

NEWSletter



SUMMER 2023

As another challenging but rewarding academic year draws to a close, we have been reflecting on what has gone well and what we can continue to improve. We have seen our extra-curricular and enrichment programme continue to expand. We have launched Duke of Edinburgh and a first cohort have passed through their Bronze Award. For very many of our pupils, regular attendance at a club or three is a normal part of every school week. Next year we aim to have an even greater range of activities and even higher rates of participation.

We have been joined by a number of new staff. Miss Harding (Music), Miss Whiteley (PE), Miss Harrison (Science), Ms Norris (English), Miss Mohand (French) and Mrs Dawson (Head of Year 7) have all made a brilliant contribution here since joining in September. Our SENDCo, Mrs Campbell has done a

tremendous job continuing to improve our SEND support and has been joined by four new Teaching Assistants, Ms Bell, Ms Hookoom, Ms Joplin, and Ms Groves as we continue to invest in this vital area of the school's work. Mr Cashmore joined the school as Exams Officer and has brought a calm dedication to the role. Ms Tisdell, an experienced Attendance Lead, has led a steady improvement in the school attendance rates. Ms Elliott and Mr Chesterman joined our Senior Leadership Team in January and have already had a huge impact in a number of areas. Mr Sam Conlon has joined the premises team and has made an excellent contribution to the maintenance of the school building.

The end of term sees three long-serving and hugely dedicated members of staff retire from teaching. Head of Art, Sarah Barton, a talented artist and teacher, Deputy

Head, Jacqueline Hall who has been behind so many of the advances we have made across the school for many years and Sandra Turner who has led many of our sports teams for many years. A fourth colleague, Steve Conlon, is retiring from his Assistant Head Curriculum role but will be returning to continue teaching Computing on a part-time basis. We wish all of our pupils and their families a wonderful, fun and relaxing summer.

Mr Jones
Headteacher



Ms Sarah Barton



Mrs Sandra Turner

So long, farewell...

I have always been proud to be a teacher here. It has been a privilege to teach so many wonderful young people, to work with many talented colleagues and to see the school go from strength to strength. However, after 25 years at TGGs / NSG, 19 years as a part of the leadership team, the past 6 years as Deputy Headteacher, I am retiring.

Annoyingly to everyone, I can't hide my excitement at what the future holds. I will certainly be enjoying life at a different pace with family and friends and the freedom to travel in term-time with some exciting trips lined up.

Wishing you all great success for the future and a safe and happy summer break.

Ms Hall



Working at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls has been a real joy. I have been a teacher here for many years and have seen the school evolve and change. I have had the pleasure of working with great staff and in two very different buildings, it almost feels like I've become part of the furniture. I

would like to thank the teachers for supporting all pupils to achieve their greatest potential. I would also like to say thank you to all support staff, office, canteen, premises, teaching assistants and technicians for what an amazing job they do to keep the school running.

But most of all, I have enjoyed being

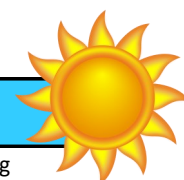
given the opportunity to teach. It is the reason I have worked at this school for so many years. To teach such talented and creative pupils, some of whom have become teachers at the school themselves, has been a real privilege. I have many fond memories of teaching computing, IT and Maths, but some of my greatest memories include learning outside of the planned lessons, for example, when everyone takes part in trips day. I wish each pupil the greatest success in school and beyond.

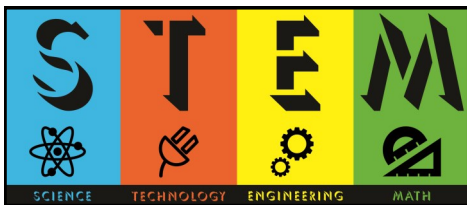
I am going to enjoy watching lots of rugby and Gaelic football with my newfound time off ... But do not fear I will still be here teaching in September, so don't be too upset!

Mr Conlon

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TASTER DAYS

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BAE Systems, The RAF and The Royal Navy came into school to present to pupils about the role of STEM in modern society.

