

NEWSletter




KING EDWARD VI
NORTHFIELD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

SPRING 2022

As I reflect on our academic year to this point, there is much to celebrate as well as lessons to learn.

Extra-Curricular activities, particularly School Clubs and Teams, have continued to grow as we strive toward ensuring that all of our pupils feel able and inclined to take part in more than one activity each week.

Two book clubs and a School Magazine Club have joined the long list of activities our pupils can take advantage of.



Our Saturday

Morning Clubs will also receive a boost after the Easter Holidays as a Gardening Club joins the line-up. We will also be inviting some pupils into academic booster sessions on Saturday mornings as we continue to work to minimise the damage done to our young people by the Pandemic. The success of our teams in Netball and Indoor Athletics demonstrates the impact of regular participation, as our small school continues to triumph in competitions.



Increasingly we are taking part in joint activities and competitions with other King Edward Schools, with a Bake Off, a Sewing Bee, Dance Show and Tennis Tournament just some of the highlights of the term ahead.

The success of the school is also evident in the surging applications for a place in the school, with long waiting lists, particularly for Year 7 in September. This is a rather bitter-sweet reality for us, as while it is great that our school is well regarded and in high demand, the fact that many dozens of families are frustrated in their desire for their daughter to attend our school saddens me.

Covid is, frustratingly, still with us and continues to affect both staff and pupil attendance to some extent. Given this fact, it remains absolutely crucial that pupils attend every day they can, and avoid absences for trivial illnesses.

As we look toward the Summer Term, and the Summer Exams, we can see how focused and determined the vast majority of our Year 11s are. Our Teacher Predicted Grades suggest that this summer may well see our largest ever number of the highest grades, with English in particular, anticipating tremendous results. Since February half-term in particular, the atmosphere across the school has been fantastic.

After Easter we will be ensuring that all pupils get a more consistent experience around the amount of homework they receive. All homework will be set on EPrise, and accessible via computer or phone app. As we steadily raise our expectations of

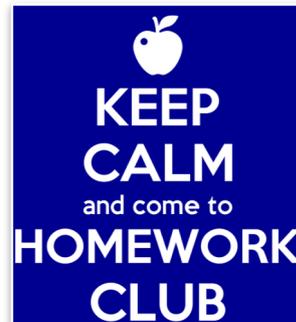
all our pupils, homework will become more important and challenging. Parents

will be crucial in supporting their daughters with organising their time and workspace. Homework club, of course, continues to run every week night for those

pupils who wish to get their homework done straight after school in a supportive environment.

As many families face tough financial choices in the face of rising prices and taxes this Easter, I am proud that our school works persistently to maximise opportunities despite these challenges, with our pupils benefiting from daily healthy breakfasts, free enrichment and trip days, a superb and growing variety of free clubs six days a week, independent careers advice and college tasters and great teaching throughout the year.

