

# KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

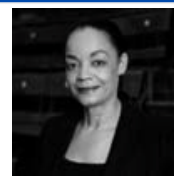


Autumn 2024

TERMLY NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to the first School newsletter of 2024-2025



The autumn term at King Edward VII School has been busy, productive, successful, uplifting and positive for students, staff and governors.

We have accomplished much this term, including reintroducing a form period at the start of each day which has been highly effective. Form time activities are carefully planned in advance and focus on areas such as enhancing students' literacy skills and working on the three pillars of our learning behaviours: resilience, integrity and curiosity. Good progress is being made in relation to adaptive teaching to continue to focus on high challenge and high support for all students. Relevant training has been provided to staff via twilight sessions, teaching and learning group meetings and departmental meetings.

Alongside the sharp focus on the quality of education, numerous additional and extra-curricular opportunities have been available to our students. Many of them have been captured in this newsletter, including a Year 9 residential visit to Magdalen College, Oxford, and the stunning production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night by Blank Slate Theatre. It is impossible not to feel a great sense of pride when reading about all that we have achieved this term.

We hope you enjoy reading all the articles in this edition of the newsletter.

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

Warm regards  
Linda Gooden  
Headteacher

## Important Dates

- Term starts on Monday 6 January 2025 until Thursday 13 February 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025 - Staff training day - School closed to students
- Half term break - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025 - School closed
- School returns on Monday 24 February 2025 until Friday 28 March 2025
- Easter holiday - Monday 31 March to Friday 11 April 2025 - School closed
- School returns on Monday 14 April 2025 until Friday 23 May 2025
- Friday 18 April 2025 - Good Friday - School closed
- Monday 21 April 2025 - Easter Monday - School closed

# OUR STUDENTS

## GIRLS IN DATA WITH ASDA

Miss. R. Payne, Careers Adviser and Teacher of Foundation Learning

On Tuesday 15th October, the Careers Department, along with Computer Science and Engineering proudly welcomed Old Edwardian, Fadzai Chiongotere and her colleagues from ASDA to a girls in data event at Upper School. The Year 9 students attending were involved in a carousel of activities throughout the day.

The event started with an introduction from Mrs Creasy (Curriculum Leader for Art, Photography, Design, Technology and Engineering). She referenced Bletchley Park, once the top-secret home of World War Two Codebreakers, which linked perfectly to the first activity on Cryptography - a session on learning cipher and breaking coded messages.

The following session was an introduction to PowerBi. This interactive data visualisation software was used by the students to create dashboards. A member of the ASDA team commented, "My highlight of the day included watching the students create amazing dashboards in a short amount of time, showcasing both their creativity and analytical sides".

The last session started to look at the changing world of IT and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ethics and Design. This included a brief history of AI and how it has developed, looking at a few AI inventions and then moving onto the students designing their own AI inventions. We finished with 'Dragon's Den' style pitches for these inventions. These pitches were a fabulous way to end the day and the inventions were amazing.

The students involved were a credit to themselves and the School ASDA have asked me to pass on the below message:

*'Best group we've seen, the girls were nothing short of exceptional. Their engagement, attentiveness, and enthusiasm for the day was amazing.'*

Well done Year 9!



# Our Students

## PORTO FOOTBALL TOUR 2024



*Mr. T. Grantham, Curriculum Leader for PE*

### **\*\*Day 1: Arrival\*\***

The Porto tour kicked off as the Lower School students gathered to receive their kits and hoodies before traveling to London Stansted Airport. After a late arrival in Porto, students checked into a beautiful beachside hotel featuring a football pitch, swimming pool, tennis courts, and scenic nature trails.

### **\*\*Day 2: Training and Matches Begin\*\***

Sunday started with an energising training session led by Porto FC staff. Later, KES students played their first fixtures against Porto teams:

- **\*\*Y9:\*\*** KES 1-0 Porto, Player of the Match: Lucas
  - **\*\*Y10/11:\*\*** KES 8-5 Porto, Player of the Match: Dennis
  - **\*\*Y8:\*\*** KES 5-1 Porto, Player of the Match: Edie
- Congratulations to all for a fantastic day on the pitch!



### **\*\*Day 3: Stadium Tour and More Victories\*\***

Saturday brought an exciting stadium tour at Porto FC, followed by more successful matches:

- **\*\*Y9:\*\*** KES 7-0 Porto, Player of the Match: Dan
- **\*\*Y10/11:\*\*** KES 7-0 Porto, Player of the Match: Theo
- **\*\*Y8:\*\*** KES 0-5 Porto, Player of the Match: Finn

A memorable day with great teamwork and sportsmanship on display!



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# Our Students

## *Porto 2024, continued from page 3*

### **\*\*Day 4: Coaching and Exploring Porto\*\***

Monday was a packed day as students took part in two professional coaching sessions at the Porto Academy, followed by a city tour and a wonderful dining experience.

That evening, they had free time to explore Porto, with the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and take in the sights.



### **\*\*Day 5: Final Coaching and Fun on the Beach\*\***

The tour wrapped up with the fourth and final coaching session, where students showcased the tactical skills developed over the previous days. The tour wrapped up with the fourth and final coaching session, where students showcased the tactical skills developed over the previous days.

Interschool games across year groups highlighted their progress, and all students received certificates during a closing ceremony. The day concluded with a beach visit, where they enjoyed small activities, games, and some Mediterranean sunshine.

The students then returned to Sheffield, via London Stansted, arriving back at KES Lower School in the early hours. This tour was truly a memorable journey of skill development, teamwork, and fun!



## AUTHOR PHIL EARLE VISITS LOWER SCHOOL

*Mrs H. Balfield, Literacy Co-ordinator and Teacher of PE*

On Thursday 10th October, our Year 7 students had the privilege of welcoming renowned author Phil Earle as part of their transition program. On induction day all Y7 students were gifted their own copy of Phil's book **When the Sky falls**. This visit provided students with an insight into how Phil came about writing the book and the students had the opportunity to ask questions. Known for his captivating storytelling and relatable characters, Earle shared insights into his journey as both a reader and writer; he discussed the inspiration behind some of his most popular books, including **When the Sky Falls** and **The Bubble Wrap Boy**.



His talk included a blend of humour, heartfelt stories and valuable lessons on perseverance and the creative process. He spoke candidly about his own experiences as a young reader and writer, emphasising that great stories often come from everyday life and the emotions we all experience.



The highlight of the visit was a lively Q&A session where students were encouraged to ask questions about writing, storytelling and overcoming challenges. Earle's thoughtful answers resonated with the students, inspiring many to visit our School library and borrow books written by Earle. Students summed his visit up in their comments:

*"I used to think that most authors make up stories, but now I know that authors also relate to different times in their life."*

*"He was a lot different to what I expected. I didn't expect him to not like reading, he was funny."*

Teachers noted the impact of the visit, with one saying, *"Phil's visit was the perfect way to inspire our students as they transition into Year 7. It showed them that with passion and persistence, anyone can tell a story worth reading. I think it is really helped to change their perception of who authors are."*

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# Our Students

## *Phil Earle visit, continued from page 5*



The morning ended with book signings and an opportunity for students to meet the author up close, turning an already memorable experience into something truly personal. Many students left with their signed books and the motivation to write their own stories. Phil Earle's visit has undoubtedly left a lasting impression on our Year 7 cohort. The excitement and enthusiasm it generated was wonderful to see!

## **THE GREAT GEOGRAPHY BAKE OFF**

*Mrs V. Braisby, Teacher of Geography and Y13 & Y14 Raising Achievement Leader*

The annual great 'Geography Bake Off' took place on the Year 6 open evening and, as always, was a wonderful display of creativity from our Lower School students. Amazing cake creations explored a huge range of geographical themes with visitors to the School hugely impressed by their efforts. A massive well done to all the students who got involved!



## BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

*Contribution from Hishaam Afeze, Y11*

I want to share my recent travel for a boxing championships in America in Oxnard California. I've been training hard and preparing for this championship for a while. But while I and everyone else thought that I won, things didn't go exactly as planned but I am still grateful for this opportunity and it was an experience I will never forget.

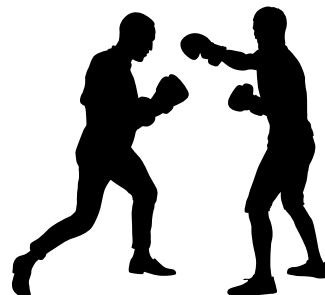


When I stepped into the ring I was confident that I would come out with the gold. Throughout the match, I felt in control; I landed more punches and I could see my opponent struggling to keep up. But despite my performance, I was shocked when the decision was announced and they handed the gold to my opponent. The judges' decision was one I still can't fully understand as I truly believed I deserved the win. It felt like a robbery and anyone who saw the match would agree with me.

Despite the disappointing outcome, the trip to Oxnard was an incredible experience overall. I had the chance to meet some amazing fighters, coaches, and people in the boxing community. I made some new friends who share the same passion for the sport and we've already been talking about future events and training together.

In addition to the boxing, I got to explore so much of Los Angeles. After the competition, my boxing team and I took some time to enjoy the city and see the sights. We had a lot of fun visiting iconic spots like Santa Monica Pier, where we took some fun photos and enjoyed the vibe. The Observatory was an awesome stop – the views of the city at night were amazing

We also spent time on Santa Barbara beach, soaking in the sun. From downtown LA to the Compton streets, it was an unforgettable tour of the city. I even had the chance to go to Beverly Hills. Walking around these neighborhoods and seeing the beautiful homes and shops was cool. Of course, I had some fun along the way, trying out new foods and enjoying some downtime with my teammates.