Pupils were asked to show their listening skills and communication skills and show how they can transfer these skills into the world of work.

A very enthusiastic presentation, enjoyed by all pupils!



Year 10 were invited to Cadbury College for a taster day. Pupils were greeted in reception and given the opportunity to sample all four faculties in the college. All pupils experienced a creative subject, some pupils went to Textiles, some to Drama and some to Graphic Design. A Psychology lesson went down really well when people had to pick who they would save if they had to choose between 9 people, based off basic character profiles. They all chose poorly and were horrified when they had chosen to save Adolf Hitler! Further lessons included a STEM lesson, where pupils had to design a structure made only out of paper and masking tape. It had to hold the weight of a can of beans.

It was a really valuable experience for pupils, both seeing what Post 16 lessons were like, but also able to see the difference between a College and a School Sixth Form.

Mr Keylock



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

In its first year, the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award has been a huge success! It is a programme that links map reading and music, circus skills and baking, with these just being some of the highlights from the 32 pupils participating this year. It has been an unforgettable experience for all, with the undoubted highlight of the Award being the expedition.

In the lead up to our first expedition pupils gained skills of map reading and navigation, pitching a tent, cooking on a Trangia, and more importantly, how to pack their rucksack efficiently! It all started with a 12km practice walk from school in May, to Barnt Green reservoir and back, which for some pupils was their first experience of walking in the countryside – valuable experience of stepping outside their comfort zones. This gruelling walk in the heat with their rucksacks did not scare anyone off, and a month later, we got prepared for our real expedition!

At the end of June all 32 pupils headed to Barnt Green Sailing Club which would be the start point of their two-day expedition. They walked 11km in total on the first day, passing through

Alvechurch, where some groups came face to face with two swans and their cygnets, which resulted in a slight detour for some! All groups set up camp at Blackwell Adventure, and a wholesome night was loved by all, with groups making hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows.

The next morning, groups were up at the crack of dawn, ready for another 10km hike from Blackwell to Beacon Hill. This route would be tough, with pupils tired from the day before, and a 2km hike uphill at the end. However, pupils kept their spirits and morale high, were resilient, worked effortlessly as a team, and smiles were seen by all as they reached the finish line.

All pupils rose to the challenge, and I am immensely proud of everyone involved. I would also like to thank all of the staff who have supported the pupils through their efforts. Next year we hope to take on the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award with some of the pupils, and enrol a new cohort to take on the Bronze Award from September.

Miss Barstow



Race for Life...

Over 40 members of our school community signed up to take part in the Birmingham Pretty Muddy 5k on Saturday the 15th July in Cofton Park.

Pupils and staff joined together to challenge themselves and raise money for an incredible cause. We proudly wore our school logo and tackled all the obstacles, including the weather, with a smile! We still had our colleague, Cecelia Prescod, who sadly passed away last year, in our hearts and had her mantra on our backs, 'one step at a time'.

The smiles never left our pupils faces as they seemed to get muddier than ever, navigating various obstacles, water guns and buckets of muddy water being thrown in their direction!! A real team spirit meant everyone helped and supported each other to cross the finish line and each and every participant should be really proud of their achievement. Well done team!! Thank you to the many family and friends of our school community who came along on the day to support us.

For our Year 7 pupils who were too young to enter the muddy 5K, we held a school Race for Life event. Pupils rose to the challenge of the long run and worked together, supporting and encouraging each other to cross the finish line. Pupils thought hard about who they would race for and for many this cause gave them

that extra motivation to reach the end. It makes us very proud to see our pupils come together in such a positive way against something which we know affects so many people in our school community and beyond.

All our pupils have AMAZED us with their fundraising efforts across both Race for Life events!! The money is still coming in but the current total is an outstanding £6700.00! Thank you to all our parents/ careers and families for supporting our young people to raise this incredible amount of money.



*As Cecelia would say
'One step at a time'*



Inaugural debating competition!