Mr N Jones
Headteacher



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM 2022					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
YEARS 7, 8 & 9 'FUTURE CREATIVES' ART & PHOTOGRAPHY NA/NSB RM32/33 3.15-4.15	YEAR 7 SCIENCE CLUB RM6 3.00-3.35	ALL YEAR GROUPS WELLBEING MAIN HALL - 3.00-3.45	ALL YEARS SMALL ENSEMBLE PRACTICE YEARS 10 & 11 MAIN HALL - 3.15 - 4.30	ALL YEARS SINGING CLUB RM14 - 3.00-3.45	ALL YEARS MULTI-SPORTS SPORTS HALL 9.30-11.30
ALL YEAR GROUPS BEATZ CLUB RM14 3.00-4.00	YEAR 8 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY RM12 3.00-3.35	ALL YEARS CHESS CLUB SXB - RM12 - 3.15 - 4.15	YEARS 10 & 11 DRAMA MAIN HALL - 3.15 - 4.30	ALL YEARS RECREATIONAL BADMINTON SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEARS DRAMA HALL 9.30-11.30
ALL YEARS FUN FOR ALL CLUB SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEAR GROUPS LANGUAGES & CULTURE TBC - 3.15-4.15	ALL YEARS COOKERY CLUB EC - RM3 - 3.00 - 4.15	GCSE ART STUDENTS 'OPEN ART SURGERY' NA/NSB RM12/33 3.15-4.15	ALL YEARS YOGA ACTIVITY STUDIO - 3.00-4.00	
ALL YEAR GROUPS FOOTBALL SPORTS HALL 3.00-4.00	ALL YEAR GROUPS KEYBOARD & PERFORMANCE MUSIC RM6 - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEAR GROUPS DEBATING CLUB RM25 - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEARS ARCHERY SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.00		
ALL YEAR GROUPS POUND FITNESS ACTIVITY STUDIO 3.00-4.00	YEARS 7, 8 & 9 WEEK 2 MUSIC THEORY CLUB RM25 - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEARS SELF DEFENCE CLUB ACTIVITY STUDIO - 3.00 - 4.00	ALL YEARS BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.00		
	NETBALL TEAM ONLY 'NETBALL/ATHLETICS' MATCHES & PRACTICE (Please email Mrs N Jones for details) SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.30	NETBALL TEAM ONLY 'NETBALL/ATHLETICS' MATCHES & PRACTICE (Please email Mrs N Jones for details) SPORTS HALL - 3.00-4.30	ALL YEARS 'SHELF INDULGENCE' READING CLUB CD - LIBRARY - 3.00-4.00		
	ALL YEAR GROUPS DANCE ACTIVITY STUDIO - 3.00-4.00	ALL YEARS NSG NEWSPAPER CLUB LXB - RM24 - 3.00-4.00			
	YEARS 7, 8 & 9 DRAMA MAIN HALL - 3.15 - 4.30				
	ALL YEARS 'KINDLE CLASSICS' CLUB CD - LIBRARY - 3.00-4.00				
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*Training and matches - see separate netball schedule website PE office at match days and times do vary



MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!

Four of our pupils took part in the Virtual Chamber Concert arranged by Birmingham Music Service. They played Mamma Mia brilliantly as an ensemble and I would like to thank Miss Farrell for all of her work with them. If anyone would like to listen to it they can go to our Twitter Page!



Our summer musical this year will be Sister Act Jr. The Musical. We are very excited about it and cannot

wait to hold auditions and get rehearsals underway! Although main parts will be auditioned and cast, we welcome all pupils to get involved in the chorus without the need to audition - we would love as many people on the stage as possible! The show will be the week beginning 11th July and more details about show dates and times will be shared soon.

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

I am very pleased to report that pupils from Year 9 and 10 took part in the Maths Challenge this year. 30 pupils from Year 9 and 30 from Year 10 took part in the Intermediate Challenge on 3rd February.

The standard of Mathematics asked of them is very high – often at GCSE level and above.

Over 82000 pupils take part across the country and only the top 6% received a gold certificate, the next 14% a Silver and the next 20% a bronze certificate, so we are extremely pleased that so many pupils were able to achieve an award.

Congratulations go to

- Aimee (Year 9) Bronze award
- Maryam (Year 10) Bronze award
- Alice (Year 10) Bronze award
- Grace (Year 10) Bronze award
- Lauren (Year 10) Bronze award, best in school.

This is particularly impressive as the girls were unable to take part in the Junior Maths Challenge because of Covid.

Well done to all the girls that took part – we are very proud of you all!

Ms T Newton



Ukraine fundraising

Lucy and Faith in Year 10 recently held a bake sale to raise funds to help the people in the Ukraine. They made some delicious cakes at home to sell and some staff also made cakes for them to sell too - Mrs Langham's 'luscious lemon cake' went down a treat! They made a whopping £215! I wish to thank these two wonderful, caring Year 10 pupils and their friend Daniella who helped them sell the cakes on the day. I also want to say a massive thank you to all of the pupils, parents and staff who donated money and bought cakes - you are all amazing!

Mrs McAuley (Head of Year 10).



epraise

Over the past term students and staff have been utilising ePraise for rewards and homework. This system will let you view what homework has been set and whether they have marked it as complete. It will also enable you to see merit/ epraise points, including when they were given and what they were for.



