

NEWSletter



SUMMER 2025

Another Successful Academic Year

Hello I'd like to introduce myself I'm Mrs. Campbell, and I am the SENCO and Associate Assistant Headteacher here at KEVI NSG. Some of you may already know me through your involvement with our Special



Educational Needs (SEND) Department, which has been especially busy this year. It's been a pleasure working closely with

pupils, families, and staff to ensure the right support is in place for every young person who needs it.

Another successful academic year at KEVI NSG has come to an end. I wish to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of all our pupils.

Year 11 showed great maturity and determination as they sat their GCSE exams. Prom was celebrated in true style, and we look forward to seeing all pupils again during exam results day. We wish all our Year 11 pupils every success in the next chapter of their education.

Throughout the year all pupils have had opportunities to gain an insight into various career pathways and have had the opportunity to meet with representatives from different Post 16 providers in order to prepare them for life beyond KEVI NSG. Year 10 pupils have also now had the experience of the 'World of Work' and I am sure have

gained valuable skills and knowledge from their work experience placements.

The Student Council have been very proactive this year raising money for different charities, such as Birmingham Children's Hospital. They also raised over £400 for Toilet Twin which is now linked to all toilets across our school. This valuable funding will help provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene education to communities in need. Student Council have also launched the recycling initiative in school, and we are excited to see how this evolves over the next academic year.

Pupils continue with their passion for raising money for charity as many staff and pupils took part in the Race for Life event over the weekend. A significant amount of money has been raised for such a worthy cause.



Pupils have also had the opportunity to experience Artsfest where they took part in

Dance, Drama and Art workshops. They also took part in Cultural Dance Day delivered by external visitors and this was enjoyed immensely by all pupils who attended. The summer performing Arts and Music evening was a wonderful expression of the talent pupils have in our school. There were Music and Dance

performances, including numbers from High School Musical. The evening also included exhibitions of pupil's Art, Graphics and Textiles work. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

Two pupils from KEVI NSG will be representing our school in Young Birmingham Choices as part of the Youth Strategy Group. This strategy will be driven by young people seeking to improve the outcomes of children across the city. Our pupils will help co-produce this strategy and we will provide further information regarding how this project unfolds.

I wish to thank all the families for your continued support over the last academic year and I hope you have a restful and happy summer.

Mrs Campbell
SENCO/Associate Assistant Headteacher



GCSE Results Day
Thursday 21st August 2025

King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls

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Teamwork, Challenge, and Confidence

Year 9 pupils recently took part in the Army Elite Skills Academy, an exciting outdoor session designed to give them a taste of Army-style teamwork and problem solving. The experience included hands-on, challenging activities aimed at developing both mental and physical attributes in a fun, supportive environment.

Pupils completed problem solving and time-critical team challenges, working together to overcome tasks that tested their resilience, communication, and strategic thinking. The emphasis on teamwork allowed everyone to play a vital role, helping to build confidence and strengthen peer relationships.

Pupils particularly enjoyed the variety of elite tasks, with many saying the experience gave them a real sense of achievement and pride. The Academy was not only physically engaging but also gave them the opportunity to stretch their minds, think creatively, and lead under pressure.

Overall, the session was a huge success combining challenge, collaboration, and character-building in a memorable day

outdoors. We're proud of our Year 9 pupils for stepping up and showing such fantastic teamwork and determination!

Mrs Miles



PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Over the last few weeks 300 pupils from 13 primary schools have attended KEVI NSG for half a day and have taken part in different workshops. These workshops have varied between Maths, English, Science, Art, Dance, Music, Food, PE and Textiles. Pupils have completed a range of activities such as Forensic Science experiments, dance routines and tie dying.

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



"Powering the Future: Renewable Energy in Action"

In the spring/summer of 2024, the King Edward VI Academy Trust and Railton Renewable Energy engaged in a project to install solar panels on a number of schools throughout Birmingham including KEVI NSG.