We attended King Edward VI Foundation schools inaugural debating competition at King Edward School in Edgbaston. We were welcomed by the organisers and pupil helpers. Throughout the day we were well and truly shown amazing hospitality including a delicious lunch!

Our two teams were given two gruelling debates. Firstly, opposing the motion to only permit electric vehicles on roads and then our teams had to plan and debate against the motion that all pupils should study Maths up to the age of 18.

Although both teams were clearly nervous, it was great to see them grow in confidence throughout the day and enjoy interacting with other schools across the Foundation. Many of the

judges and staff involved commented on the warmth and friendliness of our girls.

Even though our teams did not make the final, they very much enjoyed participating as the floor in the grand final. They did us proud and we definitely will attend next year!

Mrs Paull



Over the last year The PE Department has been running a Stay Active reward scheme to promote and encourage participation to our extra-curricular clubs. A number of pupils showed a great commitment to regularly attending our clubs and were rewarded with a free place on our school trip to Drayton Manor. This was a fantastic day with the weather being dry, however we did not stay dry for long after taking our chances on Stormforce 10! The girls were a real pleasure to take on this trip and were great representatives of the school. Keep it up girls!

Mrs Shackell-York



LIBRARY NEWS

Top 5 Books in Summer Term



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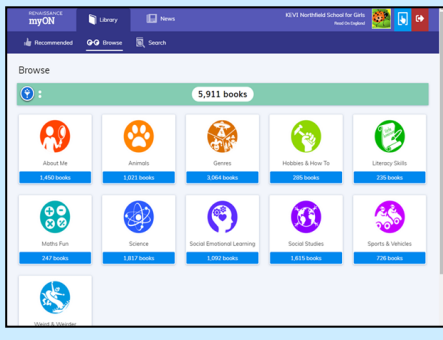
Free Summer Reading

We have free access to the myON system again this summer, where you can find almost 2,000 books to read online.

Many of these books have Accelerated Reader quizzes, and any pupil who play quizzes over the summer holidays will be entered into a prize draw.

Go to <https://www.myon.co.uk> and enter your login information:

School Name: Summer Reads
Username: TURG
Password: TGS321!



Renaissance are updating the Reader this summer, and so our site will not be in use between July 24th-27th. Pupils can still play quizzes over the summer and make use of the myON online reading resources for the rest of the summer after these dates.

Pupil Librarians

Mrs Dunnaker would like to say a special thank you to all of the Year 8 Pupil Librarians that have been working so hard in the Library this year. I would not have been able to complete half the tasks had you all not been there to assist when I needed it. Thank you so much!



AR STARS

The following pupils have been AR Stars this term and achieved their Accelerated Reader Targets:

Year 7

Ella A, Lily A, Georgina A, Nahla B, Chloe C, Ivy H, Chloe H, Ruby H, Nura I, Imogen J, Daisy-Mae J, Sovina J, Pixie K, Izabel L, Alexis L, Hannah M, Myah-Leigh M, Poppy M, Bryoni M, Zara N, Eliza R, Mariam S, Eve S, Lydia T, Micaiah T, Maisy Y

Year 8

Iaya B, Keira B, Darcy B, Rose B, Kyra D, Annaleise D, Ella F, T'annah G, Chloe H, Larna J, Lillia J, Stephanie M, Connie M, Caitlin M, Meklit N, Audrey P, Jessica P, Mia R, Amelie R, Maisy S, Matilda S, Niah S, Lleiani W, Ruby W

Year 9

Sajeda A, Demi A, Lucy B, Poppy B, Amelia B, Isobel H, Yasmin H, Adam H, Wania K, Katty L, Fainche M, Wadza M, Ruby M, Penielle M, Carla M, Bryony M, Mia N, Freya P, Tiah R, Isobelle S, Ruby S

NEW HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS



Well done to Grace for achieving the post of Head Girl and to Amy and Saja for the positions of Deputy Heads for the academic year.