The ePraise shop has been a great success, thanks to our Year 9-11 student volunteers who have been giving up their break time to run the shop in the library. Vouchers for hot chocolate and canteen queue passes have proved the most popular rewards! After Easter we hope to expand our ePraise shop with more exciting prizes to be redeemed. Please take time to talk to your daughter and have a look at her dashboard if you haven't already done so.

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

Log onto our website where you will find a link to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals in a matter of minutes, alternatively use the link:- www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham

Free School Meal allowance is added to your child's account automatically so there is no way of anyone knowing any child is on FSM. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Warwick Castle

Year 7 visited Warwick Castle on a rainy spring day. This didn't dampen their enthusiasm at all. Pupils had tours of the Great Hall, watched the Falconry show outside and went up the 500 steps to the top of Guy's Tower. Their favourite part seemed to be the Horrible Histories maze, where several pupils seemed to get very lost.



Oxford Trip

In March, all of Year 8 took part in a day trip to Oxford. Whilst there, we visited 3 different Art Galleries and Museums. The Pitt Rivers Museum was packed with a wonderful array of objects from different cultures. Pupils also visited the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology which has world famous collections that range from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling stories across cultures and time. It was a great chance to be exposed to such a selection of art and artefacts. Year 8 have continued to explore this theme of art & culture from around the world in their Art lessons in school.



Pupils also visited the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, and part of this included the pupils being able to see the 'Skeleton Parade' and explore how evolution has shaped different animals.

AIM HIGHER

During the Spring Term there have been a number of Aim Higher events which pupils have got involved in. In February 'Speak Out' delivered a session to a small group of Year 10 pupils, where they learnt the skills of public speaking, got the opportunity to overcome their nerves and learn how to listen and work together.

In March, Year 9 and 10 pupils attended 1 of 5 Universities within Birmingham for the day to get an insight into what life as a University student is like. They got tours of the campus, created their own societies, debated real life problems, and even learnt the hard everyday task of budgeting on a student loan (they soon realised Aldi is the place to go!) After the event, a number of our pupils have now said that they aspire to go to University after College/Sixth Form.

A final event which Year 10 took part in involved external speakers coming in to

talk about post-16 options that are not currently offered in mainstream secondary education. They were told about a wide variety of careers, from Travel and Tourism, to Sociology and Psychology. Pupils were told about all the career opportunities available from doing these courses, and a number of pupils came away from the session intrigued and interested in the courses and careers that come with these options.

Going into the Summer Term, there will be a number of opportunities for Year 9 and 10 to attend College taster days to give them a better understanding and insight into what they want to do post 16.

Commonwealth Connections

Year 8s have had the wonderful opportunity of taking part in the Commonwealth Games 'Commonwealth Connections' Art Project this term. Schools across SW Birmingham are collaborating to create artwork inspired by the culture of our linked Commonwealth Country - Pakistan, specifically the very beautiful decorated 'Jingle Trucks' found in South East Asia.

We will be working with visual artist Sue Guthrie, who is leading art workshops in school with all Year 8 classes. Pupils are making painted panels and other decorations to stick onto a school minibus, which will be transformed into an amazing and very special artwork - the Birmingham Jingle Truck! Watch this space (and school social media) for more updates as the project progresses.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 had inspirational visits from influential women at St Modwen trying to "break the bias" of women in the workplace. We heard a lot about a variety of different roles in construction and how the construction industry are actively trying to diversify their workforce. Pupils came away with the message that women are able to do any career, regardless of gender as well as listening to the day to day work of people in roles like Quantity Surveyor, HR and Procurement.



Fish Sustainability and Nutrition

Students at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls are the lucky recipients of rope grown mussels and Alaska salmon to upskill their fish cookery.

In a national first, food preparation and nutrition GCSE students have been the lucky recipients of free rope grown mussels and wild Alaska pink salmon to use in their classroom, in a bid to improve their fish cookery skills.



