ahan Choudhury
Emily Gladwin	Elthar Mohamed	Alex Cochrane
Ghena Al Meslamani	Ella Barradell	Ethan Cole
Micah Post	Emily Shinder	Glory Babalola
Michelle Zisengwe	Hassan Hassan	Harry Clare
Sylvia Pumphrey	Kaveesha Weerakoon	Martin Babu
Mr Davies	Mahmood Saleem	Natu Zewedi
Mr Harland	Nahin Khan	Philippa Ansu
Mrs Topliss	Omar Farooq	
Mr Ward	Peter Lidbury	
	Yasin Ahmed	

COMPLETED TOURNAMENT:

Adam Fox Y12	Charlie Nguyen Y12
Anna Bibi Y12	Charlton Kamara Y12
Aryan Gill Y12	Kit Virgo Cox Y11
	Mohab Aserri Y13

SPECIAL AWARD:

Mr Badger



PATRICK LEGON - WONDER WALKER AND FUNDRAISER

Contribution from Will Legon, Patrick's father

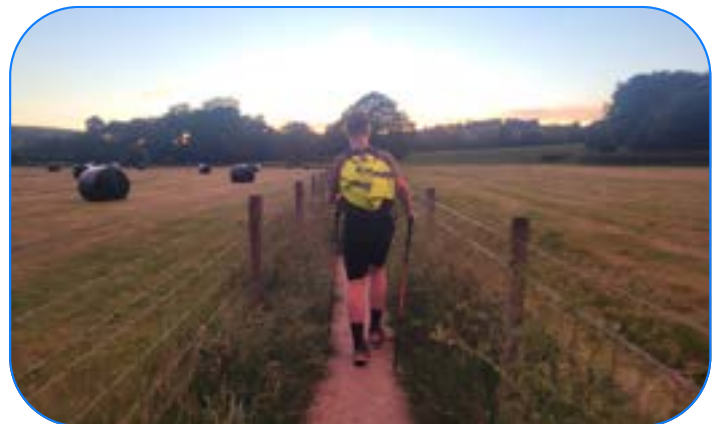


Patrick Legon, one of our Year 9 students has spent the last seven months quietly training for a fifty-mile sponsored walk which culminated in a final training walk round the Edale Skyline, itself a twenty-mile hike.

The aim of all this exertion was to raise money for two charities - Chapter2 who provide male mentors for fatherless boys, and Action for Diabetes.

On Saturday, 20th June, Patrick walked the full fifty miles in nineteen hours and fifteen minutes. In doing so he raised in excess of £2100 (plus gift aid) for these two hugely deserving charities. Following his weekend walk, on Monday 22nd June he managed to undertake a full day at school, then set off on his DofE Bronze expedition.

Patrick has certainly demonstrated how resilient he is, and that with a bit of determination, willpower and commitment almost anything is possible. This is such a fabulous achievement which deserves celebrating! And if anyone would like to support Patrick's fundraising efforts, please see the [Just Giving page](#).



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Patrick Legon - Wonder Walker and Fundraiser, continued

THE CHARITIES:

Chapter2

Approximately two million children have no meaningful contact with their fathers. Many boys are growing up in “Men Deserts” and are left to discover masculinity for themselves and 76% of young people in custody had an absent father. (Source: Centre for Social Justice). Chapter2 provide long-term and dedicated one-to-one male mentors for fatherless boys.

Action4Diabetes

Patrick was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was nine. Type 1 diabetes isn't something that can be controlled through diet or exercise, nor is it something that will ever be cured. Patrick will have to live with this for the rest of his life. And while it certainly difficult, live with it he will. He will live with it because here in the UK we are blessed to have the NHS.

There are children in Asia who are diagnosed with diabetes but who don't have the NHS. In fact, they'll get nothing for free. For them, just to have the minimum it takes to stay alive it will cost £500 per year.

Action4Diabetes (A4D) is a UK-registered charity giving health and hope to disadvantaged young people living with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) in South-East Asia (SEA) by ensuring free access to life-saving medication and support from an empowered T1D community.

They are the only NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) dedicated to tracking, documenting and improving the health outcomes of disadvantaged young people living with T1D in SEA. Unlike other NGOs, they offer ongoing T1D healthcare to those we support.



NATIONAL HOLOCAUST CENTRE AND MUSEUM VISIT

Mrs S. Davis, Curriculum Leader History & Politics

Year 9 Historians had the privilege of meeting Arek Hersh, a Holocaust survivor at the National Holocaust Centre on 20th April 2026. They explored the importance of testimony and Holocaust education.

They were deeply moved by Arek's bravery and asked wonderful questions. Many students purchased his book in answer to Arek's calls to continue to tell the stories of Holocaust survivors in order to protect future generations from genocide.

Many of the student reflected that the experience had profoundly moved them and they felt that opportunities like this were important educational experiences.



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE ENGINEERS AND COMPUTER SCIENTISTS

Miss R. Payne, Careers and Work Experience Co-Ordinator and Foundation Learning Teacher

Year 8 girls from across Sheffield came together at our Upper School site on Monday 30 June for the inspiring 'Yes you can' event, designed to encourage more young women to explore careers in engineering, computer science and the wider STEM industries.

The event welcomed students from Forge Valley School, Silverdale School, Notre Dame High School and King Edward VII School, providing a unique opportunity for young people from across the city to meet industry professionals, challenge stereotypes and discover the exciting possibilities that STEM careers can offer.



The day began with a warm welcome from Linda Gooden, who encouraged students to embrace new opportunities, believe in their abilities and challenge traditional perceptions of careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students were then treated to an inspiring keynote address from Hannah Wright, Founder and CEO of CirKits Ltd®, who shared her personal story.

Hannah spoke passionately about the importance of innovation, resilience and confidence, inspiring the girls to pursue their ambitions and consider pathways they may never have previously imagined.



Following the keynote speech, students took part in a carousel of interactive workshops delivered by leading organisations including CirKits Ltd®, Rolls-Royce, Toyota and the Royal Air Force.

Throughout the sessions, the girls had the opportunity to engage with hands-on activities, explore real-world engineering and technology challenges, and speak directly with professionals working within these industries.

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Inspiring the Next Generation of Female Engineers and Computer Scientists, continued

The workshops provided a valuable insight into the wide range of careers available across STEM sectors, helping students to understand how engineering, computing and technology play a vital role in shaping the world around us. From problem-solving and innovation to teamwork and creativity, the sessions highlighted the diverse skills required to succeed in these exciting fields.

The enthusiasm, curiosity and engagement shown by all participants throughout the day was fantastic to see. Students left feeling motivated, empowered and better informed about the opportunities available to them in the future.



A huge thank you goes to Hannah Wright and CirKits Ltd®, Rolls-Royce, Toyota and the Royal Air Force for their invaluable support in making the event such a success. Their commitment to inspiring the next generation of female engineers, scientists and technology leaders helped create a memorable and impactful experience for everyone involved.