# Our Students

## SILVER MEDAL SWIMMING CHAMPION

*Contribution from Mrs K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader*

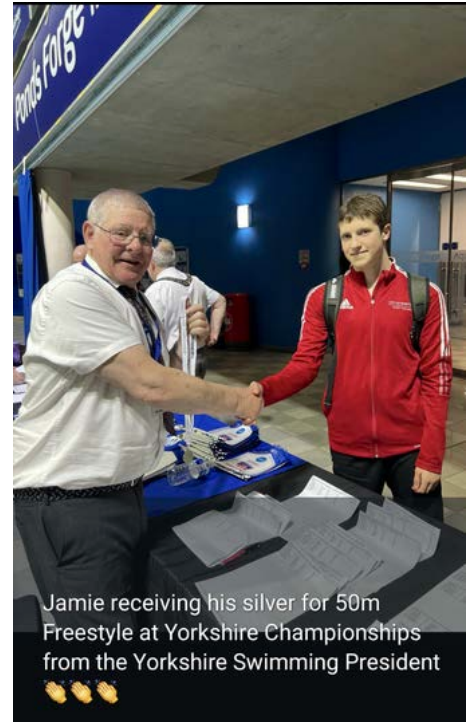
When he is not in school, Jamie Aspinall in Year 9 is a talented competitive swimmer and competitive water polo player.

In swimming, Jamie has recently taken part in the 2024 Yorkshire Championship competitions, in which he won 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals. He also has won 1 Silver and 4 Bronze medals at the North East Regional Championship 2024 competitions. Jamie is in the top 25 in the National Swim England Rankings for his age for four long course events and six short course events.

In Water Polo, Jamie plays for Sheffield WP Club and the North East Academy. He has been identified and selected in the North East Talent Centre with whom he is undertaking high level training. He recently played for North East team U14s in the Inter-Regional Tournament at Walsall in which they won the silver medal out of ten teams from all over the UK. He has also played for Sheffield in the National Age Group Tournament at Coventry.

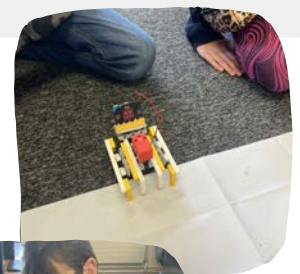
Jamie trains at Ponds Forge every day after School ie: Monday to Friday from 17.15 to 20.30 and several mornings before school i.e. Friday and Saturday from 5.30am to 7am, occasionally Thursday am as well. On Sundays he trains with the Water Polo Squad in Sheffield and/or with North East Academy and North East Talent Centre in Middlesbrough and Maltby.

This is such amazing dedication Jamie! Well done from all at KES!



## ROBOTICS LEGO CLUB

Mr Lowe runs a Robotics Lego Club for Year 8 and Year 9 students at lunch times. It is hugely popular and students are thoroughly enjoying the sessions.



# Our Students

## WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL



The School's winter concert, held on 4th December, was a spectacular event filled with talented performers and enthusiastic audience members.

From the choir to the orchestra and solo musicians to bands, the concert showcased a diverse range of musical talents.

Every single performer brought their unique style and energy to the stage, captivating the audience with their performances. The concert was a true celebration of the musical talent at KES.



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

It was a night to remember, filled with joyful music, rapturous applause, and left everyone with a sense of pride for our School and the incredible community around it.

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

# Our Students

## Y9 VISIT TO OXFORD

*Mr. R. Gardiner, Assistant Headteacher KS3*

On 7 - 8 November, thirty-five Year 9 students visited Oxford, spending their first day at Magdalen College. They toured the grounds, enjoyed lunch in the Grand Hall, and participated in inspiring academic sessions, including learning about the Oxbridge application process.

The evening included a meal at Pizza Express and time to explore Oxford the next day. The students were a credit to the school throughout the trip.



## SAFE TASK FORCE MENTORING

*Mrs. K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader*



In early December, Sheffield Wednesday mentees signed their wellbeing contracts as part of their SAFE task mentoring.



# Our Students

## DRAMA STUDENTS VISIT LYRIC THEATRE

*Mrs. S. Oates, Curriculum Leader for Drama*

On 25 September, Year 11, 12 and 13 drama students went to the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London to see an excellent production of 'Our Country's Good' by Timberlake Wertenbaker.



Our Country's Good is one of our set texts at A-Level and offered a fantastic opportunity for us to see how this play might be realised - the acting, design and overall interpretation will give us so much to talk about and use in our own work. A brilliant day out!

## PERFORMING AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

*Mr. M. Doubleday, Curriculum Leader for Music*

On Thursday 28 November, students from KES took part in a "Music for Youth" prom at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Musicians from Sheffield Music Hub and Sheffield Music Academy Orchestras joined forces as the "Frequencies Orchestra" to perform new work alongside emerging artists.

They also played with musicians from around the country to perform the world premiere of a piece by composer Cassie Kinoshi (for the BBC Ten pieces project). This was an exciting opportunity for our students and for students across South Yorkshire.



# Our Students

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Mrs L. Kettleborough

On Friday 15 November, we had plenty planned for Children In Need to raise money for a great cause. Soak the teacher was a particular highlight!



Students wearing their pyjamas to School was a fun start to the day! We raised over £1,000 for Children In Need at Lower School. Thanks to all our students and families for their donations.

# Our Students

## KEY STAGE 3 CAREERS FAIR

*Miss. R. Payne, Careers Adviser and Teacher of Foundation Learning*

On Monday 21 October, the Careers Department ran a careers fair for our Year 8 and 9 students. This was a great opportunity for students to find out more about different career sectors.

We had representative from:

### **Engineering and architecture**

Ares Landscape Architects Ltd  
Gripple

### **Medical and Veterinary**

Hallam Vets  
In2MedSchool's School Engagement Programme (SEP)

### **Banking and finance**

NatWest  
Santander

### **Sports and eSports**

Sheffield United

### **Public services**

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

### **Conservation**

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

### **Further education**

Sheffield College

The students were amazing, asked great questions and engaged with all our wonderful volunteers. Careers would like to say a big thank you to everyone that attended the event at Lower School, and gave our students the insight into their sectors, careers within them and how to progress into these sectors in the future.

If you feel this is an event you could support in future years, please contact careers on:

Careers@kes.sheffield.sch.uk



## VISIT TO WESLEY HALL

*Miss Reeves, Behaviour Manager*

A group of twelve Year 8 students visited Wesley Hall on Thursday 7th November as part of our work as a School to continue to build closer links with our local community.

The group of students spent time talking with members of the group and sharing stories before helping to set up and then serve a hot lunchtime meal. Students also played games including Connect 4, pool and table tennis.

Paul Cross, Community Coordinator from Methodist Homes, a registered charity, said: *“The students at King Edward VII School were amazing when they visited. They were really engaged and very polite. Everyone got involved, sharing stories and playing games, a great time was had by all.”*

Declan, a Year 8 student who attended the trip, said: *“It was fun playing games and talking to the elderly people. I learnt what life was like when they were my age, I had a really good time.”*

The next trip to Wesley Hall is scheduled for December 2024.



## WORLD CLASS DIVER

*Mr. A. Chatterton, Y10 Pastoral Manager*

At the end of November Robbie Wood, in Year 10, competed in a 7-day diving competition in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), representing Great Britain Under 18's. This involved competing on the 3-meter diving board and the 5-10 meter platforms.

Robbie entered 3 competitions and finished 7th, 6th and 5th in the world.

What an amazing achievement. Well done Robbie!

[Please click on this link to watch a short clip of Robbie in action!](#)



## MASTER CUTLERS' PRESENTATION

*Mrs. K. Proost - Key Stage 3 Leader*

The 2024 Cutlers' Ambassadors were delighted to finish their one-year course and graduated at the prestigious Cutlers' Hall on 8th July, receiving their certificates from the Master Cutler, Mr Charles Turner DL. Parents and families were invited to the event which everyone enjoyed.