163 solar panels were installed in total over 3 different areas of the schools' roof. To get a better understanding of the environmental benefit, the system is projected to have an annual generation of 74599 kwh's which equates to 37 tons of carbon offset, the equivalent of planting 28 trees and the reduction of 18 tons of coal production!

A Siebert display screen was installed in

the reception area which captures solar generation in real time and records the total energy production and the carbon offset of the system. The displays are a great way of getting the pupils, staff and visitors to consider the environment.

The school is now benefiting from the solar energy that is being produced and is therefore reducing the amount of energy the

school is buying and saving not only money but also the environment.

Mr Moorcroft





Over the past year, Year 10 at KEVI NSG have been busy taking part in the City's next big art trail 'Bulls in the City'. This year the art trail has been working with Birmingham Hospice and has chosen to depict the legendary

and was lucky enough to be selected to design and paint one of the mini bulls. The Bull named Bulfred by Year 11 pupils has now been released into the wild and is making a star appearance over the Summer in Harborne High Street at Marks & Spencers. A huge well done to Mrs Tucker and her team of Year 10 Graphic Designers. A fantastic design. A special mention and thank you to Mrs Hughes for taking the bull to the roof of

and her



Crocheting Team who managed to raise £220 by making and selling worry worms!

If you would like to donate to the KEVI NSG charity challenge and help Year 10 hit their £1000 target for Birmingham Hospice, please follow the link below.

[KEVI NSG is fundraising for Birmingham Hospice](#)

Miss Woods



Birmingham Bull with 40 large scale bull sculptures and 88 calves descending on Birmingham. The trail will go live on 16th July. Look out for them throughout the holidays! Staff have already spotted a few on Northfield High Street.

We applied to be involved in the trail



the school to varnish him and make him weatherproof. The bull will enjoy his summer in Harborne and then return to the school to spend his retirement with us.

Pupils were also set a challenge to raise £1000 for the very worthy cause Birmingham Hospice. This involved them running cake sales and Guess the Number of Jelly Beans competition. They are currently nearing their target and have raised £890. A big well done to everyone who took part and thanks to the many staff who made donations, especially Mrs Smith and her family who donated Christmas money. A massive thank you to the amazing Mrs Murphy

NEW HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS

I am pleased to announce that Niah, Savannah and Millie have been successful in their applications to become Head and Deputy Head girls for the next academic year!

They, along with a team of Year 11 leaders who will be elected in September, will work alongside Mrs Elliott and other key staff to help make decisions about school life, and also support our younger pupils, especially Year 7 throughout their first year of Secondary School.

Well done to all three pupils, I am proud to be their Head of Year!

Miss Woods



Niah - Head Girl



Savannah & Millie
Deputy Head Girls

Casey's Collection of Kindness

Over the past two years, Casey in Year 8 has been quietly building something truly heartwarming, a collection of 136 worry worms! These small, handmade creatures, crafted by pupils and Mrs Murphy, are adorable companions. They've become a source of comfort and emotional support for countless pupils across the school.

Each worry worm comes with a message of reassurance, reminding pupils that they're not alone and that it's okay to talk about their feelings.





This term, Year 10 pupils have been challenged to research, write and give speeches on a topic they feel passionate about as part of their Spoken Language endorsement for their English Language GCSE. This year, the vast majority of pupils were confident enough to give speeches in front of their class, with a fascinating range of topics. Some chose to speak on crucial issues such as world hunger, transgender rights and mental health issues; other topics included 'Why I should be Prime Minister' and 'Are serial killers born or made?'. One speech even addressed the challenging question 'Are we living in a dystopia?'

The pupils approached this important speaking assessment with diligence, resilience and confidence, with many pupils achieving the top grades for their speeches. We may well have more than one candidate for future Prime Minister! Well done to all Year 10 pupils.