The initiative is part of The Fish in Schools Hero programme which is run by the Food Teachers Centre, in partnership with the Alaska Seafood

Marketing Institute. The programme aims to ensure that every child gets a chance to prepare, cook and eat fish before they leave school. Students in Year 10 learned about fish sustainability and nutrition as well as developing delicious dishes with the mussels in their practical classes. We were thrilled that we were selected to receive the mussels and wild salmon from Alaska. It means that our students can not only learn about wild fisheries and the different tastes, textures and usages, but also cook with the seafood themselves. Students prepared a range of dishes using mussels last term from Thai curry mussels to chilli and tomato or creamy garlic and herb. Pupils enjoyed trying mussels for the first time and food



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styling their dishes before presenting. We look forward to creating a selection of dishes using the wild Alaska salmon that has been delivered to us for this term. A selection of dishes prepared by the pupils can be seen, what a great opportunity for the pupils.



Year 9 Fashion Newspaper Dresses

During the Spring Term all Year 9 pupils had the chance to experience Textiles as a GCSE option ahead of choosing their options. Pupils were given information about what the GCSE entailed, before working on a mini paper manipulation challenge. They then split off into groups, being given only newspaper, masking tape, pins and scissors. Pupils worked in groups of 3-6, were provided with a child or adult mannequin and had 1.5 hours to collaboratively work on a fashion paper manipulation garment of their choosing. Once split off into groups, they then

discussed ideas, came up with design ideas and exchanged drawings before getting to work on the mannequin.

Every group designed and made something very different, from dresses to tops, with different styles, lengths, shapes and features throughout.

Many enjoyed the challenging asking if they could do more lessons like this and spend longer in Textiles.



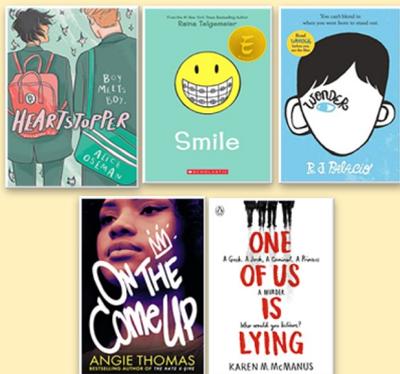


Welcome to the new NSG School Library! We are open every day at break and lunch, with access to fiction books, revision resources and

computers for completing homework or revision. Our team of newly appointed Student Librarians assist Mrs Dunnaker at break and lunchtimes to ensure the

smooth running of the library, and so there is always someone to help you find that perfect book or log-in to Accelerated Reader.

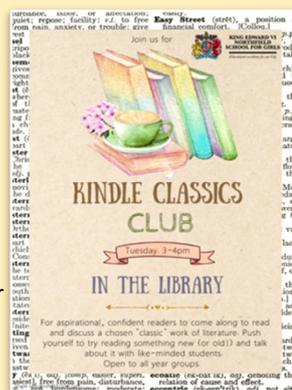
TOP 5 POPULAR BOOKS



CLUBS

Kindle Classics meets on Tuesday in the library after school and are currently enjoying Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.

Shelf Indulgence meets on Thursday in the library after school and are currently reading Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie.



Free Audiobooks

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>



Remember you can play your AR quizzes on books that you have read at home too!

Can you read more than Mrs Dunnaker this half term?

Mrs Dunnaker is going to be reading four novels during April and May for her university work, which is the same as 49 AR points or 305, 500 words! Can you match or read more than she does in order to win a special prize?

You don't have to read the same books, but if you would like to they are available in the school library.

Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin

(AR Book Level: 6.3, AR Points: 14.0)

Mortal Engines – Philip Reeve

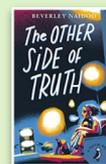
(AR Book Level: 6.6, AR Points: 13.0)

Junk – Melvin Burgess

(AR Book Level: 4.6, AR Points: 13.0)

The Other Side of Truth – Beverley Naidoo

(AR Book Level: 5.3, AR Points: 9.0)



Accelerated Reader

All KS3 students are enrolled on the AR programme. Students are given a target every half term to check they are reading enough. Well done to the following students, who hit their independent reading targets this term:

Hope 7W, Laya 7W, Rose 7W, Kyra 7B, Layla-Louise 7P, T'annah 7G, Phoebe 7Y, Emily 7B, Millie 7Y, Ruby 7G, Evie 7P, Stephanie 7W, Connie 7P, Heidi 7B, Mozhan 7G, Phoebe 7G, Meklit 7B, Lyla-Esme 7P, Madison 7Y, Mia 7W, Amelie 7Y, Julianna 7B, Poppy-Mae 7P, Lleiani 7G, Aimee 7P, Poppy 7G, Marwa 8B, Safa 8B, Lucy 8W, Poppy 8W, Alyssa 8B, Layla 8P, Erin

8B, Emily-Rose 8P, Jorja 8W, Olivia 8Y, Shania 8W, Meg 8Y, Bryony 8P, Mia 8G, Megan 8G, Lydia 8Y, Tiah 8G, Aleema 8B, Haylee 8W, Megan 8B, Hain 8B, Emily 8G, Da-Janee 8P, Rosie 8P, Zahrah A, Hani 9G, Olivia 9G, Niamh 9Y, Lia 9G, Holly 9P, Harriet 9B, Ashayla 9G, Poppy 9P, Lacey 9W, Kimran 9B, Philryna 9Y, Memunatu 9Y, Keabetswe 9Y, Jessica 9B, Charlee 9G, Thianna 9G, Amelia 9Y, Skye 9P, Divine 9W, Guilly 9P, Jodie 9G, Carly 9P, Emma 9G, Lithuya 9Y, Aimee 9G, Tamika 9P.

READING AT HOME

At King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls we recognise that reading is absolutely crucial for academic success. Helping your child to become a more confident reader, to enjoy reading and to read for pleasure on a regular basis is one of the best ways that you can support your child with their learning for all subjects. At school we promote and encourage reading on a daily basis. Every student is a member of our well-stocked library and your child should have a reading book with them at all times. Below are some practical suggestions about how you can further support your child with reading at home. If you would like any further guidance or information about reading, please contact the Librarian, Mrs Dunnaker, via the Academy.

Making predictions

What do you think will happen next?
What makes you say that?
I wonder if...
I think that...

Activating prior knowledge

What made you choose this book?
From the title/front cover/genre, what do you think it might be about?
What do you already know about that topic/type of story?
I think... what about you?

'Pride and Prejudice'

English and Drama Enrichment Day at King Edward's School

"It is a truth universally acknowledged..."

So begins Jane Austen's famous regency comic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. And, it is a truth universally acknowledged that seeing a book come to life on stage in a theatre is a wonderful way to experience the richness of the original text..

A group of Year 9 and 10 pupils were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit one of our partner schools, King Edward's School, back in January, to take part in an enriching day of academic 'lecture' style talks on Austen's novel, followed by a performance of *Pride and Prejudice*.

General Guidance

- We encourage students to read for at least 20 minutes a day and studies have shown that an average of 20-30 minutes of 'engaged reading time' improves both academic performance and mental health and well-being.
- You can support this by making some quiet time at home for your child to read – encourage them to turn off electronic devices for 20 minutes each day.
- Be a role-model – demonstrate a positive attitude to reading with your child and talk to them about what you enjoy reading yourself.
- You can also listen to your child read and/or read to them. Taking an active interest in their reading is motivating

Clarifying understanding

What does ___ mean?
What do you think they mean by...?
Is that word similar to one you have seen/heard before?



The production was jointly staged by King Edward's Boys' and Girls' schools in the Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, and included a talented and impressive cast of actors who breathed new life into the classic text.

On arrival at KES, the Year 9 and 10 pupils were greeted with refreshments and their own copy of the novel – Mr Marchese-Fry insisted they all read it! Then, courtesy of Mr Bartlett and Ms Proops, the Production's Co-directors, and Dr Kennedy, their Head of English, they learnt about the story and characters, including the feisty Elizabeth Bennett and the difficult, uptight Mr Darcy, and their blossoming romance. Our pupils also had the chance to explore adapting a novel for the stage in a fun script-writing activity.

to them and reading time is an enjoyable and relaxing experience for both adults and children.