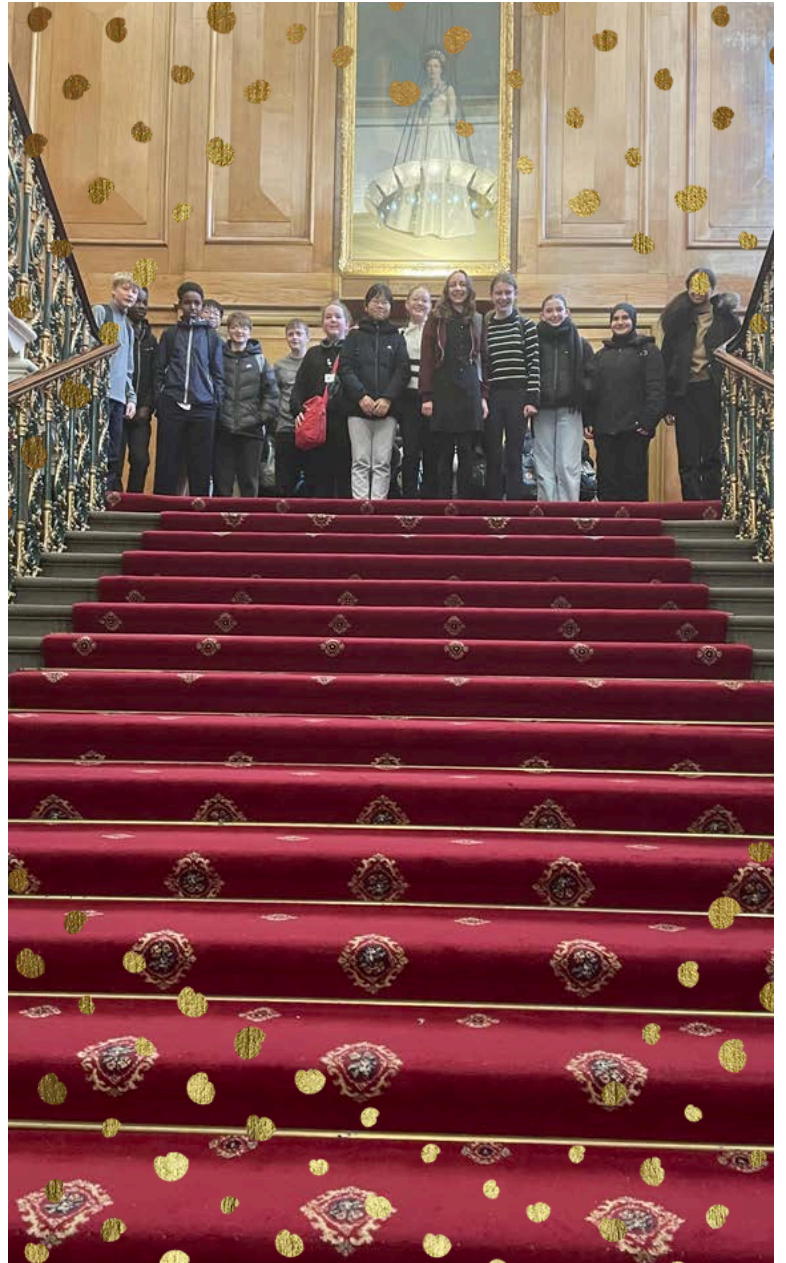
We are very pleased to continue our long involvement with the Better Learners Better Workers Scheme and our relationship with the Company of Cutlers.



## CUTLERS AMBASSADORS

*Mrs. K. Proost, Key Stage 3 Leader*

On Tuesday 22 October, Mrs Proost and the fifteen new Year 9 Cutlers' Ambassadors attended their first event at the Cutlers' Hall, working with one hundred and twenty students from other schools, and with business and industry professionals. They also met the new Master Cutler, Mr Philip Rodrigo.



## AMSP MATHS COMPETITION

*Mrs M. Topliss, Teacher of Mathematics*

On Thursday 14 November, two teams of four Year 8 students attended the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP) Y8 Maths competition at King Ecgbert's School. They completed four rounds of questions designed to test their mathematical problem-solving and team working skills. The students particularly enjoyed the final round of cipher challenges.

There were around 12 teams from schools around Sheffield including High Storrs, Silverdale, King Ecgbert's, Notre Dame and Westbourne. Our teams did absolutely brilliantly achieving 1st place and 3rd place overall.

### **1st place team:**

Jaden Bernard  
Patrick Legon  
Amiya Sorefan  
Nancy Williams

### **2nd place team:**

Luke Anderson  
Evie Bedford  
Thom Galletly  
Elizabeth Pumphrey



Two sixth form students, Fajr Shoaib and Jodie Biancardi, came along to help on the day. They were invited by the AMSP to talk about their maths journeys and plans beyond School which is Aeronautical Engineering at Cambridge and Mathematics at Oxford, respectively. They were both incredibly articulate: great ambassadors for the School, for Mathematics and for women in STEM.

All of the students were perfectly behaved throughout the day and were a credit to the School.

## Y11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

*Mrs. V. Braisby, Teacher of Geography and Y13 Raising Achievement Leader*

Year 11 Geographers visited Flamborough Head on Wednesday 4 December. We arrived to a wonderful sunrise on the North Yorkshire coast. Students experienced first-hand coastal processes and land formations, bringing to life those well studied text book diagrams!



# Our Students

## ONE MILLION MENTORS PROGRAMME

On Friday 11 of October, Mr Creasy supported Arri and Anthony in the formal launch of the One Million Mentors programme initiative, in association with Canon Medical and Sharks Basketball. Arri and Anthony are the first two students on the programme.

Mr Creasy said he was proud to support the launch and both students represented the School amazingly well.

The boys, School representatives and parents were able to attend which was brilliant.



## DIGITAL FORENSICS

*Mr. D. Kavanagh, Curriculum Leader Computer Science*

On 11 November, along with four other schools, we took a group of Year 8 female Computer Scientists to Sheffield Hallam University for a dedicated day to encourage more females into the industry. The day was titled 'A Race Across Sheffield; Be a digital forensic investigator for the day'.

Our students finished all the tasks and answered all the questions correctly! They learnt about careers in cyber security and digital forensics and Hannah Timms (pictured centre), a KES alumni and university ambassador for the day, talked about opportunities for females in the two industries, as well as GCSE and A Level studies.

Hannah is just finishing off her Digital Forensics Degree. She along with several other female students spoke to the girls about the amazing careers open to them in the Digital Forensics field.



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COMPUTING HUBS PRESENTS

### A Race Across Sheffield: Be a Digital Forensic Investigator for the Day

An event for computing teachers with a group of Year 8 girls.  
Are your students ready to become cyber detectives? This is a unique opportunity for Year 8 girls to join us with their computing teacher for an exciting, hands-on day at Sheffield Hallam University, where they will step into the shoes of a digital forensic investigator

National Centre for Computing Education

- Unlock the secrets of cryptography & decrypt messages to find evidence
- Analyse digital evidence using image forensics
- Learn about studying cybersecurity at University

Monday 11th November

Sheffield Hallam University

Time: 09:30 until 14:15

Book Here

Each school can bring up to ten Year 8 girls accompanied by a computing teacher. Teachers must be enrolled in the NCE I Belong programme and download the handbook. <https://teachcomputing.org/i-belong> Teachers need to have registered an interest in the CyberFirst Girls competition running in November. <https://cyberfirstgirlscompetition.cyberfirst.ncsc.gov.uk/>

Computing Hubs  
York, East & South Yorkshire

# Our Students

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

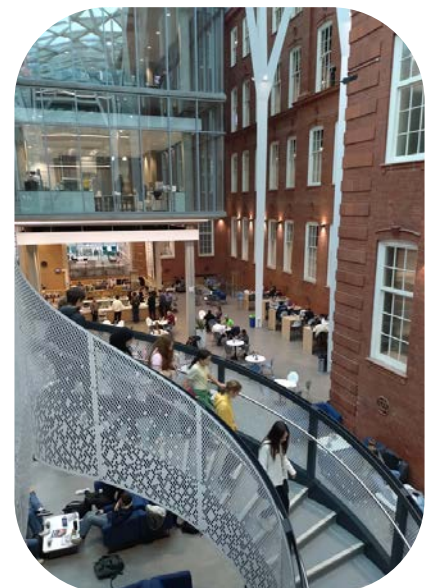
*Mr. A. Fehler, Second in Science (11-14)*



Year 8 students attended a workshop at The University of Sheffield organised by the “Adapting to the Challenges of a Changing Environment” (ACCE) partnership. They had a tour of The University, met some PhD students and visited the Alfred Denney Museum.

The students were a real credit to the School, fully engaging with all the activities and tasks.

In early December, the same students visited the Natural History Museum in London for a workshop and a tour of the museum to continue considering what can be done for the planet as our environment continues to change.



# Our Students

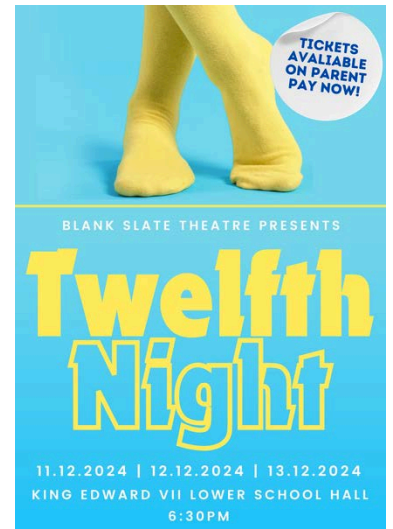
## BLANK SLATE THEATRE - TWELFTH NIGHT

*Miss. F. O'Farrell, Drama and Music Technician*

Our talented students have spent months preparing to bring Shakespeare's Twelfth Night to life! Rehearsals went incredibly well, with students showcasing dedication, creativity and growing confidence in their roles. From memorising intricate lines to perfecting comedic timing and collaborating on the imaginative staging, the cast and crew have poured their hearts into making this a truly unforgettable production.

The play, a vibrant comedy filled with mistaken identities, love triangles, and witty banter, was a joy for everyone involved. The performances which took place in December, were a resounding success.

Thank you to all the staff, parents, and students who contributed to making this production such a triumph. For those who attended, we hope you enjoyed an evening of laughter, drama, and pure theatrical joy!



## YEAR 11 GCSE CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS EVENING

*Mr. J. Kennedy, Assistant Headteacher, KS4*

We were proud to hold our ex-Year 11 GCSE Certificate Presentation event in the Upper School hall on Thursday 5 December. It was lovely to welcome back students who had left to go into training or education elsewhere, alongside those who transitioned into Year 12 here at KES.

Lots of parents and carers came along too to celebrate their child's success which was wonderful. We wish all our students (and now Old Edwardians) continued success in their chosen pathway.

Thanks also to Daniel Yuen who played the piano beautifully!