Mr Marchese-Fry

University of Birmingham

At the start of the Summer Term, a group of our aspirational Year 10 pupils had the privilege to visit the University of Birmingham to attend an undergraduate style 'masterclass'. The topic was 'The Morality of An *Inspector Calls*'; Lecturer and Medievalist, Dr Emily Wingfield, explored the GCSE English text as a morality play in the tradition of Medieval plays such as *Everyman*.

The pupils travelled to the University by train and had a lovely walk across campus in the sunshine, followed by the fascinating, in-depth analysis. The



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afternoon was a brilliant opportunity for revision (ahead of their GCSE mock exams!) and to really stretch the pupils' thinking, as well as another chance to see what university life is like, helping pupils to 'Aim higher'.

Mr Marchese-Fry

Ultra-Marathon Challenge - 100km

On the 12th of July our own wonderful Miss Whiteley - Head of Year 7 ran 100km on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year, pushing her limits in both body and mind to raise money and awareness for Alzheimer's research - a cause that holds deep personal meaning for Miss Whiteley and her family. The extreme heat made the

ultra-marathon even more challenging but knowing that she raised over £1,000 for Alzheimer's made it all worth it.

KEVI NSG



Pupils from across all year groups participated in an exciting creative writing competition called 'Grim Tales' where they submitted short stories based on fairy tales, myths and legends but with a twist of their own. We are still awaiting the final results for the individual and school winners, but 30 of our fantastic pupils have been selected to be published in the Grim Tales anthology! This is a really exciting opportunity for pupils to be published in a book alongside stories from other pupils around the country.

The school will be provided with a complimentary copy of the book, which will be kept in the Library for any pupils interested in reading the selected stories. Additional copies will also be available to purchase from the company which organised the competition (Young Writers) via their website. We look forward to seeing these fantastic pieces of creative writing in print at some point in the new school year!

Miss Norris

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 if a child is on FSM. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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



NSG Artsfest

7th & 8th July 2025

At KEVI NSG we believe in the power of the Arts to transform, inspire and educate! On July 7th & 8th Year 7 took part in our very first 'Artsfest' - two days of special lessons in Art, Graphics, Textiles, Food, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama and Music, connected by the aim of celebrating the rich cultural diversity we share.

These sessions included Samba drumming, making Guatemalan worry dolls, oven baked Brazilian Pastels, Poetry inspired by Brummie culture, and professional-led workshops in Bhangra, Flamenco, Afro Beats and Caribbean Carnival dancing, and much more.

Year 7 really impressed us with their enthusiasm to learn and engage with this wide variety of arts opportunities - well done to everyone who took part!

Mrs Allen & Miss Adey



Arts Evening

Our recent Arts Evening on July 3rd was a vibrant celebration of creativity, combining a series of Dance and Music performances, alongside an art exhibition of work created by pupils all year groups - and staff too!

to the artistic spirit of our school and the incredible talent of our pupils. Congratulations to all involved!

Mrs Allen

KEVI NSG musicians showcased their talents through a variety of musical performances, from classical ensembles to contemporary pieces, and our fantastic dancers left the audience thoroughly impressed. The Art Exhibition displayed a diverse range of pupil work, including paintings, sculptures, sketchbook pages and ceramic art, each piece reflecting hard work, imagination and skill. The evening was a true testament



CAREERS

Mrs Miles



Coding for Girls' Workshop at Birmingham City University

Year 9 Pupils attended a Coding for Girls' workshop at Birmingham City University, where they dived into the world of cybersecurity and ethical hacking!

Pupils enjoyed exciting activities such as the Bad USB Challenge to explore how simple code tweaks can make devices behave in unexpected ways. The workshop included a packet tracer simulation where pupils could investigate real-world hacking

techniques such as website re-directed traffic and rogue Wi-Fi access points. Birmingham City University organised a fantastic opportunity for girls to explore tech, learn critical thinking, and to get inspired by the power of coding!



We're proud to announce that pupils worked in partnership with Beazley Insurance, taking part in this year's *Birmingham Art Trail* – we've created a truly meaningful piece of art!