‘Yes you can’ was a truly inspiring day, demonstrating the power of collaboration between schools and industry to encourage young women to challenge the norm, break down barriers and confidently pursue their ambitions in STEM. We look forward to building on the success of this event and continuing to inspire the next generation of innovators and future industry leaders.



MASTER CUTLER VISIT

Mrs K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader

On Friday 26th June we welcomed the Master Cutler Professor Keith Jackson, along with the Mistress Cutler to Lower School for breakfast with our Year 9 Cutlers Ambassadors and the Headteacher, Ms Gooden.

Despite the heat we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast buffet and the Master talked to the Ambassadors about his career and the experiences of the Ambassadors on the programme.



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Our Students

CUTLERS AMBASSADORS GRADUATION

On Wednesday 8th July our Year 9 Better Learners Better Workers Ambassadors graduated at the Cutlers Hall in a glittering ceremony

Students received their awards from The Master Cutler Professor Keith Jackson. It was a wonderful evening. Mrs Proost and Miss Duroe were very proud of all the Ambassadors including Alice who received a Gold award

Well done to all and huge thanks to Sarah Ward and team and the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire.



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Mrs D. Harper, Upper School Librarian

STUDENT LIBRARIANS

Sadly, this summer we said goodbye and good luck to our Student Librarians in Year 11 and Year 13. They have all been amazing and we will miss them. Thanks and best wishes go to:

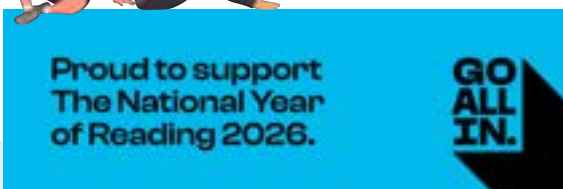
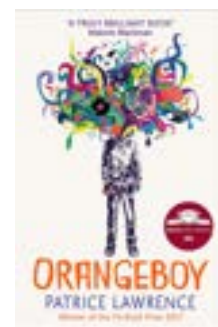
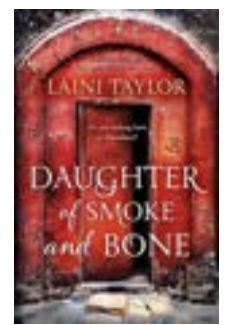
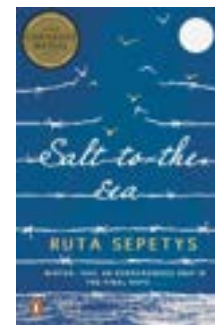
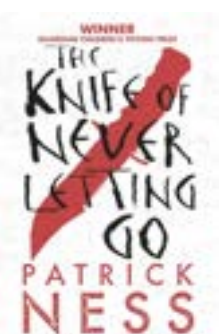
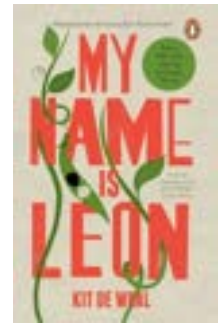
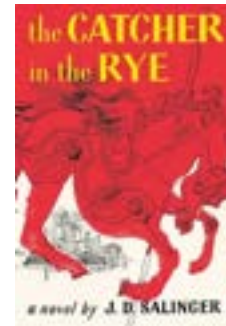
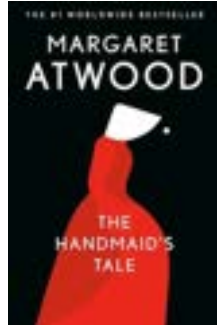
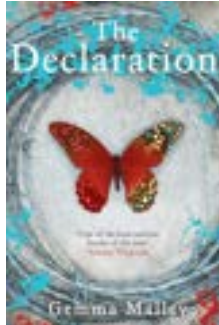
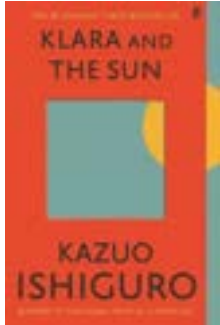
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- Maisie Painter
- Poppy Keppas
- Hauwa Nasiru

THANK
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BOOK CLUBS

As usual, our book clubs have taken place throughout the year meeting each term to enjoy lunchtime treats alongside book chat. Here are some of the books read by our book groups this year.



YEAR 10 STUDENTS SHINE ON WORK EXPERIENCE

Miss R. Payne, Careers and Work Experience Co-Ordinator and Foundation Learning Teacher

Our Year 10 students have received outstanding feedback from employers following this year's two-week work experience programme.

Students completed placements across a wide range of industries, including healthcare, education, law, engineering, technology, retail and hospitality. Employers consistently praised students' professionalism, enthusiasm, attendance and willingness to learn, with many receiving top marks in all areas.



The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with comments describing students as "a credit to the school", "hardworking and reliable", "outstanding" and even "a dream". Several employers were so impressed that they expressed an interest in supporting future work experience placements and, in some cases, future employment opportunities.

Particular praise was given for students' confidence, initiative and ability to adapt to new environments. Whether working with young children, supporting customers, solving technical challenges or contributing to professional teams, our students represented the school exceptionally well.

We would like to thank all the employers who supported our students and provided such valuable opportunities. Most importantly, congratulations to our Year 10 students, who have been fantastic ambassadors for the school and should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION READ

Mrs S. Asquith- Richardson, Lower School Librarian

The Lion above the door by Onjali Rauf has been given out to all Year 6 students to read over the summer holidays, included with it was a free bookmark.

We are delighted to have invited Onjali to school in October to talk about her book and sign copies if students wish to keep them. Details have been sent to parents and carers.





Other books from the author Onjali Q. Rauf



The Lion Above the Door

Author: Onjali Q. Rauf

Synopsis: Set during the Second World War, this story follows Michael, a young boy growing up in Britain under the shadow of bombings and loss. Struggling with feelings about his absent father, Michael becomes curious about a stone lion above the door of a local building and the significance it holds. With the help of a caring librarian, he uncovers the extraordinary, little-known stories of Indian soldiers who fought bravely alongside British forces. As Michael learns about their courage and sacrifice, he begins to understand more about history, identity, and the true meaning of heroism—changing the way he sees his own family and the world around him.

Genre: Historical Fiction

Themes: war, identity, diversity, history and remembrance, family, belonging, courage

RESPECT TOO PROGRAMME - SHEFFIELD SHARKS

Mrs K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader



We are very proud to have completed another six week Respect Too programme with the Sheffield Sharks basketball team. During May and June, eleven Year 9 students took part on a weekly basis with sessions in the classroom and on the court, ably assisted by Mr Creasy and Miss Reeves!

Well done to all the students and to Latrelle who was crowned Most Valuable Player. Huge thanks to Sarah Carpenter and all at Sharks for another great programme!



FINAL PERFORMANCES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Mr N. Kobierowski, Drama and Music Technician

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of our GCSE and A Level Drama students for their exceptional performances in this year's practical exams.