### **Outstanding Achievement Overall**

Jack Adebola  
Elena Armitage  
E Burns-Dennett

### **Old Edwardians' Association Prizes**

Chris Lake  
Ossian Jones  
Adam Gibbs  
Esther Awodipe  
Esther Zintchem  
Isaac Nockels



Congratulations to all the students who were also awarded a prize for subject-related outstanding achievement or outstanding progress:

Bethany Spriggs, Aliyah Sultana, Yusuf Abdalhafiz, Samer Alhaj, Elly Dukeson, Cambria French, Abdelrahman Elbarani, Sahand Sadik, Chloe Chen, Luca Tyas, Lazea Allahwerdy, Dat Nguyen, Farris Golding, Khaled Gaber, Rebecca Smith, Ella Stephens, Matthew Dawn, Sarah Salman, Aamir Shaikh, Khadija Hussain, Sandar Ucgul, Camron Brown, Jakub Wood, Armani Georgiev, Matilda Wells Lyus, Jeebika Karki, Anna Voight, Annabelle Mun, Justin McLean, Martin Jarvis, Jana Rao, Charlotte Barr, Diana Co, Aisha Adeyoola, Evie Edwards, Ionie Ullegaddi, Sabiha Ali, Hugo Wang, Mahdi Ahmed, Fraser McNally, Benjamin Anderson, Khadijah Aktar.



## SPORTS DAY - JULY 2024

*Mrs. J. Murray, 2nd in Department, PE*

Before the summer, the whole School had their sports day at The City of Sheffield Athletics Track. The students took part in a variety of events; tug of war, mini relays, as well as the all the track and field athletic events. The students were outstanding and lots of School records were broken.

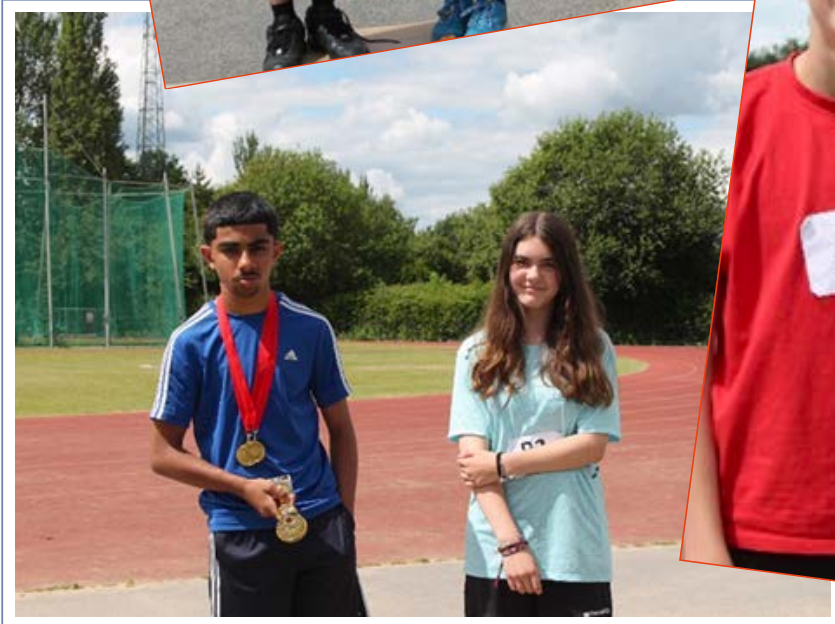
### Winners

Y7 - S2

Y8 - R2

Y9 - P1

Y10 - P1



## PE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR KS3 STUDENTS, FIRST HALF TERM 2024

*Mrs. J. Murray, Second in Department, PE*

There has been an extensive extra curricular programme for Key Stage 3 students with clubs before school, lunch time and after school.

### **SHEFFIELD SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Amazing turn out to the first two Saturday morning fixtures at High Hazels Park and Longley Park.

Outstanding individual and team achievements:

Individual:

Ellie Murray, Freya Hill, Sophie Hindle and Frederick Greenwood all finishing in the top 10 in their race.

Team:

The Y7 Girls team are in 1st position.

Y8/9 Girls team are in 3rd position.



### **ENGLISH SCHOOLS CUP CROSS COUNTRY**

The Y8/9 girls won the South Yorkshire round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup and are now competing at the regional round.



### **ORIENTEERING**

It has been a great turn out by KES students at the Sheffield Schools Orienteering on a Saturday afternoon. There has been some outstanding individual performances.

Edan Howard, Poppy Tedstill, Lucy Holt, Ellie Murray, Emily Davidson, Naeva McLean, Siri Watson, Joseph Guy and Freddie Guy have all finished in the top ten in their race.

The Y7 girls are currently winning the team position. The Y7 girls, Lucy Holt, Emily Davidson, Annie Ford, Ellie Murray, Neva McLean and Siri Watson, went to Kent to compete in the British Schools Championships. Find out more on page 26.



## PE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR KS3 STUDENTS, FIRST HALF TERM 2024

Mrs. J. Murray, Second in Department, PE

### NETBALL

We have a very talented group of Y7 girls who attend netball club. They train really hard and work extremely well together as a team.

They have already won their first game against Tapton 18 - 3 and came second in the Sheffield Schools' Tournament only missing out by one point to Silverdale!

### INTERFORM NETBALL

All the Y7 girls had the opportunity to compete in interform netball.

Four forms made it through to the semi finals: 7L1, 7P1, 7S1, 7R2

It was an amazing final against 7R2 and 7S1 with 7S1 winning 8 - 1. Player of the interform tournament was awarded to Ellie Murray. She was nominated by the Y7 students.



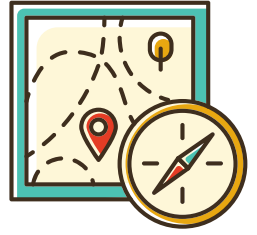
### SPORTS LEADERS

A group of Y8 and Y9 students have started their journey to become Sports Leaders. They will be completing their Level 1 or Level 2 Sports Leader qualification. This is an amazing opportunity for these students. They will be working with our Y7 students and local primary schools to deliver lots of sport activities.

## ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONS

Mrs. J. Murray, Second in department

Well done to the Year 7 girls who went to Kent on the weekend of 16/17 November to compete in the British Schools' Orienteering Championships. They won and are now British School Champions. What an incredible achievement, well done girls!!



 **King Edward VII School, Sheffield** @KESSheffield · Nov 11  
It's been a very busy day of Cross Country for KES runners. On Saturday morning it was the 3rd race of the season at Bradfield High School. The Y7 girls team continue to dominate the field of runners. All of the students showed real commitment and determination. Well done! 🍌



# SPORT



 **King Edward VII School, Sheffield** @KESSheffield · Nov 11  
Second competition for KES cross country runners on Saturday. The JG's team competed in the East Midlands Regional round of the English Schools' Cross Country cup at The Grammar School of Leeds. The girls finished 4th place. They just missed out on being in the final! Well done!



# Our Students



**King Edward VII School, Sheffield** @KESSheffield · Oct 24

Packed half term of sport at KES! Students proudly representing in Rugby, Football, Netball, Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country and Orienteering. Incredible turnout and support for extracurricular clubs from both staff and students. #KESVII #SchoolSport #TeamSpirit



# SPORT



**King Edward VII School, Sheffield** @KESSheffield · Nov 26

The Y7 football team triumphed over Notre Dame High School with an impressive 8-1 victory. Their exceptional performance left Mr King thoroughly impressed. The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. Well done!



**King Edward VII School, Sheffield** @KESSheffield · Nov 13

Well done to the Y8/9 mixed hockey team who played against Tapton's Y8/9 Boys Hockey team on Tuesday night. The team played some outstanding hockey. It was a very close game with Tapton winning 2 - 1.



## SPORT



# OUR SIXTH FORM

## Y13 GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL

*Mrs. M. Kacsprzak, Curriculum Leader Geography*

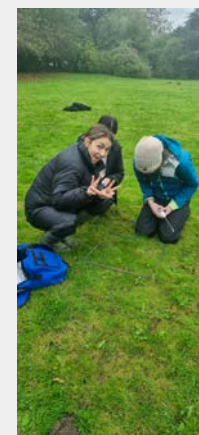
The Year 13 Geographers enjoyed their residential in North Yorkshire on the 16 - 18 October. The first day was spent travelling to the site and collecting fieldwork data for the investigation of the effects of different land uses on the water and carbon cycles in Kirby Grindalythe.

For the Changing Places unit, students spent a day in Scarborough using a variety of qualitative and quantitative techniques to explore a sense of place.

On the final day of the residential, the fieldwork looked at the effectiveness of coastal management at Hornsea. Students collected data on beach gradient, actual sediment size and dominant sediment size.

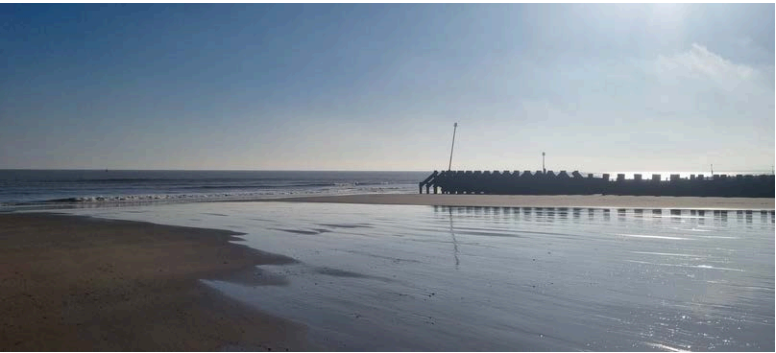
Even though we had a soggy start to the residential, the sun did make an appearance and we all enjoyed the great outdoors!