What should I do when reading with my child?

Good readers are active readers, so as well as listening to your child read, or reading to them, it's also important to talk about their books with them. Below are some of the skills that good readers use and some questions that you can use to prompt discussion with your child.

Generating questions/ being curious

What kind of questions can we ask about the story so far?
What questions do you have about what will happen next?

Summarising

What has happened so far?
What happened in that chapter/ page/paragraph?
The most important ideas are...
This part was about...
First...; Next...; Then...
The main characters are...

Finally, they were given a history of theatrical costume design and saw some of the fashion inspiration for the costumes in the show. The

girls participated brilliantly in the sessions, asking lots of great questions and showing off their knowledge of English and Drama.

After lunch, and a guided tour of the impressive school buildings, our pupils joined those from KES and KEHS in the theatre for the production. The show was an entertaining and accessible adaptation, re-staging the ballroom scenes like modern nightclubs; the talented cast really brought out the humour and modern relevance of the classic story.

Mr Marchese-Fry and the pupils from Northfield School for Girls really appreciated the excellent and enriching day, which definitely inspired the pupils to read some Jane Austen and to pursue drama further!

SPORTS UP-DATE by Mrs Turner

Sports competition Results 2021-2022

In our first year as King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls, there have been some amazing results from our sports teams.

CROSS COUNTRY

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021-22

Tuesday October 19th Kings Norton Boys' School



This was the first time a Cross Country event had taken place since the first lockdown. It was not a team event, but more of a trial to select a District team. Well done to Lauren in Year 10. She won the

Intermediate Girls' race and as a result she was selected to compete for the District at the West Midlands County Championships. A fantastic achievement, well done.

DISTRICT NETBALL

KINGS NORTON TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY 29th March 2022

YEAR 9

The Year 9 Netball squad performed very well in the District Tournament on Tuesday 29th March 2022 at King Edward 5 Ways School. They had won Division 2 of the District League this term and were one of only two Division 2 teams in the tournament.

In their section were three Division 1 teams. In the first game they beat King Edward Camp Hill, who were Division one champions! They also beat Lordswood, but lost narrowly to King Edward 5 Ways. As group runners up they played in the Semi Final v Kings Norton Girls. They played well, but lost a hard fought game. Kings Norton Girls' went on to win the tournament and the Year 9 team eventually finished 3rd.

Well Done to all the players who played very well throughout the tournament.

FRIENDLY NETBALL

September 2021 saw a return to Netball matches & competitions and the return of the South Birmingham District Leagues.

Year 7 & 8 Friendly Netball matches

One full season of Netball had been missed and 18 months in total. The current Year 8s had not played in a Netball league since they started at King Edward Northfield. Also the new Year 7s had not played any Netball at primary school for 18 months therefore Year 7 and 8s were not entered in the league, but have been playing a series of friendly matches. Some were as a combined Year 7 and 8 team and some were just Year 7 on their own. There have been 5 matches played and the results were:-

Year 7&8 combined

Played 3 - won 3 v Shenley (15-0), v

Hillcrest Year 8 (4-1) and v Bishop Challoner (2-1)

Year 7 only – Played 2 lost 2 v Christ Church Year 7 (2-9)
v Hillcrest Year 8 (0-5)



Year 7 & 8 Combined Netball Squad 2021-2022

DISTRICT NETBALL

Year 9 District Netball League matches

The team have played very well in the league this year and were unbeaten. Results were as follows:-

Results Year 9

Played 5 Won 5; v Shenley (42-0), Queensbridge (17-10), v Bishop Challoner (16-3), v King Edward 5 Ways (12-9).

Bartley Green conceded their game to us as they were not able to fulfil the fixture.



Year 9 Netball Squad 2021-2022

Senior team – Year 10 & 11 District Netball League matches

This team have also played very well this season, had some excellent results and remained unbeaten. They are a number of Year 9 players who have filled in this season due to injuries and illnesses in the Senior team, so well done to all those who have contributed to the successful results.