Congratulations to our PALS (Pupils Available to Listen and Support), Zarah, Lia, Charlee, Emma, Rebecca, Leila, Niamh and Meaghan. There was an overwhelming amount of applications for these posts, it was such a difficult decision with so many great applicants. Well done and congratulations to all.

Mrs Tucker

Rubery Swop Shop

We have provided a stock of blazers and ties to the Rubery Swop Shop that parents/carers can collect from there for free. They also have trousers, skirts and shoes (ruberyswopshop.co.uk).

Rubery Schools Community Swop Shop
Providing free preloved school uniforms to Birmingham and beyond!
224 New Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 8JH
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 14:00 (opening times may vary over bank and school holidays)

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Items provided	19,908	Orders received	2,669	Coats provided	1,069	Pairs of shoes	1,318
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No swops needed, no questions asked!

The Swop Shop is intended to help families by providing free uniforms, PE kits, shoes, forest school clothes, and anything else that may be needed for school.

Something you need??
Get in contact either through the website or our Facebook page and we will provide it, if we have it!

Absolutely anyone is welcome to use and donate preloved clothing. Please help us to continue to help as many families as possible. Why throw your uniform away if it is in a good condition?

Get In Touch

Keep Right On Khora!!

Our wonderful Khora in Year 7 has recently been given the news that she has been accepted into the Birmingham City Football team. Khora a big Blues fan herself started her football journey 2 years ago, starting out playing for Bournville as a winger and then as a centre midfielder. Khora took the opportunity to try out for Birmingham City in an open trial and got called back for a second trial in which she received the fantastic news that she had made it into the team.



Khora is dedicated to her football and recently flew to Belgium to participate in a football tournament where her team finished second. She also had her first training session this week for Birmingham City and said how

hardcore it was. We would like to congratulate Khora for this achievement and wish her all the best in her new team and hopefully one day we may be watching her play football on our TV screens!

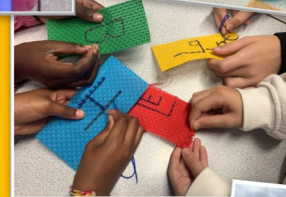
Mrs Shackell-York



Over the last few weeks, we have had the pleasure of inviting Year 5 pupils in from a range of primary schools. 350 pupils from 12 different primary schools have attended King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls for half a day where they have taken part in two different workshops. These workshops have varied between Maths, English, Science, Art, Dance, Food, Music, Graphics and Textiles. Pupils have completed a range of activities such as Forensic Science

experiments, making pencil cases, making pizza and exploring journalism. Staff from all subjects have commented on how hard working, polite and enthusiastic these pupils were and that they were a real pleasure to teach.

Mr Chesterman



Residential Trip to France & Belgium

After a great journey and settling in, day two of our residential trip was set aside especially for a day of French immersion. Pupils soaked up the daily French culture and enjoyed using their French outside of the classroom.

This involved a trip to a hypermarché in Boulogne-Sur-Mer where pupils tried out their best French and practised their language skills to do some shopping. After this, we visited a boulangerie where pupil's French language skills were put to the test. We listened and watched how bread is made daily at a working bakery and learnt more about French culture whilst practising translation skills. We then had a very entertaining tutorial making croissants and even got to take one away for the next leg of our journey.

Final stop of the day took us back to Ypres, where we visited the Flanders

Field Museum and discovered more about the local history and the events of WWI. We spent a day in the Somme area, visiting Lochnager Crater, Thiepval and Newfoundland Park. Lochnager Crater is the largest crater from World War I, 20m deep and came as a result of an explosion caused by 27 tonnes of explosive. Pupils heard about how the German soldiers knew it was going to happen and evacuated the area, leaving just a few soldiers behind to trick the British forces into thinking the soldiers were still there.

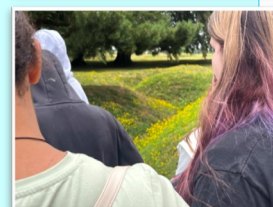
We moved on to Thiepval next. Thiepval is a memorial for the fallen soldiers, whose bodies have yet to be found. It is also a cemetery for fallen soldiers who they cannot identify.