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# Our Sixth Form

## Geography Residential 2024, continued from page 29



## Y13 RUNNING CHAMP WINS SCHOLARSHIP IN AMERICA

*Miss M. Wragg, Y12 Pastoral Manager*

This year our Year 13 student, Casey Musgrave, has taken part in a series of athletics competitions, running in the 400m and 4x400m relay, starting with the English Schools' Athletics Championships back in January. Casey ran a new personal best of 55.33 seconds in the 400m which places her ninth in the UK in her age category and achieving a silver medal in the event.



On 17 August this year, Casey competed for England after being placed eighth at the U20 National Final. Running the first leg of the 4x400m relay the team achieved a U20 England national record of 3:43.51. An incredible achievement for both Casey and the team.



Due to her running career and many achievements, this has propelled her into being awarded a full scholarship at D1 Schools in America where she will study for University when she leaves KES at the end of Y13 next year.

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



# Our Sixth Form

## Y12 SILVER MEDALIST

*Miss M. Wragg, Y12 Pastoral Manager*

Ruben Stovell, in Year 12, showcased an outstanding effort, securing a 2nd place at the English Schools Pentathlon in Glasgow this November 16. This achievement reflects his dedication and hard work in preparation for the competition.

Ruben says,

*“It was a great honour to represent my country last weekend in Glasgow Emirates Stadium. I competed in my first international athletics competition, in the U17 Men’s Pentathlon. I had the opportunity to compete in the much-valued England vest as I managed to achieve four personal bests in the hurdles, shotput, 200m and 800m, as well as securing a spot on the podium in silver position! I also contributed to Team England winning Team Gold! I now look forward to my next challenge.”*



# Our Sixth Form

## FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER

Aurigny French in Year 13 completed the Sheffield 10k run in September to raise funds for disadvantaged students at KES.

The £200 she raised will help support students access language trips through our "no limits fund".

On behalf of the students your donation will support, we would like to say thank you Aurigny and very well done from all at KES!

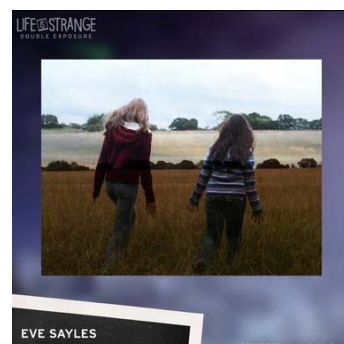
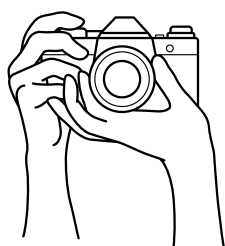


## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNER

Eve Sayles in Year 12 studied GCSE Photography at KES and has continued her interest in portrait and landscape photography.

She recently entered a national Photography competition and was fortunate enough to win the opportunity to have her photograph displayed at an exhibition in London in October.

Well done Eve!



# Our Sixth Form

## SWANN-MORTON VISIT

*Mr. L. Wainman, Second in Department Art, Photography, Design & Technology and Engineering*

On 23rd October, Mr Wainman and Mr Goodland took our Year 13 Engineering students to visit Swann Morton Ltd in Hillsborough where they saw first hand how the Engineering organisation functions. The students had a guided tour of the facilities and met influential members of the team.

Our students were commended on their mature attitude and excellent questioning as they fired questions at the team to gather valuable information to support their upcoming assignments. They were a pleasure to take on the visit and gave an excellent representation of our School.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Miss. H. Marsden, Curriculum Leader Health and Social Care*

So proud of the Year 13 students who volunteer at Sheffield Hospitals.

Safiyyah Mahmood, one of our Health and Social Care students, is part of the winning team who took home the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Thank You awards ceremony held on 20th November at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

Well done Safiyyah and team!



## SUCCESS AT ST JOHN AMBULANCE



Mr. M. Black, Teaching Assistant

Earlier this year, one of our Year 12 students received the highest award that a cadet in St John Ambulance can achieve.

Charlotte Barr has been at St John Ambulance for a while and has gained many skills which helped her to become a corporal. The unit further encouraged Charlotte to achieve Sergeant which has helped unlock many other skills.

Charlotte has worked hard to get where she is today; the time and effort to combine homework and studies then to prepare things for the unit as well as voluntary training, is simply amazing. Charlotte is a Cadet Operational First Aider (COFA) and is able to treat as an adult to a certain level. Well done Sergeant Barr!



The people in the photos with Charlotte are the Lord and Lady Mayoress, our district youth officer and our unit manager Faye Norton Catton.

Charlotte adds,

*"Coming into St John has been one of the best decisions I've made. It's a brilliant organisation filled with amazing people who all come together to help those in need. I've had so many great opportunities like representing the cadets at the King's Coronation. My hope for the future is to be a paramedic and I'm confident that St John Ambulance will help me achieve this."*

## COURT VISIT

*Mrs. E. Hall, Curriculum Leader for Psychology*

On the 5 and 6 of November, fifty-one Year 13 Psychology students visited Sheffield Crown Court. The day started with an engaging talk from a court clerk introducing the workings of the court system and the different roles within it, followed by a fascinating question and answer session with a judge. They then spent the rest of the morning observing a range of court cases, including both defence and prosecution cross-examinations, plea hearings and sentencings.



Our students represented the School excellently and we have since received an email saying that “nothing but good things were said about the KES students”. Year 13s will now apply what they have learned to their current criminal psychology topic, 'Psychology and the Courtroom'.

## CRIMINOLOGY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DAY

*Mrs. E. Hall, Curriculum Leader for Psychology*

On Thursday 5 December, fifty Year 12 Psychology and Sociology students attended a 'Criminology Youth Engagement Day' at Sheffield Hallam University. The day aimed to inform, engage and encourage young people to take positive action around the topics of hate and knife crime.

They worked with small groups of first year criminology students to complete a wide range of activities around the topics, such as creating awareness campaigns for the public, debating the causes of crime and looking at lots of real world case studies. Our students were engaged, enthusiastic and said they felt inspired by the university students.



## EX-Y13 PRIZE GIVING AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

*Mr. S. Cooke, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form*

On Tuesday 17th December 2024 we welcomed over 250 visitors to School for the ex-Y13 Prize Giving and Certificate Presentation. It was lovely to see our ex-students and their families. There was an incredible buzz as they caught up with friends after a term away.

We awarded 45 prizes across all academic subjects and a number of additional categories where students had contributed to the life of the School. Some of the prizes have been awarded every year for over 119 years as they date back to pre-1905 and the Sheffield Royal Grammar School which amalgamated to form King Edward VII School!

We were pleased to announce a new prize this year, The Sheffield Royal Grammar School and John Cornwell prize for History. John was a History and Politics teacher in Sheffield, he was deputy leader of the South Yorkshire County Council and Chair of Governors at KES. He wrote a number of books about the history of KES.



# OUR STAFF

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

*Mrs N. Glossop, Assistant Headteacher (Professional Development)*

Alongside our School-wide professional development programme, we offer numerous opportunities for individual training and development. These courses not only enhance the roles and responsibilities of our staff but also ensure that we remain at the forefront of best practice and are informed by the latest educational research.

We are proud to share that several members of our staff have recently completed qualifications. These include National Professional Qualifications in Headship, Senior Leadership, Leading Teaching, and Leading Behaviour and Culture, as well as Level 4-7 qualifications in People Management, Career Advice and Information, and Psychometric Testing, Assessment, and Access Arrangements.

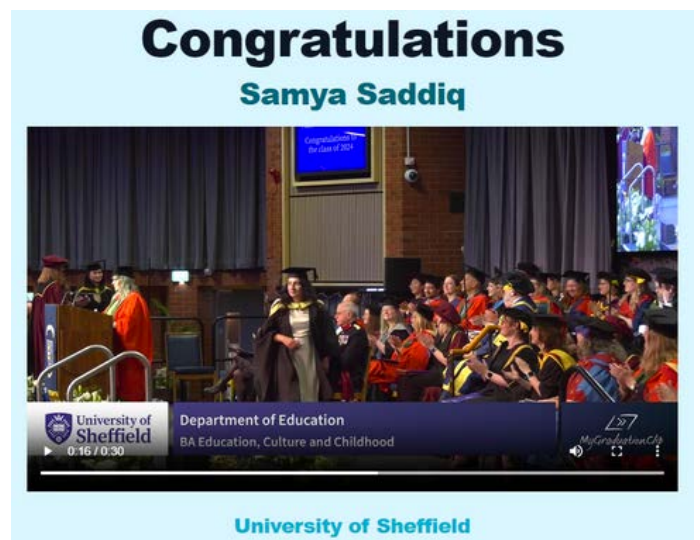
These rigorous programmes, spanning 12 to 18 months, involved a blend of online study, face-to-face training and the completion of assignments.

Congratulations to the following staff for their dedication and commitment; Mrs S Saddiq, Miss R Payne, Mr T Hall, Miss C Benloss, Mrs C Creasy, Mr J Kennedy, Mr JP Ward and Mrs L Warde.

## HARD EARNED ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs Saddiq, a member of our Achievement Support Team has recently graduated with a first class BA Honours Degree in Education, Culture and Childhood. A fabulous achievement. Well done from all at King Edward VII School.

*"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support, flexibility and kindness over the last 5 years whilst undertaking my degree. It was always something that I wanted to complete in my later life (much to the dismay of my parents when I was 18). I felt that at King Edward VII it was the right time, and the support I have received throughout my degree from yourselves has been amazing. I got my First, which was the icing on the cake!"*



# KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

# OUR SCHOOL

## REMEMBRANCE 2024



On Friday 8 November, Ms. Gooden gave a Remembrance Assembly to KS4 and KS5 students at Upper School which included the reading of a poem written by Emaan Aslam in Y8. Students at Lower School were involved in Remembrance Assemblies throughout the week.