Results Seniors

Played 5 Won 5; v Bartley Green (13-11), v Bournville (17-5), v Hillcrest (28-4), v Shenley (20-6), v Selly Park (32-1).



Senior Netball Squad 2021-2022

Well Done to all the Netball teams that have played this year, there have been some great results.

SPORTS UP-DATE cont...

INDOOR ATHLETICS

DISTRICT LEVEL 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both Year 7 and 8 recently became DISTRICT CHAMPIONS at the above competition. For both age groups, there were 11 events. On the track, there were 3 Relay team events and 3 individual races (2 with an A and B competition). Then there were 5 field events - 3 jumps, 1 throw and the Speed Bounce. Both teams went on to qualify to represent the District in the All Birmingham Final on Wednesday 30th March at Birmingham University.

YEAR 7

Year 7 competed really well as a team in the above Championships. They won 10 out of the 11 events and finished in 1st place overall.

YEAR 8

Year 8 competed really well as a team in the above Championships. It was a very close competition! The team came 1st in 5 of the 11 events and were 2nd in the remaining 6 events. After 2 recounts of the final points, the team managed to finish in 1st place, with just ONE point between us and Colmers. The team had to compete with 7 athletes, instead of the normal 8, so this was a great achievement.



Year 7 Indoor Athletics Squad 2021-2022 (+ Year 10 Sports Leaders)



Year 8 Indoor Athletics Squad 2021-2022 (+ Year 10 Sports Leaders)



Year 7 - CHAMPIONS



Year 8 - CHAMPIONS



Athletes competing in field events- KE Northfield Year 7 Triple jumper in the foreground, about to jump

INDOOR ATHLETICS YEAR 7 & 8 ALL BIRMINGHAM

FINAL WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH 2022

The Year 7 Indoor Athletics team are the All Birmingham Indoor Athletics Champions and the Year 8 team finished 4th in the Final at Birmingham University on the 30th March. There are 74 Secondary schools in Birmingham which have girls attending and all schools had the opportunity to qualify through a series of District competitions. Year 7 had to compete with 1 athlete missing, due to illness on the day. Year 8 had 2 athletes missing- one before the day of the competition and then another athlete was ill on the day.

Many thanks to Mrs Vizor and Ms Crooknorth who have helped with coaching throughout this term. Also thank you to the Year 10 Sports Leaders who have helped coach the teams at training sessions and supported the athletes on the day of the District championships and the All Birmingham Final. Well done to all the athletes that competed- amazing achievements to beat so many other schools and districts. The last time we competed at this event in 2019, Year 7 were also All Birmingham Champions and Year 8 were 3rd (the current Years 10 and 11). However, this is our first All Birmingham title as King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls.

Message from Reception

Could we please ask that if your daughter has to leave school during the day for any reason, could you please write a note in her planner and ask her to get it signed by her Year Head before leaving.

Lost Property - We have numerous items of lost property in reception. Please feel free to pop in and have a look if your daughter has lost her coat/glasses/bottles etc.

Governors

Have you ever thought about joining our Governing Board as a Parent Governor? We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be interested in applying. We would particularly welcome any

applicants with a background in Finance or in Human Resources/Personnel. For more information and details about what the role involves, please contact the Chair of the Governing Board, Ms. Sam Ryder, by e-mailing s.ryder@nsg.kevibham.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with all the exciting events happening in school.



STAFF/NEWS

At the end of the term we have some hellos and goodbyes to say at KEVI Northfield.

We would like to welcome **Kelly Brown** - Assistant SENDCO and **Paul Stanley** - Science Technician. We welcome Co-opted Governor Polly Higgins who will serve for a period of 4 years and will sit on the Education Committee.

During last term we sadly said goodbye to **Helen Laurence** - Assistant SENDCO, **Hayley Parkinson** - Teacher of PE, **Nicky Cashmore** and **Sarah Linford** - Bursars and **Debbie Dudt** - Co-opted Governor. We wish them all the very best for the future.