Our final stop in the Somme area was Newfoundland Park, a memorial to Canadian soldiers. Here, pupils walked through a preserved trench and saw

how close the enemy front lines could be to each other.

We also visited Vimy Ridge, where pupils could walk through a recreated trench and visit the spectacular monument to the soldiers of World War I.

Mr Keylock & Mrs Summers



Get ready, tonight, gonna make this a night to remember...

The Year 11 Prom took place on Friday 30th June at the wonderful venue of Highbury Hall near Moseley. The weather held up for the night, after some rain during the day, and the girls arrived looking stunning, in various, stylish modes of transport, to be greeted by lots of parents and staff from the school. They stepped out

Teacher) was fabulous and clearly has a backup career should he ever decide to leave teaching! The food provided was also delicious - many thanks to the catering team at Highbury Hall who were just so amazing! When the last tune played there was some tired people and some very sore feet! We then spent some time as pupils said their last farewells to staff, took their final photos and we tried to find a missing shoe! It was just a truly wonderful evening and I am so very proud of the Year 11 pupils and all they have achieved during their time at the school.

I shall truly miss them all and I wish them a fun-filled future!

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Mrs McAuley
Head of Year 11



National Space Centre

Year 10 visited The National Space Centre in Leicester. They followed the history of space flight from the early days through to the Apollo and Vostok manned space missions up to the present day with the James Webb Telescope. Melissa walked all the way to the top of the rocket tower but thought the ride down by lift was even better. All the pupils took part in either the "Great Rocket Challenge" where they had to design and build a rocket or the "NXT Mars Rover Challenge Workshop" where they had to program a robot to explore a simulated surface of Mars. Aleena, Katherine and Charlie

did particularly well completing many of their challenges successfully.

Mr Pearson



SOCIAL MEDIA

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



YEAR 7 SWIMMING



Over the last year a number of pupils from Year 7 have been attending Northfield Swimming Leisure Centre to try and improve their swimming ability. They have been working extremely hard and all pupils have either gone from wearing arm bands to swimming confidently without them or massively improved their swimming ability and technique.

Recently they have been assessed on their distance swimming, with all of them achieving at least 10m and a handful of pupils gaining their 25m

badge. In addition to learning how to swim they have also been taught lifesaving skills during Drowning Prevention Week. These girls have been a pleasure to work with during these lessons and have been great representatives of our school. Ella, Ruby, Naila, Brooke, Olivia, Ella, Jasmine, Scarlet, Mya, Lily, Courtney, Evie, Pixie, Eden, Zahra, Amelia, Ashleigh, Millie, Zara, Freya, Grainne, Ashleigh, Leah, Ava, Hope and Grace.

Mrs Shackell-York



On Wednesday 12th July, 37 pupils across Years 7-10 went to the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre to watch The Lion King musical. This was a great opportunity for all pupils who came, especially those that had never been to the theatre before, and they were able to see how the animated film was transformed into a stage musical. All pupils had a great time and loved the show, and were a credit to the school.

Miss Adey

STAFF/NEWS

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

We would like to welcome **Mrs Alex Dawson** - Head of Year 7/Teacher of History; **Mrs Scovia Pearson** - Teacher of English; **Miss Taiba Habib** - Head of Year 8; **Miss Aarti Fanda** - Lettings Administrator (Weekdays); **Miss Melissa Sword** - Lettings Administrator (Weekends); **Mrs Kyra Bell** - Teaching Assistant; **Miss Ellie Joplin** - Teaching Assistant and **Miss Mokshanda Hookoom** - Teaching Assistant.

We sadly said goodbye to **Ms Jacqueline Hall** - Deputy Headteacher; **Mr Steve Conlon** - Assistant Headteacher; **Ms Sarah Barton** - Head of Art; **Mrs Maxine Rickets** - Teacher of English and **Mrs Sandra Turner** - Teacher of PE. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Lettings and Facilities Hire King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls Weekday Evenings & Weekends



Activity Studio

Sprung flooring

Mirrored Wall with Ballet Barres.
Suitable for Dance, Fitness and Exercise classes.