On Monday 11 November, the Last Post signified the end of a 2 minute silence at both sites followed by Mr Doubleday, Curriculum Leader for Music, playing the Rouse.



# Our School

## POPPY APPEAL 2024



**Thank you to all staff, students, parents and carers at King Edward VII School for your generous donations**

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

**Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support**

## FOOD BANK

Mrs. R. Sadiq, Y11 Pastoral Manager

Donations all boxed up and awaiting collection.



## THE GIFT OF READING

As a School, we are keen to support reading for pleasure across all year groups which is one of the reasons why we invest in the Bookbuzz reading programme for our Year 8 students.

All students in the year group are able to select a book from the curated list which is theirs to keep. Tied in with this, there are competitions around the reading of the book and an overall winner will be chosen who has designed the best alternative cover for their book.

All the books are also available for loan within the library so any student can read any of the other book choices. All students are encouraged to read for fifteen minutes a day to enhance their vocabulary skills, which in turn will enable them to better access the curriculum.



### THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS! \*

It helps to increase your vocabulary



Reading books can encourage empathy

It improves your communication skills



Reading can strengthen your writing ability

You get to learn new things



It improves your focus and memory

It is a great way to expand your imagination



Reading can increase your creativity

All Y8 students received their free Bookbuzz book in form time on 3 December, chosen by them from a choice of sixteen books. They can keep these books and hopefully will continue their love of reading whilst at home too.



## CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED!



The tree is up at Upper School!

Mr Cooke, in time honoured tradition, switched on the Christmas lights in the staffroom at Upper School on Thursday 5 December, and brought the snowman back to life once more!

The tree is up at Lower School and looks amazing thanks to Willow, Sofia and Mariam!



# OLD & YOUNG EDWARDIANS

## CHAMPION WRESTLER

*Mr. D. Kavanagh, Curriculum Leader for Computer Science & IT*

### Past Alumnae Student Success Luke Green – Leaver 2019

Luke came across freestyle wrestling after lockdown. He was looking for a sport that would be challenging and engaging and after trying a couple others like rugby and kickboxing, he found wrestling was the one that stuck with him.

After only taking the sport up in 2021, and attending some initial sessions at Empower Wrestling Club in Ecclesall, he took to it straight away. He thoroughly enjoyed the fitness, the discipline and skills involved.

He started training seriously to enter the UK and Ireland National Amateur Championships held at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre on Saturday 10 February 2024. He entered The seniors age group and after several hard-fought rounds, he managed to win the overall title.

He found the whole experience to be very rewarding and he would like to continue his journey at a higher level, possibly entering competitions in Europe. An incredible achievement for Luke after only a few years of serious training.



## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL 31.03.1939 - 11.07.2024

It is with the deepest sadness that I inform you of the death of John C. Cornwell.

John Cornwell was the Chair of the Governing Board at King Edward VII School from 1994 - 2002 and remained on the Governing Board for many years after this. He wrote a number of books about King Edward VII School.

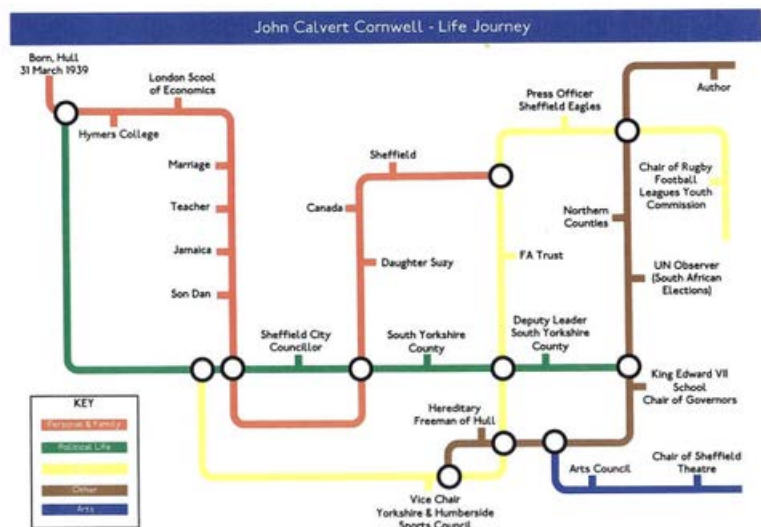
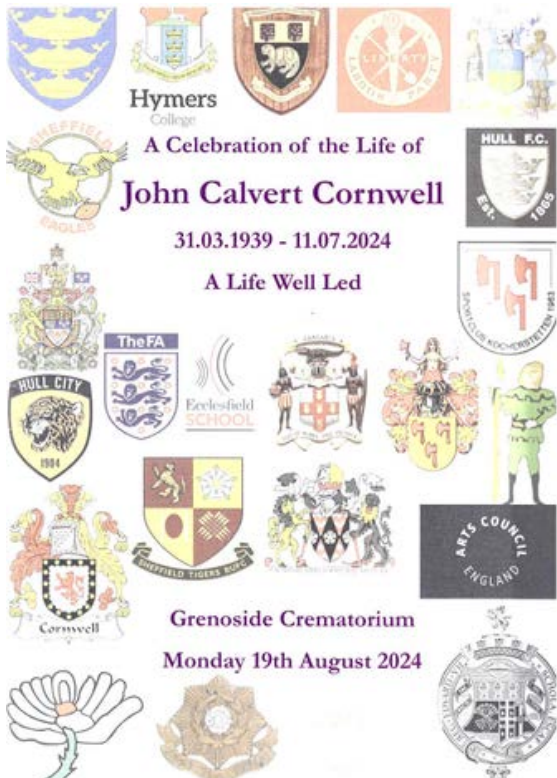
He was an accomplished and fiercely intelligent individual and his achievements included: reading International History at LSE, working in education in Jamaica, Canada and Sheffield and being the Chair of the Sheffield Theatres.

The eulogies that follow provide a greater insight into the remarkable achievements, influence and 'reach' of John C. Cornwell, the person that he was and how he has effectively touched many of our lives in one way or another and will do so for years to come.

King Edward VII School has lost a loyal supporter and a best friend.

Linda Gooden  
Headteacher

The following eulogies were shared at John C. Cornwell's funeral on Monday 19 August 2024.



## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter

My dad led a full life. He was a big character.

To see you all before us, I assume that means he was a big character in your life as well...

Now, being a big character, means different things to different people...some of your lovely cards have that you have sent dan, me and pat have used words like

- Respected
- Exceptional
- A true titan of south Yorkshire politics
- Notable author
- Steadfast friend
- Solid principles
- Amiable wit
- Interesting conversationalist
- Intelligent

Quite a few ex pupils have also contacted us.

One person saying that, *"there are many teachers I no longer remember but Mr Cornwell is one that still continues to stand out in my mind 45 years later"*.

Others pupils have added:

He was fascinating, passionate, inspirational and caring and always a delight, someone who made them question every thing, and that learning was a joy and a laugh.

We got others messages...from people who knew him well

- eccentric
- peculiar
- unique
- one of a kind
- force of nature

What is clear, is that his Presence will be sorely missed by many for different reasons.

An ex pupil also reminded me of my dads smile, the twinkle in his eye as he twisted his moustache. Thank you for reminding me of that!

I had forgotten the wink he used to give me...even up to the end.

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## ***Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter (continued)***

For me, as his daughter - he has clearly left his mark....

Being John Cornwells daughter was not always an easy thing to be....

Picture this. I am 17. I win the 80m hurdles south Yorkshire championship. The Sheffield Star had my photo in – and the caption was.... John Cornwell's daughter wins ....

Well, I just knew at that point I would clearly have to leave Sheffield to forge my own path and not be “just” the daughter of John Cornwell.

Lets face it, friends, you didn't have to live him. We did!

Ashland Road was his castle – He loved his 2nd world war bombed house and what an interesting castle my father created for him...and us.

Dan once caught a friend telling her friends about this bizarre house, my friend Lisa said - even if you tried to describe the house to someone, you couldn't!

The house we lived did not really have wallpaper, nicely painted rooms or even curtains....

- our house was full of pictures on walls,
- we flushed our toilet with a truncheon
- as a child sat on that toilet - I stared and tried to understand who mse tung was and why political power grew out of a barrel of a gun....
- thousands of A4 brown envelopes from his council meetings took over our hall way,
- militaria memorabilia – both armaments and hats
- tonnes of hats ..military hats, hats, fire man hats, Welsh traditional hats.
- tonnes of ties....
- tonnes of books; and
- reindeer antlers in the garden

We didn't know any different. To us this was normal ... well apparently not!

This also extended to outside his castle - his neighbours – who every morning were treated to watching his bizarre exercise routine - flinging his arms around like a windmill in the middle of Ashland Road – these are things that clearly only a man comfortable in his own skin would do.

My dad had fantastic neighbours and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the way you “looked” out for my dad. Especially Chris who has diligently kept my fathers green garden at bay....

In his earlier days my father was known to have cut his grass using a samurai sword - whilst wearing a silk dressing gown.

Clearly a man who was comfortable in his own skin.

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## ***Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter (continued)***

Whilst holidaying one year, he was utterly embarrassing on a hill in Corfu. And he turned round to me and said, *"does it matter if they see you - you are never going to see these people again"*.