Throughout the performances, they demonstrated remarkable confidence, creativity, and commitment, showcasing not only their acting abilities but also the resilience and teamwork required to bring a performance to life.

Well done to all our GCSE and A Level Drama students on this fantastic achievement.



NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE SUCCESS

Mr N. Kobierowski, Drama and Music Technician

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that Daniel Rhodes, one of our Year 9 students, has successfully gained a place with the National Youth Theatre.

This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to his talent, dedication, and passion for drama. To be selected is a remarkable accomplishment and reflects the hard work and commitment he has shown throughout his time studying drama. His success is richly deserved, and we are incredibly proud to see his talents recognised.

We look forward to following his journey and hearing about the exciting opportunities that this experience will bring.



SCHOOL PRODUCTION - ALICE

Mr N. Kobierowski, Drama and Music Technician

At the beginning of July, our talented students delighted audiences with their wonderful production of Alice. The performances showcased the hard work, creativity, and dedication of everyone involved, both on stage and behind the scenes.



From Alice's curious adventures to the Mad Hatter's tea party and the Queen of Hearts' court, students brought the beloved characters to life with confidence, enthusiasm, and impressive acting skills.



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School Production - ALICE, continued



The production was the result of months of rehearsals and preparation. Students demonstrated remarkable commitment, teamwork, and resilience, supporting one another throughout the process and rising to the challenge of performing over three consecutive nights.

A special thank you goes to our parents and families for their continued encouragement and support. Whether helping students learn lines, assisting with costumes, or attending performances, your contribution played an important part in the success of the production.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and delivered three unforgettable performances.



CELEBRATING DAVID ATTENBOROUGH TURNING 100

Students have been celebrating David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. From learning in Geography lessons about his amazing life, writing birthday messages, a documentary commentary competition, to celebrating with a bit of cake - we are all grateful for the work he has done.

Congratulations to our competition winners:

Key Stage 3:

Owen H and Alice Skala - Year 7

Key Stage 4

Lucy-Laura Miller and Rosina Allen - Year 10

Thank you for their commendable entries:

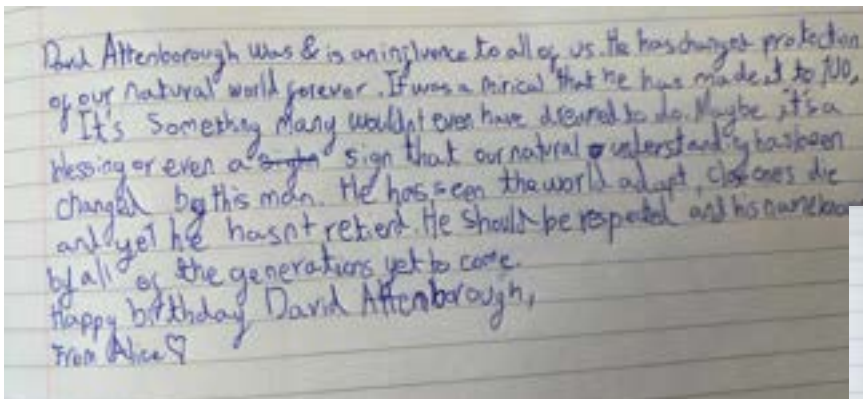
Ellie Garrod, Gabriel Osbourne and Julia Nguyen - 7P2

Omar Gossiel - 7S1

Effie Angus and Aphra Smout Bennett - 7S2 and 7P2

Noah Bowen - 7S2

Aurelia Vause - 7P2



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YEAR 11 PROM

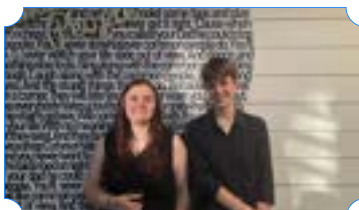


Congratulations to our Year 11 students, who have now completed five very successful years at the school.

On Friday 23rd May, students attended a special reward assembly followed by a leavers' picnic to mark the start of their study leave. During the assembly, students were recognised and celebrated for their hard work, achievements, and contributions to school life throughout their time with us. Following the assembly, everyone enjoyed a relaxed afternoon outside with pizza and ice cream, providing an opportunity to spend time together and reflect on their school journey.

After completing a demanding six-week examination period, students came together once more on Friday 26th June for the Year 11 Prom held at The Edge, University of Sheffield. Dressed to impress, they enjoyed an evening of celebration with friends and staff, marking the end of their secondary school experience and creating lasting memories.

We are incredibly proud of all that our Year 11 students have achieved during their time at the school and would like to thank them for the positive contribution they have made to our community. We wish them every success and happiness in the future as they move on to the next stage of their education and careers.



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YEAR 11 PROM



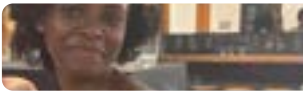
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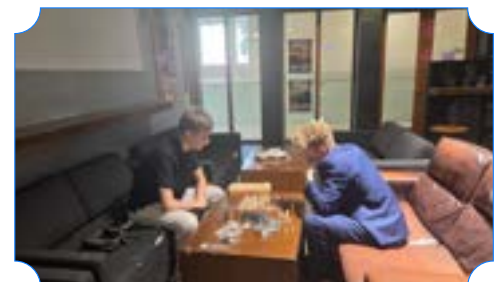
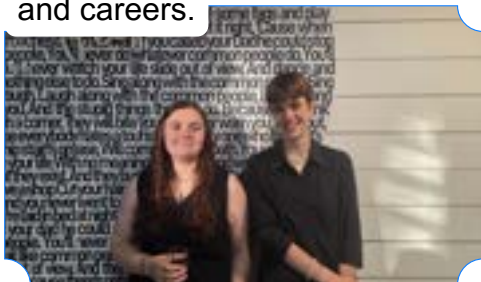
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CULTURE DAY

Students across School enjoyed celebrating Culture Day on Wednesday 8th July.

With over 60 languages spoken in School, in addition to English, our amazing and diverse student body were proud to show off their heritage.



Our Students

KEY STAGE 3 CELEBRATION EVENING

Our annual Key Stage 3 celebration evening took place on Tuesday 7th July 2026 and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements and efforts of students.

The atmosphere was fantastic. We had an amazing student dance to start the night, and two performances from Isabel Fletcher and Tess Goodfellow.



Special Awards went to:

- ★ KS3 Student of the Year - Freya Johnston
- ★ Javid Khan Award - Charlotte Jackson
- ★ Leader of the Year - Nkumbu Nsanta
- ★ Endeavour Award - Khalid K Year 7

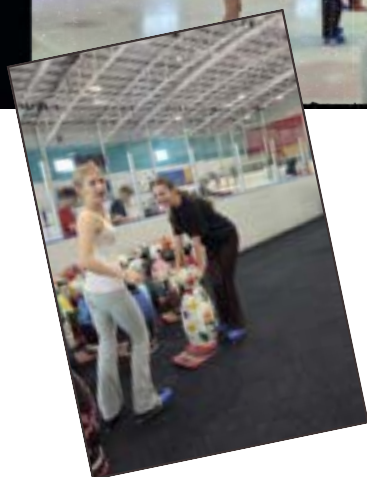


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KEY STAGE 3 AND 4 REWARD TRIP

The Key Stage 3 and 4 Reward Trip took place on Thursday 9th July. Students could choose from three separate events which comprised two activities - one in the morning and one in the afternoon - for a full day of fun:

- Ninja Warrior and Ice Skating
- Treehouse Café and National Videogame Museum
- Porter Valley Walk – students met at Endcliffe Park before walking through Porter Valley to Ringinglow. They stopped for lunch before walking back to Endcliffe Park, with an ice cream stop along the way!