£25 per hour



Main Hall

Hard Vinyl flooring

Retractable Seating that can accommodate 180 guests. Suitable for community gatherings, events, workshops and conferences.

£35 per hour



Muga

Large outdoors multi-use sports and games area

Suitable for Football and Netball.

£30 per hour



Sports Field

Large grassed area

Designed for sporting activities and team games.
Running track, grass banked seating.

£20 per hour



Sports Hall

This spacious Sports Hall can accommodate a large number of guests for a variety of activities. 4x Badminton Courts. Equipment and markings for Netball, Basketball and Five-a-side Football.

£35 per hour

SPORTS UP-DATE Indoor Athletics

ALL BIRMINGHAM FINAL Thursday 30th March 2023

The Year 7 Indoor Athletics team finished 3rd and the Year 8 team finished 2nd in the All Birmingham Indoor Athletics Final, at Birmingham University on the 30th March.

The Year 7 competition was very close with only 4 points separating the top 3 teams

1st Place Bishop Challinor - 219pts

2nd Place Fairfax - 216 pts

3rd Place KE Northfield - 215 pts

They had 3 first places, 4 second places and 2 third places which accounted for 9 out of the 11 events.

The Year 8 competition was not so close,

with an excellent Fairfax team winning by 20 points.

1st Place Fairfax - 229 pts

2nd Place KE Northfield - 209 pts

3rd Place Hamstead Hall - 215 pts

They had 2 first places, 3 second places and 4 fourth places which accounted for 9 out of the 11 events.

The teams were able to compete in this event because they won the District Championships in January. They were representing the Colmers District in the final. There were 8 schools who were District Champions and they were all competing against each other. The Districts are spread around the 74 schools in Birmingham.



Outdoor Athletics



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Bethany - Year 7 - 2nd in the Year 9 High Jump with 1m 20cm

Amara - Year 8 - 3rd in the Year 9 Shot with 7m 16cm

Bethany - Year 7 - 6th in the Year 9 Long Jump with 3m 64cm

Maisey - Year 7 - 7th in the Year 9 Long Jump with 3m 63cm.

Ella - Year 8 - 4th in the Year 9 Javelin with 14m 13cm

Iyhana - Year 8 - 5th in the Year 9 200m with 30.11 seconds

Niah - Year 8 - 5th in the Year 9 Javelin with 13m 91cm

Sasha - Year 8 - 6th in the Year 9 Discus

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM OPEN TRIALS 25th May 2023

This competition was for Years 9,10 & 11. However, we took mainly Years 7 & 8 for them to gain experience of competing at District level in Outdoor Athletics. There were some great individual results:

Lauren - Year 11 - 3rd in the Intermediate 800m with a time of 3m

Well Done to all the Athletes who competed this term and a big thank you to Mrs Vizor, Ms Whiteley, Mrs Shackell-York and Zainab an ex-pupil who have helped out throughout the year. It was a great team effort all round!

King Edward VI Foundation Athletics Event 13th June 2023 University of Birmingham Athletics Track

This was the first King Edward VI Foundation Athletics Event that we had entered it consisted of 11 different events. There were 2 pupils in each event and the amount each pupil could enter was limited to 3 plus a relay. It could be 2 track and 1 field event or 2 field and 1 track event plus the relay.

Three of the events, our pupils had not been able to practise at our school either due to lack of equipment, or lack of a Long Jump pit. The events were- Hurdles, High Jump and Long Jump.

On top of this some pupils were not able to compete on the day, so in Years 8 & 9 we were not able to have someone in every event. Despite these problems, the teams did really well

Year 7 - 2nd

Year 8 - 3rd

Year 9 - This Year group were not part of the Team competition.



King Edward VI Foundation Athletics Event