This resonated with me, and to be honest, has stayed with me all my life. As long as you are not affecting anyone negatively— he was right. He encouraged me to 'be myself'. Because of those few words he helped me have the courage to 'be who I wanted to be' and be 'confident in my own skin'. To have a sense of confidence. That for me is a Cornwell thing – as my husband always reminds me.

My dads advice was often interesting ... never walk behind the bowlers arm – is something utterly instilled in me. I mean come on, who would walk behind a bowlers arm?

I however prefer to reflect on the advice:

- The mark of a person is how they treat people who can do absolutely nothing for them
- Each shall strive for the welfare of all
- It matters not who won or lost but how you played the game; and
- If you are neutral in the face of injustice you are on the side of the oppressor

He instilled in me a sense of being part of a community and helping other people.

Dad loved to travel. With Dad's German heritage, we travelled every summer to his family ancestry village of Kockestetten – they were fantastic summer holidays for young children with fantastic people and friends for life.

We went to the US to see our fantastic friends over there – and Sue was on the end of the phone in the last few days of his life and lit him up!

He introduced us to a love of camping and the wonderful Scarborough.

And to the art of somehow managing to invite ourselves into other peoples homes to stop for the night...

He also took Dan and me away for many weekends trips. The 3 of us in a red Ford estate car. We would sleep in the back - sleeping with Dan and Dad's feet in my face – was truly blissful.

He traped us round churches, cemetarys and war memorials.

But, he gave me coke for breakfast!

And he instilled in me a sense of adventure – a desire to see the world and travel – not necessary to cemeteries and war memorials but to see as many places and yes – go off the beaten track a little and not do the 'normal things'.

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## ***Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter (continued)***

Two ex-pupils went on to say that my dad was the snappiest dressed teacher at Ecclesfield school. That he had a dapper dress sense...

Well friends, let me tell you about this snazzy dresser...

He had a yellow top that he slept in for 20 years – anyone who had the misfortune to hear his unhappiness at Peter Prices Birthday in Glaramara may have had the misfortune to wear it, when he wanted Peter to stop partying at his own party.

This said top– we managed to get Hawks to donate him a new one literally on his last day! Thank you Hawks.

His puffer jacket, worn in all seasons because it had pockets ... Dan and I would have to forcibly buy him new ones every few years – as he never took it off. When we replaced them we don't think he ever threw the old ones away..... ..just in case....is that a war baby thing! He stored the old ones in his car.

His slippers - he had had them so long – they had no tread on them. The physio at the hospital pleaded with me to get him a new pair. Dad objected to me to buying him a new pair of slippers. So, we still have the new ones! They have never been worn. Does anyone wear Size 11?

And his shoes. Shoes his American friend, Jeffs cast offs, we think at least 25 years ago...he would never wear anything else. Except when he thought he could get away with wearing his slippers like he did at an eagles match! He wasn't embarrassed. Because he was confident in his own skin! Or should I say in his old slippers!

Dad may have mentioned his books to one or two of you. I would like to tell you from his childrens perspective how this new hobby started - after retirement.

I remember the day he produced the funniest story "a cat on a hot tin roof" about our cat Twickers. And actually, I was amazed. My dad was actually funny! It was hilarious...

Then came silly Christmas letters about Sid and Ena and one from the Queen.

They were absolutely brilliant. It was a humour that as his children we had never really appreciated. Dan went on to print on a collection of his stories for a birthday and this spurred Dad on .

He became a writer. And to be honest, this was a fantastic achievement, he just reinvented himself and continued to write about things that became important to him.

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## ***Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter (continued)***

As his children, proof reading became our job – but since his death – I have discovered quite a few of you also had to do this. Thank you, and sorry.

But actually...as his daughter, now an adult. and not having to live with him anymore....

Looking back at what this character gave me...and the things that he has done, the things he has achieved, how could you not be impressed.....by all these achievements and reinventions of a life well lived!

He instilled in me:

- a legacy of civic duty
- being a proud socialist
- he gave me confidence
- he may have given me a loud voice, but he gave me MY VOICE
- and with the legacy of Rother Valley that my family enjoy all the time
- and the Lyceum theatre so I can have culture and recreation

40 years on, with all of you coming out to say goodbye

How could I not be a proud daughter of a life well lived .....

How could I not be proud of 'being my fathers daughter'!

Dad

I will always remember your teachings and advice,

- As one door closes another opens
- Cherish the past, enjoy the present, create for the future

As a child dads German grandma tucked him up at night, he thought she said, "Scarborough sea wall" to him and he could never work what she was actually saying. He later leant, she was saying "sleep well", in German.

Dad

- I love you and will miss you
- Schlafen sie wohl

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## *Eulogy by Suzy, John's daughter (continued)*

### **A Fathers Advice to his children**

- Never Walk behind the bowler's arm
- Mind the Gap
- Pull yourself together
- Always complete your sets of six and gerram onside
- Remember, Gentlemen lift the seat
- Keep a straight bat and never hit against the spin
- Beware of the Hun in the Sun
- Schlafen sie wohl
- Rauchen verboten
- In case of nuclear attack, park off the road
- Never go anywhere in England without an Umbrella
- The mark of a person is how they treat people who can do absolutely nothing for them
- Each shall strive for the welfare of all
- Deo adjuvante labor proficit
- It matters not who won or lost but how you played the game
- Nice guys finish last. Who remembers second and third?
- Dying for one's beliefs is a high price to pay for conjecture!
- Never quit on your stool!
- As one door closes another opens
- Cherish the past, enjoy the present, create for the future
- If you are neutral in the face of injustice, you are on the side of the oppressor

JCCornwell

## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### Eulogy by Daniel, John's son

I don't think that there can be any doubt Dads life was one that was 'well lived', so much so that Suz and I were worried that we may not be able to remember everything that he had done and do him justice.....we needn't had worried.

In a top cupboard in a box that Dad had insisted was '**only to be opened in the event of his death**', was not one, but five copies of his CV, which had been lovingly and painstakingly updated.....Dad wasn't leaving anything to chance!

We have left it to Janet to run through all the bodies that he served on and his many achievements and there were a staggering amount.

The way that Dad lead his life reminded me of a passage that I once read from a Robert Frost poem, it goes:

'Two roads converged in a wood, I took the one less travelled by and it has made all the difference'.

Dad liked to get off the beaten track, both metaphorically and geographically.....  
However.....sometimes it did cost him....

Whilst visiting lifelong friends Jeff and Sue in New York in the late sixties, Dad told me that he thought it might be a good idea to see for himself the plight of Afro Americans in Harlem first hand and told my mother that he would walk through it.....Dad said he got about 25 yards and decided that 'discretion might be the better part of valour', went back for his car and drove through at pace...

He also managed to get himself locked up for a night by the Guardia Civil in a remote hilltop village in Spain after refusing to give up the film in his camera having just taken pictures of the officers. I wonder if Dad had made the situation worse by telling them that he would 'report them to their housemasters' – he did like to used that one.

A keen rambler in the peak district, he literally got off the beaten track on Kinder Scout and told me he nearly drowned in a peat bog.

What will I miss about Dad?.....

His constant battle against any sat nav, in anyones car, anywhere in the world.....Dad had a map from every part of the world that he had ever been to and prided himself on his geographical knowledge and sense of direction...however there was fly in the ointment....because of some congenital issue, he could not tell his left from right....it made for some interesting journeys.

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## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### *Eulogy by Daniel, John's son (continued)*

I'll also miss Dad's legendary DIY skills....he was a firm believer that 90% of all household repairs could be achieved by using sellotape.....he would always have a roll handy.

Unfortunately, he passed these skills to m" and when I moaned that he couldn't show me how to mend anything like other fathers had shown their sons....he said (and I quote) "I may not be able to repair anything, but I can chair a meeting"....and he was right, he could.

Dads home, Ashland Road.....Where do we start? Those that have been there need no explanation, but for the uninitiated a short story to illustrate...

A few years ago Dad offered to let our friends Oliver and Stephanie stay at his house with their two young children whilst he was away.....

Before the visit I asked him if the house would be 'safe' for the kids to visit... a little indignant and annoyed at the question Dad replied, "of course"....

I thought I would do a little pre visit inspection myself ..and this is what I found in the back room..... One 19th century musket, one second world war Japanese officers samurai sword, one Gurkha Kukri, one commando knife, two Lee Enfield bayonets (one being employed as a door handle) and a mills bomb grenade on a plinth.....

I guess Dads idea of safety in the home was always a bit different to everyone else's?

However, joking aside, Dad was, to his core, a good person as well as a good socialist. His politics were realistic and pragmatic by design but filled with good intentions. His work to try to improve the quality of peoples lives and perhaps broaden horizons was laudable and I hope are the legacy of both his teaching and political career.

What did Dad give to me personally?

He embued in me an abiding love of sport for one thing.

We played in the same cricket team in Hathersage for a spell and I know he loved that.

We shared some great moments together such as Sheffield Eagles improbable victory over the mighty Wigan in the 1998 Challenge cup victory at Wembley – In fact, Dad was so pleased with the win and so proud of the lads, that he kept the challenge cup in his front room for a week after the match – knowing Dads front room no one probably noticed it was there!

Sporting regrets? Unfortunately we never saw us beat the Aussies in a Rugby League test series together and now we never will.

## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

**Eulogy by Dr Michael H.A. Lewis,  
Headteacher, King Edward VII School  
1988-2008**

It's 9.30 on a November evening in 1994. My wife passes me the telephone, mouthing silently "It's your chair of governors".

"Cornwell," barks a military-sounding voice, "how do you do?"