Students enjoying their ice skating reward on a record breaking hot day!



SPORTS DAY



On Monday 6th July, students from Year 7 to Year 10, and Year 12, participated in our annual Sports Day on our Lower School Sports Field. Students were able to take part in various track and field events including relay, high jump, long jump, javelin, discuss, shot put, and tug of war.



SOME OF OUR BLUESKY POSTS THIS TERM

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City Finals Athletics

What an incredible afternoon of athletics at the City Finals held in Rotherham on Tuesday 7th July.

Over ten of our students received certificates for finishing in the top three of their events – a fantastic achievement!

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 girls' relay team, who won their race by an incredible 50 metres.

A special mention goes to Ellie (Year 8), who was crowned City Champion in four events, and Amelia (Year 7), who was crowned City Champion in two events – outstanding achievements from both athletes!

Well done to everyone who represented the school.



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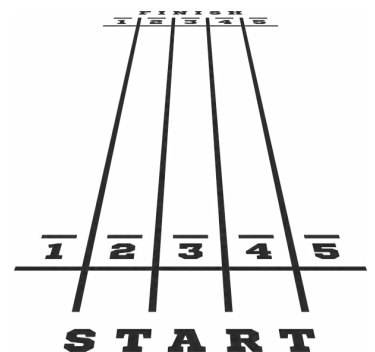
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KES dancers delivered an outstanding performance at the Arches Dance Show! Beautifully choreographed by Maisie in Year 10, who has dedicated her time this year to leading the KS3 dance club, and this performance showcased the incredible progress, teamwork and talent of all involved.



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The athletics season is in full swing, with our students proudly representing the school and Sheffield at the South Yorkshire Track & Field Championships. 🏃
Outstanding performances across the board—including multiple podium finishes. 🌟
A huge congratulations to all involved!



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Another fantastic win for our Year 8 rounders team this week! They delivered an outstanding performance against Firth Park, securing a convincing 8-61½ victory. A special congratulations to Eva, who was named Player of the Match



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Our Cross Country runners took part in the Sheffield Schools Cross Country Relays held at Longley Park and delivered some fantastic performances. Y7 boys finished 2nd and Y10 girls were crowned Sheffield Schools Champions. Well done to all students who represented the school so brilliantly.



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Another excellent performance from the Year 8 rounders team, securing another victory this time against Mercia. The team demonstrated outstanding batting and sharp, disciplined fielding throughout. A special congratulations to Poppy, who was Player of the Match for her superb all-round contribution



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Our Y8 and Y10 girls dominated the field in the recent Sheffield Schools Relay competition. Y8 team won the 4x100m relay showcasing outstanding speed and smooth baton changeovers. The Y10 girls also delivered a superb performance, winning both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays.



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Outstanding performance from the boys, scoring 76 points off 16 overs with 7 wickets down. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed out to Birkdale, who reached 76 points with only 2 overs remaining.



OUR SIXTH FORM

FAREWELL TO OUR WONDERFUL YEAR 13 AND YEAR 14 STUDENTS

Mrs S. Cooke, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form



We held a leavers' pizza and ice cream picnic on the last day of lessons - Friday 8th May. We hope that was a memorable way to mark the last day of school lessons for our students. It was lovely to see students chatting in their groups of friends on the field and even an impromptu rounders match. For the following five weeks students navigated the gruelling prospect of their A Level and BTEC / AAQ exams. Thankfully all now successfully completed. We are really proud of the way our students conducted themselves - taking care of each other and following the exam regulations to the letter.

After the final external exams, we held our Year 13 Leavers' Prom at the Crowne Plaza Royal Victoria Hotel on Tuesday 23rd June. One hundred and fifty students filled the sumptuous ballroom with outfits to match. With a formal meal and lively dance floor, it was a fantastic occasion to mark the end of their sixth form experience. We wish them well with their plans for next year and Post 18 progression.

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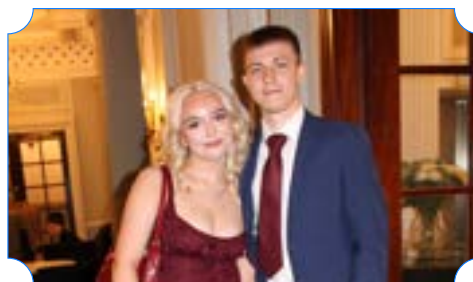
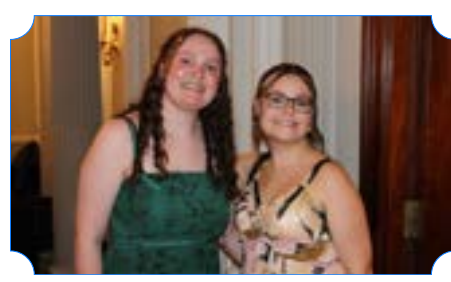
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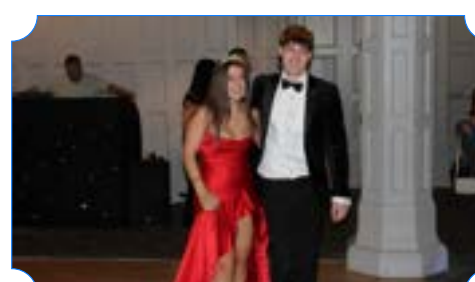
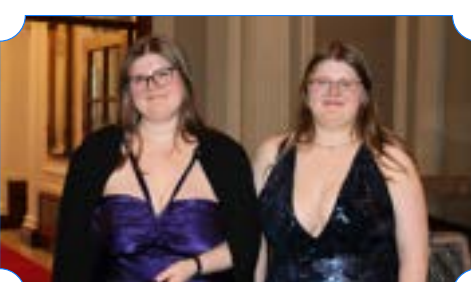
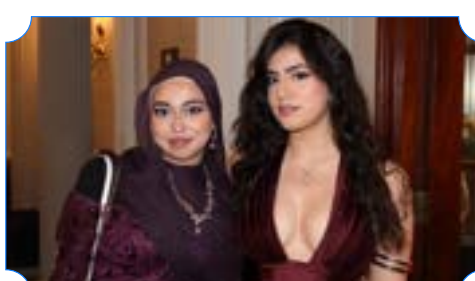
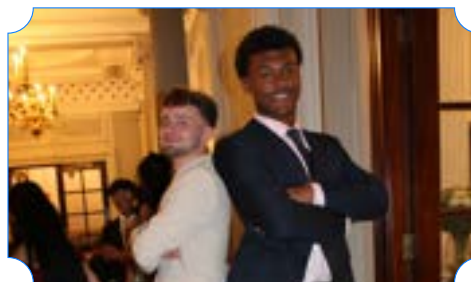
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PARIS TRIP 2026, 24TH - 27TH MARCH