Name of Bull: Birmingham DiverCITY

Created by: Mazie, Jorgie, and Phoebe

Trail Dates: 16th July - 14th September

Location: Cornerblock, 2 Cornwall St, Birmingham B3 2DX

The stunning design, led by Maizie, is inspired by the Japanese art of *Kintsugi*, where broken pottery is repaired with gold to highlight its history and beauty. This powerful concept reflects how Birmingham's many cultures and communities come together, forming something strong, unique, and beautiful – just like our city.

Come and see *Birmingham DiverCITY* at Cornerblock this summer! Let's create a **buzz** and start a **stampede** of visitors across Birmingham. Share, visit, and celebrate the art of unity and diversity!



Personal Branding Workshop with HSBC

HSBC recently hosted a dynamic **Personal Branding Workshop**, aimed at empowering Pupils to reflect on and strengthen their individual professional identities. Inspired by Jeff Bezos' powerful quote – *"Your personal brand is what people say about you when you leave the room"* – the session emphasised the growing importance of self-awareness and intentional personal branding in today's evolving world of work.

The workshop explored how personal branding is more than just an outward image – it's a blend of how individuals present themselves and the lasting impressions they leave behind. With the premise that "nobody knows the whole you apart from you," Pupils were encouraged to engage in self-inquiry through key questions, including: What are your strengths and

weaknesses? What environments do you thrive in? How do you handle pressure or adapt to change? What is your preferred communication style and learning method? What are your career goals and passions? The session also touched on the realities of the modern workplace, where first impressions are often formed before a single word is spoken. Overall, the Personal Branding Workshop offered a valuable space for self-reflection and discussion.



University of Worcester, in collaboration with the University Connect Project (West Midlands) hosted an educational experience for Year 9. This initiative offered a fantastic opportunity for pupils to engage in a day of discovery and exploration around the theme of Higher Education.

Broaden Horizons: Pupils had the chance to experience university life first-hand, encouraging them to imagine themselves in higher education and start thinking about long-term goals.

Discover Pathways: The event showcased a range of Post-16 and Post-18 options - from vocational training and apprenticeships to traditional

university degree programmes - helping pupils understand the breadth of opportunity available.

Empower Pupils: Through workshops, interactive sessions, and campus exploration, pupils received a wealth of information to help them make informed decisions about their educational and career futures.



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Dunnaker

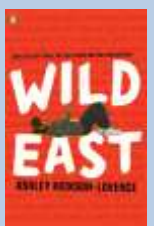
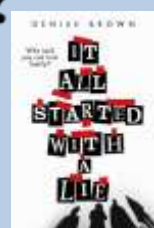
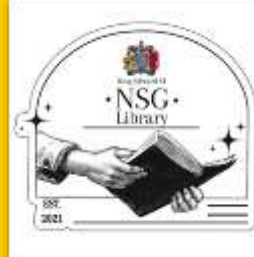
We are at the end of another academic year, and it's been an exciting one!

Our Spark! Book Award judges have been hard at work reading and interrogating the fantastic shortlisted

authors' and finally attending the Awards Ceremony.

We had another incredibly successful World Book Day, where we were able to give away over 200 more books to our school community, with lots of book talk and reading encouragement throughout.

We have also grown our popular Library collections, adding 462 new titles for pupils to browse and borrow!



The Spark! Book Awards ceremony took place on Thursday 26th June, where our pupil judges found out who was voted book of the year across the country! We firmly put our support behind **Nathanael Lessore**, voting his brilliantly funny and surprisingly emotional novel **'King of Nothing'** the top choice this year, although every single one of the shortlisted titles were

massively enjoyed by us all.

During the fantastic award ceremony we saw all five categories name their winners, where our pupils had the honour of introducing the 11+ Fiction category. Unsurprisingly, **King of Nothing** won the 11+ Readers category. We also became completely enamoured with the winner of the picture book category, **Who Ate Steve?** by

Susannah Lloyd, which is a phenomenal story with a completely unforeseen twist at the end - perfect for younger readers who enjoy a good story time!