In my mind's eye I see a flourishing moustache and a broad shining forehead. He must have been a Prussian army officer in a previous existence, complete with spiked world war one helmet, I think, not for the first time. It is only years later that I learn that John indeed treasures just such a helmet and that he has German forbears, albeit of the south German pork-butcher variety.

"What can I do for you, John?" I ask wearily, wondering to myself why 09.30 the following morning would not suffice.

John had many qualities. Patience was not one of them.

The relationship between a headteacher and a chair of governors is not usually fertile soil for what was to become over the following 30 years an important and close friendship, but John was in many ways different and unusual.

Our initial encounter was not auspicious. John had been seconded with a colleague, Paul Desgranges, by Sheffield LEA to write curriculum materials to accompany the World Student Games. Not one to do things by half measures, John had produced a prodigious folder of documents and potential lesson plans. I was impressed by the effort but completely unconvinced about their applicability in a real-world classroom. I think I lacked tact in expressing my reservations and our discussion was frosty.

Neither of us had forgotten that occasion when John joined the Governing Body of King Edward VII School but John was a generous man with a capacity both to remember but also to forgive and thus began John's love affair with the school.

John took his role as chair and critical friend very seriously. On one uncomfortable occasion I had to brief him about a complaint I had received from a parent. John listened carefully before stunning me:

"I am surprised you don't get more complaints," he said solemnly.

"More complaints? What do you mean?" I said and wondering what else might have come his way.

"Well, you have about 1500 pupils," he explained, "about 3000 parents. They're not all, well, you know what I mean, quite right. There was a mischievous twinkle in his eye.

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## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### *Eulogy by Dr Michael H.A. Lewis (continued)*

John combined skill and dedication with his own sense of fun. In the run-up to the 1997 General Election John presided over a Governing Body which contained three prospective and ambitious MPs, representing the three main political parties. Such a combination had the potential for very fraught meetings but with great charm, skill and much laughter, John shaped these fierce rivals into an effective and united force committed to promoting the well-being of the school they all served.

After 1997 the education landscape changed rapidly and for the better. Within a year KES had been invited to participate in a novel rebuilding programme for our dilapidated Lower School in Crosspool. Did we wish to be part of a consortium under a PFI scheme? It was a no-brainer. The process of deciding which private bidder would win the contract involved each of six schools developing a team of governors who along with the head and officers of the LEA would make the final choice according to clearly established criteria. One criterion was “additionality”. The successful bidder was invited to offer something extra which would give them the edge over their competitors. John, as Chair, led our team and decided that KES needed a sports hall, which had not been included in the original specification. At meeting after meeting over many months he relentlessly pressed the case and in the end he prevailed. The “additionality” the successful bidder added into the whole contract was to favour just one school, KES, with a new sports hall. It is a testament to John’s determination and thoroughness, his tenacity and stubbornness, his sheer bloody-mindedness. Thousands of girls and boys and community users have benefited from it since 2001 and will continue to do so for many years to come. It would perhaps be fitting for it to be known as The John Cornwell Hall.

John was a prolific writer. The titles reflect the breadth of his knowledge and interests: Three Ridings Four Counties; Never Walk Behind the Bowler’s Arm, Voices of Wortley Hall, Pull Yourself Together, Tomb of the Unknown Alderman, Realising the Dream - History of the Northern Racing College and a novel, A Visitor from Paragon, set in Germany in the dying days of the Second World War, are just a selection. In 2001 I approached John as the KES centenary neared. “John, I asked, “would you be interested in writing a brief history of the school?” I felt a hand being bitten off.

In October 2005 “King Ted’s “ appeared. The short history runs to 444 pages. It is a work of profound scholarship and painstaking research. It is also a labour of love. John was Chair of Governors for 8 years but his involvement spans more than 30 years. He became the school’s archivist, a role he created for himself and then filled with distinction. He wrote two moving tributes to the former pupils of the school – almost 200 of them - who lost their lives in the world wars. Listening to John talk about the young men in these books you get the impression he knew them all personally. John did not do things by half measures.

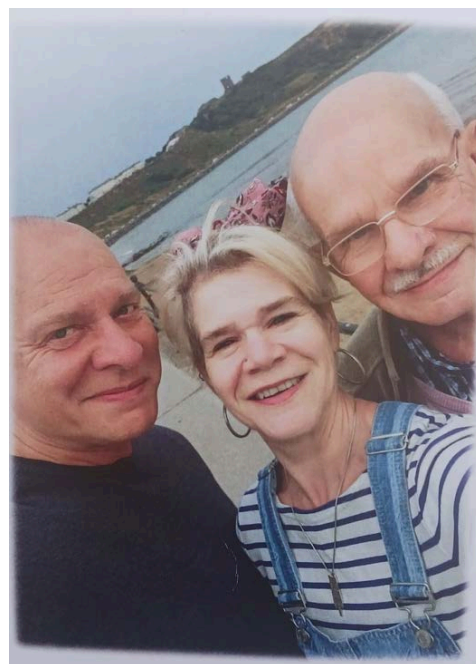
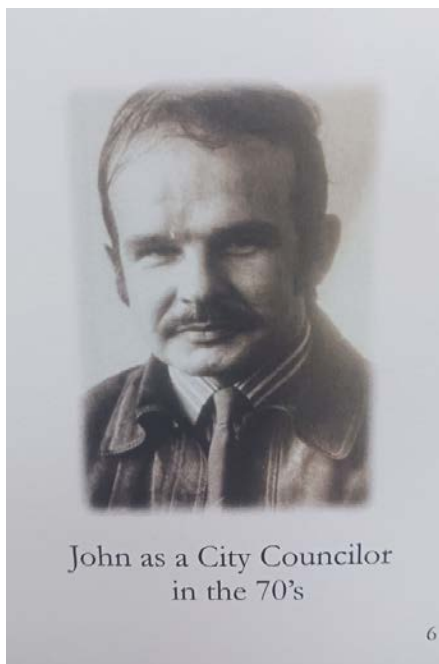
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## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### *Eulogy by Dr Michael H.A. Lewis (continued)*

After I retired in 2008 John and I saw each other frequently over coffee and biscuits. Two hours would just disappear. We put the world to rights, exchanged books, shared joy and grief (mainly grief) about our beloved Labour Party, discussed, sport – above all cricket and rugby league, the arts, more sport and more politics and, of course, KES. For a while I was commissioned to proof-read John's latest works but John proved surprisingly resistant to the correct use of the apostrophe and perhaps more reasonably to the use of the German umlaut and so we found more fruitful topics of conversation.

John was remarkable. I will cherish the memory of a man in his prime – vigorous, challenging, enquiring, knowledgeable, humorous, loyal. I saw John for the last time three days before he died. Terribly reduced by his ravaging illness, he was barely audible but managed to share his pleasure at Labour's victory and his relief that the extreme right in France, from where I had just returned, had been blocked. He wanted to have one of our longer discussions and was sorry he was not up to it. He was typical John, indomitable and that is how we should celebrate and remember him.



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## JOHN CALVERT CORNWELL

### In memoriam of John C. Cornwell, King Edward VII School:

- Has introduced a new Sheffield Royal Grammar School prize in his memory. John was a History and Politics teacher in Sheffield, alongside all the other accomplishments noted above. The prize will be presented every year, as part of the Ex-Year 13 Prize Giving and Certificate Presentation Ceremony. The inaugural prize was presented to a Year 13 student on Tuesday 17 December 2024.
- Will be renaming the Lower School sports hall the John C. Cornwell Sports Hall because he was directly responsible for securing the sports hall for the School and the wider community when the Lower School was rebuilt under the Private Financial Initiative. The new School opened in 2001. In the words of Dr Michael Lewis, who was the Headteacher at the time, “Thousands of young people and members of community organisations have derived benefit and pleasure from the sports hall. It is a tribute to the vision, determination and persuasive abilities of John Cornwell that the hall, which henceforth will bear his name, will continue to serve future generations.”



## ISAAC NOCKELS

Isaac Nockels had been a King Edward VII Student from September 2019 until completing his GCSE exams last summer. Sadly after a tragic road traffic accident in the summer Isaac died. Isaac left a lasting memory during his time at the school.

Isaac was a wonderful, popular member of the School community. He was a hardworking, friendly and caring young person who would always put others first. Isaac's warm and kind nature made it a pleasure for both students and staff to know and work with him at King Edward VII School. Isaac would regularly check in with other students and would ensure that those who needed it were supported.

Isaac was a keen sportsman who was always out playing basketball or football during social times, regardless of the weather! He had a real talent for athletics, particularly long distance running and he had recently started training with the City of Sheffield Athletics Team.

Isaac was a super musician who was especially skilled in composition. His interests lay in using technology to compose well crafted loops, beats and riffs, and developing these into skilfully crafted pieces of electronic dance music. He also composed a very effective piece of film music that expertly built tension and demonstrated an excellent understanding of how to create a sound scape that enhanced the narrative and action of the scene that he was composing for. Isaac was going on to study music at The Sheffield College where he would have continued to develop his skills and, through his passion for music, would have created many more memorable compositions. His tragic passing robs us of not only a wonderful and well-loved young man but also of the fantastic music that he would undoubtedly have created.

In September 2024 there was a special memorial event for Isaac held at the school to celebrate his life. This was a wonderful event, organised by his parents, which truly encapsulated Isaac's love for life and other people as well as his fantastic sense of humour.

As part of Isaac's legacy there will be an annual 'Isaac Nockels Award' which will be awarded to King Edward VII students who have excelled in Music as way of recognising Isaac's talents in this area.



# Obituaries

## ISAAC NOCKELS