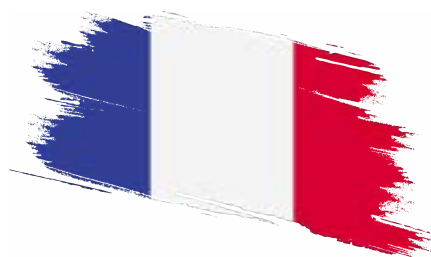
By Nina Anderson and Leela Birdi, Y12 stuents



From the 24th to 27th March 2026, we went to Paris with our Year 12 French class, and it was an experience none of us will ever forget! We had an amazing time exploring Paris, both with our lovely teachers, who organised a perfectly hectic schedule full of the best tourist spots steeped in authentic French culture, and also in our own small groups for short periods, where many chose to visit the world-renowned Eiffel Tower.



There were many highlights to the trip, some of which include a trip to the famous restaurant “Chartier”, where some particularly brave individuals sampled “les escargots”, and the evening trip along the Seine on the “Bateau-Mouche”, where we were able to see the Eiffel tower sparkling at night. We can all confirm that the French boulangeries are simply impossible to beat, with an estimated total of fifty baguettes consumed between us over the three-and-a-bit days.



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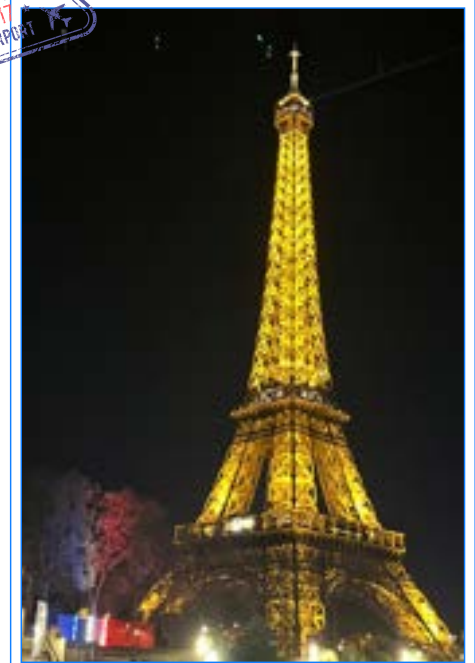
Paris Trip March 2026, continued

Overall, we all had an absolutely amazing time in “la ville d’amour” and can confirm that we will ALL be returning at some point in the (hopefully) near future – watch out Parisiens!



Having conferred with our classmates, we have compiled a list of our favourite moments:

- Ambrose – “getting to try new foods, like snails and pig’s intestines”
- Polly – “going to the immigration museum was really interesting to learn about history and that, also the Madeleine cathedral”
- Selenge – “I really liked going out for dinner every night because we got to see like the night life in Paris and experience a different environment to the normal daytime atmosphere”
- Finlay – “I really quite liked the food in Paris”
- Isabelle – “I really enjoyed the ‘boulangeries’, exploring the streets of Paris and visiting all of the places”
- Leela – “I particularly enjoyed the view from the top of the Galeries Lafayette, seeing the Arc de Triomphe, all the food - especially the baguette sandwiches - and the journey there and back on the Eurostar was also fun”
- Nina - “I’ve been having recurring dreams about baguettes ever since I left!”



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD



Mr J. Bale, Teacher of Chemistry and DofE Gold coordinator

This year, we are incredibly proud to have fifty-eight students working towards completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, the highest level of the programme. This cohort has shown great commitment, resilience and ambition, and it is particularly pleasing to see it reflecting the rich diversity of our school community.

Students have completed comprehensive pre-expedition training, including first aid and camp craft, and have carefully planned their routes. This preparation has fostered curiosity and attention to detail, ensuring they are well prepared for the challenges ahead.



During their practice expedition in the Peak District, students not only developed their navigation and teamwork skills but also took full ownership of their logistics, organising transport and booking campsites independently. Some groups travelled by train to Chinley before walking back to Sheffield over three days, while others set off locally, heading north towards Langsett. For some, this was their first experience of camping, packing this practice expedition with even more firsts. These experiences helped build confidence and provided valuable preparation for their qualifying expedition, while encouraging a strong sense of integrity and curiosity as they navigated new environments and solved problems together.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award also requires students to develop a skill, improve their physical fitness and contribute through volunteering. It has been fantastic to see students taking on new challenges such as learning to cook, playing musical instruments and developing bike repair skills. Many have also contributed to the wider community, volunteering their time in charity shops, primary schools and local sports clubs.

Students are now busy finalising their plans for their qualifying expedition in the remote West Highlands, where they will put all their newly developed expedition skills to the test.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of the staff team, who give their time to support students in planning and completing their expeditions.



We look forward to celebrating their continued success as they complete their Gold Award.

Our Sixth Form

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD EXPEDITION



Mr J. Bale, Teacher of Chemistry and DofE Gold coordinator

Some of our adventurous Year 12 students set off on Thursday 9th July for their expedition to the Western Highlands of Scotland.

They are having a fantastic time, challenging themselves by completing their four-day expeditions, carrying everything they need and wild camping each night.



Our Sixth Form

YEAR 12 GIRLS MEET THE LORD MAYOR IN HER PARLOUR

Contribution from Daphne Cawthorne, Soroptimist International Sheffield



After celebrating Soroptimist International Sheffield's 98th Charter Lunch with various civic dignitaries in March, Safiyya Saeed (Sheffield's Lord Mayor for 2025-26) invited the Year 12 students, that the Soroptimists are working with, to the Town Hall to discuss local politics in action.

This was a golden opportunity for the sixth form students to experience what happens behind the scenes in their local Town Hall. The Mayor spent time asking the girls what they want to do in the future and gave advice to many of them.

Once the requisite paperwork was completed by the School and Town Hall, the girls and Soroptimists were allowed into the Mayor's private Parlour.

Comments from the girls:

"We were privileged to meet the first black female and hijab wearing Lord Mayor in the history of Sheffield politics whose life story was an inspiration to us".