The awards can be watched on the Spark! Book Awards YouTube channel and all titles longlisted for the 9+ and 11+ fiction categories are available to borrow from the library.

How we support our young people to grow a love of reading

The findings from the 2025 National Literacy Trust Annual Survey suggest a need to align reading with children and young people's personal interests and media habits to encourage a love of reading in their free time.

Insights highlighted the following key motivators for those who took part in the survey:

More content, books tied to films or TV series, books with visually appealing covers

We update our catalogue annually, with new, popular, and media-tied titles when possible, and ask our pupils to contribute to the book buying process for the library so that our resources reflect what our pupils actively want to read.

The freedom to choose what to read

Our Library lessons have been designed to encourage pupils to read for enjoyment. We ensure that pupils can give honest opinions on the resources

that they are reading and do not have an issue with pupils changing books for more enjoyable reads. We use pupil led target setting and feedback every term.

Hearing recommendations from friends, family or teachers

We are beginning to see pupils actively recommending books to each other, and many of our staff are also sharing their personal recommendations with our pupils. We have a modest community Library located in our reception area that families are welcome to browse and borrow from so that reading can be shared at home too.

Encouraging reading through a variety of formats.

There are several ways to enjoy reading; magazines, newspapers, poetry, song lyrics, and audiobooks are a handful of the many more ways pupils can access and enjoy reading in a way that is suitable and accessible for them.



<https://gnofhorror.com/the-young-blood-library/>



<https://simonteen.com/>



<https://www.epicreads.com/>



<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/manga>

Team Building Day

With the Space Centre at full capacity, our Year 10 pupils made the most of the day by taking part in a variety of exciting team-building and competitive activities. The programme included designing aeroplanes, a challenging newspaper tower competition, a fast-paced stocks and shares

simulation, and adventurous experiences on the climbing wall and in the caving tunnel.

Pupils demonstrated creativity, resilience, and

teamwork throughout the day, with plenty of fun and friendly competition along the way. A fantastic time was had by all!

Mr Pearson



Year 9 pupils had a fantastic and inspiring day at Newman University, taking part in a range of team-building activities and course exploration sessions.

One of the highlights of the day was a QR code trail that led pupils through various university departments

including the Nursing department, where they were amazed by life like speaking robots used in nursing training!

The hands-on activities gave pupils a taste of university life and opened their eyes to future opportunities in higher education. A big thank you to Newman University for an engaging and memorable experience!

Mrs Tucker



Explore the Culinary World at UCB

As part of Trips Day, our Year 9 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the prestigious College of Food at University College Birmingham. The day was packed with hands-on culinary experiences, sparking creativity and offering a glimpse into the exciting possibilities within the world of food and hospitality.

The visit began with a masterclass from Giovanni, one of the College's Professional Chefs, who demonstrated how to make fresh pasta using traditional pasta machines. Pupils then rolled up their sleeves and crafted their own tomato and basil pasta dishes, experimenting with fresh ingredients while learning about the importance of balancing flavours and the

"marriage" of ingredients to create harmony in a dish.

Next, pupils entered the bakery and confectionery kitchen, where they tried their hand at making an assortment of cookies in a variety of flavours, along with handcrafted chocolate lollipops. Presentation was a key focus, as pupils practiced piping liquid chocolate and explored techniques to elevate their creations visually as well as in taste.

The day concluded with a fun and refreshing session in mixology, where pupils created mocktail mojitos. They explored the origins of ingredients such as mint and lime, while discovering different methods to enhance and balance their flavours.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring trip for all involved. Beyond the fun, the day provided valuable insight into potential career paths and opportunities available after studying GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition. We hope it's sparked a few future chefs, bakers, or food innovators among our Year 9s!