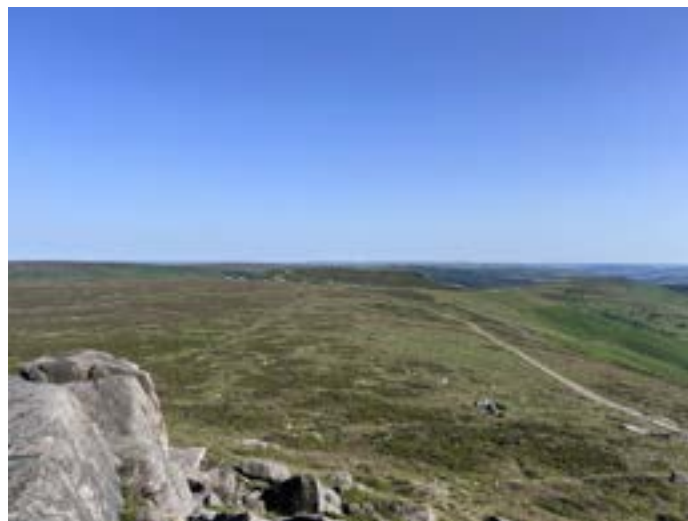
"It was great to see black and ethnic minority representation in local government" and "it is very encouraging to teenagers from ethnic minorities who wish to pursue politics or even law in the future".



A Bun sale in March 2026 raised £260 for Mums In Need. Well done everyone involved!

Y12 BOULDERING TRIP TO STANAGE EDGE

Mr J. Bale, Teacher of Chemistry and DofE Gold coordinator



Recently, ten Year 12 students headed out to Stanage Edge for an afternoon bouldering session. For a lot of the group, this was something new—four students hadn't climbed outside before, and one hadn't climbed at all. We found a breezy spot on the edge, which made the heat much more manageable.

We spent the session working on the basics—how to move on gritstone and our use feet properly. Once students got used to the rock, they started trying some more challenging boulder problems, pushing themselves and encouraging each other along the way.

It was great to see students giving things a go, sticking with it when it didn't work first time, and building confidence during the afterschool session.

Overall, it was a really positive afternoon and a good introduction to outdoor climbing. We're hoping to run more trips like this next year.



OUR STAFF

CELEBRATING DOFE GOLD AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDENS

Ms S. Hancock, Teacher of Mathematics

On Friday 22nd May, I had the pleasure of attending the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Celebration event in the gardens of Buckingham Palace as a representative of King Edward VII School. As a former DofE Gold Award Coordinator, it was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of young people who have completed the highest level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Guests gathered in the gardens of Buckingham Palace to celebrate the achievements of DofE Gold Award recipients from across the UK.

The event brought together Gold Award recipients, DofE staff, volunteers and supporters from across the country to recognise the commitment, resilience and determination needed to achieve a Gold Award. Set against the beautiful backdrop of Buckingham Palace Garden, it was a memorable occasion and a fitting celebration of everyone's hard work.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was hearing from His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the current Duke of Edinburgh. He spoke about his own expedition experiences, sharing stories of the challenges he faced, the importance of perseverance and the satisfaction that comes from reaching your goal. His words will have struck a chord with anyone who has taken part in a DofE expedition.

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Celebrating DofE Gold at Buckingham Palace Gardens, continued

Guests also heard from Dame Kelly Holmes, who delivered an inspiring talk about grit, determination and the importance of learning to solve problems independently. She encouraged young people to celebrate every achievement, no matter how small, reminding us that "DofE teaches you to persevere and push on through." Her message reflected many of the qualities that make the Award such a valuable experience.

The event also featured social media personality and content creator, Vikkstarr, and Jazz Singh, known online as "Jazatha Christie" from his role in *Traitors*.



Both spoke about the teamwork, confidence and communication skills that DofE helps young people develop. Jazz commented that "Getting involved with DofE will set you up for life", while Vikkstarr shared how "DofE helped me grow as a person". Their experiences highlighted the lasting impact that the Award can have long after the expedition is over.

Having been involved with DofE for over ten years, it was particularly rewarding to see how the programme continues to inspire and challenge young people. The Gold Award is a remarkable achievement and helps participants develop confidence, resilience, leadership and teamwork skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.



The celebration at Buckingham Palace was a wonderful reminder of the value of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the opportunities it gives young people to grow, challenge themselves and achieve something they can be truly proud of. King Edward VII School is incredibly proud of all our students who have taken part in DofE, and we look forward to seeing many more young people enjoy the same opportunities in the future.

Guests listened to inspiring speeches highlighting the impact of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award on young people's lives.

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Our Staff

Celebrating DofE Gold at Buckingham Palace Gardens, continued



Representing King Edward VII School at the DofE Gold Award Celebration event in Buckingham Palace Garden. Ms Hancock



MEET AND GREET WITH WOLE SOYINKA - NOBLE PRIZE WINNER FOR LITERATURE

Ms C. Benloss, KS4 Leader and Teacher of English

I was honoured to meet the esteemed Wole Soyinka on 7 July 2026 at the Utopia Theatre in Sheffield. Soyinka was born in Nigeria on 13 July 1934. Many of Soyinka's novels and plays are set in Nigeria, reflecting the country's history, culture, and political struggles. Alongside these works, he has produced a wide range of satirical writings that have reached a broad audience and enjoyed considerable popularity. He is also an accomplished poet, with numerous individual poems and several published collections to his name. He has achieved successes with his plays, including *The Swamp Dwellers* (1958). Soyinka was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986, becoming the first African laureate. He was described as one "who in a wide cultural perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of existence". Soyinka studied for his BA in English, at the University of Leeds so often travelled into Sheffield for work or acting.



He has a special affinity for Yorkshire so we were honoured that he came on a whirlwind tour to speak to guests at the Utopia Theatre.



Soyinka discussed his works, his inspirations and how the current political climate feels very familiar to some of the inspirations of his early work.

He used humour, a tradition of story telling and fondly remembering his youth to engage and inspire his audience before he was whisked off to catch a train back to London.

A truly marvelous experience.

OLD AND YOUNG EDWARDIANS

SUCCESSFUL EX-STUDENTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

Mrs D. Harper, Upper School Librarian



On Wednesday 1st July, our Year 12s were involved in a Post 18 Opportunities Day which included sessions on Post 18 transition, CVs and UCAS applications. In the afternoon there were also visits to Sheffield Hallam University with talks about the UCAS process, personal statements and degree apprenticeships.

As part of the day, those that were interested in applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary or Oxbridge courses were able to attend an early applicants workshop. It was lovely to welcome back five ex-KES students to the workshop to talk about their experience of being early applicants, give some advice and offer their top tips. Thank you for imparting your wisdom, the students learnt a lot!

From left to right:

✦ Bevan Lowe: Mathematics, Magdalen College, University of Oxford (1st year)

✦ Almotamad Abdull: Medicine, University of Sheffield (1st year)

✦ Shakeeb Rahim: Medicine, University of Nottingham (1st year)

✦ Albatoul Elazzouzi: Dental Surgery, University of Sheffield (2nd year)

✦ Aurigny French: Chinese, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford (1st year)

Old and Young Edwardians

MY FIRST YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

We were delighted to hear from Hol Jones, who joined King Edward VII School in Year 7 and finished Year 13 last summer. Experiencing a very busy first year at the University of York, Hol has been involved in a whole host of projects which sound amazing - well done, Hol, we are proud of your achievements!

Here's what Hol told us:



Just in the first year I used my EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) research to win an article writing competition for the York Historian (a student-led history paper), for their Disability History Month writing competition. The article was titled 'The Lives and Deaths of Disabled Witches: what primary sources can reveal about disability history'. I also had a short fiction story set in the midst of the witch trials published in a young writers' anthology, and was invited to the book launch!

The University has an award-winning student-led radio station – University Radio York (URY) - and since January, I have been the host of my own solo radio show, 'A Hol Lot of History', which talks about visiting local historical sites, and matches facts with a mix of music! It has been nominated for a York Student Media Award and is currently in the process of being submitted for a Student Radio Award as part of their national competition!

As part of the student radio, I have also been involved in a lot of other broadcasts, including interviewing a Sabbatical Officer candidate live on YouTube ahead of the uni-wide elections, interviewing the Archbishop of York and appearing as a guest on Newshour (the weekly URY news broadcast), putting that Politics A Level knowledge to the test!

If you would like to listen to the radio show, or watch the videos, here are the links:

Radio show: <https://ury.org.uk/schedule/shows/15169/>

Interview with the Archbishop of York: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DXxLdJPNyiP/>,

You Tube interview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7COX_YKK-io&list=LL&index=14.



I'm also part of the University of York's History Department's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, a Student Ambassador for the department, and have written lots of essays, made some amazing friends and gone on many historical adventures throughout York!

As you can see, there has been a lot going on, and those are only a few highlights! It has been an incredible first year and I genuinely owe a lot of it to King Edwards – thank you again for all of your support and teaching, I haven't forgotten the impact you all had.



Old and Young Edwardians

SUCCESS AT CAMBRIDGE

Madeleine Davey studied at KES from 2015-2022 and left sixth form with A* grades in History, Politics, and English Literature. We were incredibly pleased to learn that she graduated on Friday 3rd July from Downing College, University of Cambridge, in History and Politics.

Amazingly, Maddy also received accolades for outstanding academic performance including obtaining a 1st with Distinction in her dissertation (Political Memory and National Identity in Post-Soviet Belarus).

Her father, Will, is a firm believer that Maddy's success clearly demonstrates that students from the comprehensive system can flourish in the intensely academic world of Oxbridge.

He also attributes the annual Oxford University trip, organised by our Assistant Headteacher Rob Gardiner, to helping KES students realise that they can go on to achieve at the highest academic level, and provides the impetus to apply to Oxbridge in the future.

Well done Maddy, we are sure you have an incredibly bright future ahead of you, and we hope you keep in touch with updates!



Maddy after graduating, outside the Senate House, Cambridge.



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REFLECTING ON A ROAD OF HOPES AND DREAMS

Contribution from Rev. Ian Price

It's 1971. I'm in the dress circle of the Upper School hall chatting with my mate who's working with the team rigging the lighting for the school play. For entertainment, they're listening to the brand-new Led Zeppelin album – very loudly. Arguably the greatest voice in rock history is singing "Yes there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run there's still time to change the road you're on." Very poetic Mr Plant, but not entirely true. There are a whole lot more.

I was among the last of the 11+ exam intake, and passed, with great pride, to what was regarded as Sheffield's top grammar school. A huge change of life. Two buses to a school where only one other person from my junior school had gone. But I quickly made friends and am still regularly in touch with some of them.

I was fourteen in 1971 and a member of the school's Christian forum. I wanted to be a rock musician, and I was in a band. That's the career path I naively expected to take, with all the wealth and glamour it promised. But I was also feeling a call to Christian ministry. I was passionate about music, scored high nineties in aural tests in the first two years, and opted for it as a GCE subject. The other candidates all had grade 5 in either instruments or theory, and as I hadn't, the music teacher said, "Price, I'm not sure why you're here." Different times. Fortunately, we had an art teacher called Miss Law who started a guitar group, teaching basic chords and showing us how to use them to accompany folk and American songs of the day. Right in my wheelhouse.

By the time we came to GCEs, I'd been lazy, and in year 11 suffered from nearly ten weeks absence with, successively, chicken pox, pleurisy and pneumonia. The wonderful Mrs. E Johnson got me through English Language and English Literature, and I scraped an O level in French. I was not going into 6th form with friends, or on to university. I went to work in a sales office. In fact, I worked in two and got fired from both. Still too busy daydreaming and putting music first.

Motivation came in a serious relationship with a girl to whom I'm still married. I worked hard and got to national sales, and through a period of sweat and turmoil I made it to senior management. As the company hit serious trouble and threatened closure I got involved with colleagues in turning it around and steering it through a change of ownership and direction. The company is still there, I'm proud to say, much bigger and having adapted to new markets and products. A world leader in fastenings for wind turbines instead of coal mining. I've been involved in other rescues since. They are exciting.



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Reflecting on a road of hopes and dreams, continued

From there into self-employment, training people to sell all sorts of products and services, in sole trader companies up to major financial and construction companies. Then back into business development with Balfour Beatty among others.

In 2008, I'd been preaching in a church when someone said, "You should go for ordination, you're good enough." I went to the selection process to prove that I certainly wasn't good enough, and to my amazement and annoyance was recommended to go forward and train to be a Self-Supporting Minister in the Church of England, learning on a part-time course at a monastery in Mirfield, Yorkshire. Alumni included Desmond Tutu, John Sentamu and Richard Coles. No pressure then.

In 2011 I got ordained and got my BA in Theology and Pastoral Studies from the University of Leeds. I'm still a minister with responsibility for a multi-denominational church in a team ministry. I've been a chaplain in a hospice, a prison, the police, and now for end-of-life ministry in a large hospital.



Other students from my era went on to become John Shuttleworth, Human League, Heaven 17 and others. I missed what was going on, but I was involved in amateur dramatics and played the lead in Joseph, Godspell and, proudly, Sheffield's first amateur performance of Jesus Christ Superstar. I'm still playing guitar, writing songs and playing gigs. Mrs. Johnson was a massive influence in persuading me to keep writing poetry, and I think she'd approve of my lyrics.

In 2015 I did a year recruiting young people into apprenticeships for the construction industry, which remains desperately short of talented people. I helped young people find posts from the physical work of bricklaying and plumbing to the design work of architecture and engineering. I was on a stall at Silverdale School in 2015 the day the GCSE results came out. I watched the joy of those who'd got what they wanted and felt the agony of those who didn't. I remember the "my whole world has fallen apart" feeling. And I wanted to be able to say to them, "It's OK. You'll get there." Or as we say round here, "be reyt!".

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Reflecting on a road of hopes and dreams, continued

Throughout my own career I've watched people go through different routes to follow theirs. Apprentices who left school after GCSE or A Levels, who would take longer getting to a degree, but would be earning money not accumulating debt. At Balfour Beatty they even had company cars. And when they'd got their qualifications, they had also most likely run construction sites under supervision. Those opportunities are available if you seek guidance.

I also know people who got great qualifications at school or university, and I ask their parents how they're doing. "Oh," comes the disappointed reply, "they're just working in a bar." Actually, they're not "just" doing anything. They're working in hospitality because – guess what – they enjoy it and do it well. One person I know dropped out of university to do bar work and is now managing a large wine company in New Zealand. My wife and daughter both went through university and PGCE to become English teachers. We are all unique, thank God. None of these options is "better" or "worse," just "right."

I've had a very varied career, too much to detail here. I'm now retired from the day-job, but active almost full-time in ministry and in performing and recording my songs. The indecisive 14-year-old finally answered God's call to ministry at 54 and released his first studio album at 64.

My short piece of philosophy is this. Whatever your eventual destination, it's actually the journey you'll remember.

And there's usually time to change the road you're on.

Rev. Ian Price
Old Edwardian, 1968-74



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OBITUARIES

PREDIP (PETE) KUMAR SHARMA

01/03/56 - 18/04/26

We are very sad to have received the news that
Predip 'Pete' Sharma has died after a battle with cancer.

Predip (Pete) Kumar Sharma, aged 70, passed away peacefully on 18 April 2026 at Wisdom Hospice, High Bank, Rochester, UK.

Predip was born on 1 March 1956 in Pune, India, and was adopted by Bhagwat Pershad Sharma and Mary Elizabeth McCartan. He grew up in Sheffield, where he attended Abbey Lane Primary School and King Edward VII Grammar School 1967-1973

He went on to study English Literature at St John's College, University of Cambridge, before completing a Master's degree in Education, specialising in Educational Technology in English Language Teaching, at the University of Manchester.

Over the course of his career as a freelance author and English language teacher, Predip lived and worked in many places, including Madrid, Helsinki, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Rochester.

He founded Pete Sharma Associates Limited and held significant positions with Linguarama and the University of Warwick, while also collaborating with a number of international publishing companies.

Predip was widely known for his sharp wit and warm sense of humour, qualities fondly remembered by friends, colleagues, and students alike. He had a deep love of books, music, film, and travel, and greatly enjoyed sharing these passions with those around him.

He is survived by his partner, Julie Simpson; his daughter, Jade Maria Sharma Sacristan; Jade's mother, Maria del Carmen Sacristan Sevilla; and his brother, Kiron John Sharma. He was predeceased by his adoptive parents, Bhagwat Pershad Sharma and Mary Elizabeth McCartan.



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Predip (Pete) Kumar Sharma

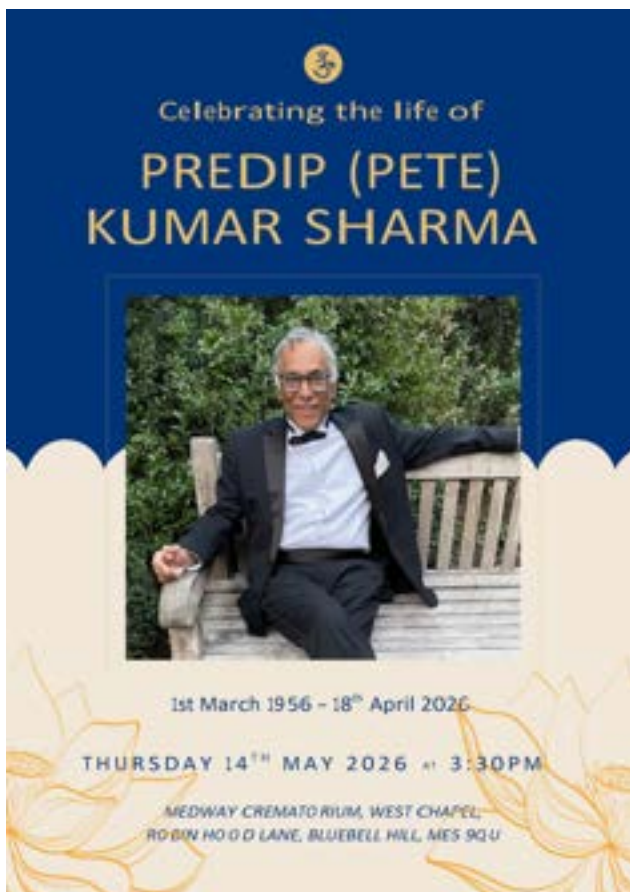
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Predip's funeral service will take place on Thursday, 14 May 2026, at 3:30 p.m., at Medway Crematorium, Chatham, Kent. His ashes will later be scattered at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, in the same resting place as his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Wisdom Hospice, whose compassion and care brought Predip and his loved ones great comfort and peace during his final two weeks.

Please find full details of the funeral arrangements below.

Thanks to Predip's family and to Clive Porter 67-73 for this sad news.



The poster features a blue background with a white Om symbol at the top. Below it, the text 'Celebrating the life of' is in white, followed by 'PREDIP (PETE) KUMAR SHARMA' in large, bold, white capital letters. A central photograph shows an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark bow tie, sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. Below the photo, the dates '1st March 1956 - 18th April 2026' are written in white. The service date and time, 'THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026 at 3:30PM', are in bold white capital letters. At the bottom, the location 'MEDWAY CREMATORIUM, WEST CHAPEL, ROBIN HOOD LANE, BLUEBELL HILL, ME5 9QU' is written in white. The bottom corners of the poster are decorated with stylized orange and yellow floral patterns.

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The card has a light beige background with a dark blue border. It contains the following text in dark blue capital letters: 'WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER TO REMEMBER PREDIP, SHARE STORIES, AND CELEBRATE HIS LIFE.' followed by 'DRESS CODE' and 'COLOURFUL CLOTHING AND DENIM ARE WARMLY ENCOURAGED, BUT PLEASE WEAR WHATEVER FEELS MOST COMFORTABLE.' Then 'AFTER THE SERVICE' and 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR DRINKS AND NIBBLES AT THE GEORGE VAULTS, 35 HIGH STREET, ROCHESTER, KENT, ME1 1LN'. Next is 'DONATIONS' and 'IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO WISDOM HOSPICE, VIA THE LINK BELOW.' Finally, 'RSVP' and 'WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US AFTER, PLEASE DO BY [CLICKING HERE](#) OR CONTACT JADE ON: 07568 550 811. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE IT IN PERSON, PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS TO WATCH ONLINE.'

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OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN AUTON

King Edward VII School was saddened to hear of the passing of former deputy headteacher, Kathleen Auton age 74.

Mrs Auton retired from the School in 2006 after eighteen years, but had also taught at Jordanthorpe, Brook and Newfield Schools prior to her appointment at KES.

In a statement published by the Derbyshire Times, following her retirement, Kathleen was heavily involved as a volunteer for the Chesterfield Canal Trust, becoming a Trustee and Membership Secretary and was frequently to be seen in the Trust's shop at Hollingwood Hub.

Kathleen Auton's family announced that she died in Chesterfield Royal Hospital on February 20, 2026, in a notice issued through The Star. Her family said she would be sadly missed by her husband Rod, her step sons, step grandchildren, sister, niece, nephew and great nephews.

Her funeral took place at Chesterfield Crematorium March 19, with no flowers, but donations to Ashgate Hospice.