Miss Carroll



In May, our Year 10 Triple Science pupils took part in the prestigious UK Biology Challenge, which saw over 42,000 participants nationwide. We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements from our school, with many pupils earning commendations and highly commended awards. Special congratulations go to Kizie-May, Phoebe D, Yasmine, and Chloe-Anne, who each scored over 81%, securing well-deserved Bronze Awards. Even more impressively, Laya made history by achieving our school's highest-ever award in the Biology Challenge a Silver Award! A huge well done to everyone who participated and showcased their passion for biology!

Miss Haywood





Aspire STEM Day

Tuesday 24th June Year 7 Aspire pupils took part in a STEM day for girls at Gaydon Motor Museum. They heard from an inspiring woman working in the software side of motor vehicles and she explained about the challenges and benefits of entering a male dominated profession. Then they had a guided tour of the motor museum by Jim who was both passionate and very knowledgeable about the exhibits. He also allowed them to sit in a car that is now worth over a million pounds. They took part in the 'wheel change' challenge where they were timed as to how fast they could change a car tyre.

A trip around the Motor Museum archive section and learning about the challenges

for safely preserving and archiving documents. Then they took part in an aerodynamics challenge where they had to build an aeroplane that would fly a certain distance, but it was not allowed to be a conventional paper aeroplane.

Towards the end there was a really inspiring talk from a 16 year old girl who at aged only 14 had seen a rusty 70 year old Morris Minor and had decided that she would buy and restore it. She talked about not only the mechanical experience she was gaining but also a whole range of unexpected skills as well. She has been crowdfunding to raise money to restore it so she has developed a range of skills through talking to companies, budgeting and public speaking. For a 16 year old she

demonstrated the huge confidence she had gained through this process and demonstrated to our pupils that anything is possible no matter what your age if you put your mind to it.

Miss Hufton



Aspire, Keble College, Oxford University

Thursday 19th June Year 10 Aspire pupils went to Oxford University to look around Keble College. They enjoyed a tour of Keble College which was established in 1870 and comprises of beautiful historical red-brick buildings and we ate our lunch in Keble Hall which is a stunning building that has a feel of Hogwarts about it. It was interesting to hear that pupils live in halls often along the same corridor as their Tutor, so they get a lot of interaction with staff.

In addition to this, pupils are not expected to clean their rooms because they are too busy with studying, so they have 'scouts' who tidy and clean their rooms for them, this is obviously very different from most universities. Year 10s

had a talk about aspiring to Oxford University and it was interesting to hear that there are no minimum requirements for GCSEs because they realise that everyone will have weaker subject areas and so their focus is on A level grades. The main emphasis they place is upon pupils being able to demonstrate their passion for a subject through extra reading about their subject outside of the classroom. Then our pupils participated in several debates as a taster session on Critical Thinking. Well done Year 10.

Miss Hufton



Aspire, Lapworth Museum, Birmingham University

On Thursday 5th June Year 8 Aspire pupils went to Lapworth Museum and they enjoyed a self-guided tour of the exhibits while completing an activity sheet about the geological timeline of the Earth. Then they took part in a workshop about the composition of the Earth. Pupils worked through a series of experiments to identify how and where sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks form. They examined the processes behind transforming one rock type into

another in the rock cycle and discussed which rocks are useful resources and where these might be used. Well done Year 8.

Miss Hufton



From the Classroom to the Palace



As a teacher and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader, I've spent years encouraging pupils to take on the DofE challenge to grow in confidence, resilience, and independence. This year, I had the unique experience of being on the other side of that journey, and I was honoured to attend the Gold presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace. The event was a celebration of all the

young people across the country who had completed their Gold Award, recognising the months (and often years) of hard work that go into achieving it. Set in the beautiful gardens of the Palace.

During the event, we were addressed by inspirational speakers including members of the Royal Family who congratulated the young people on their achievements and

highlighted the value of the DofE in developing character, leadership, and community spirit.

Miss Barstow



A Year of Adventure: Bronze and Silver DofE

This year's Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions were a resounding success and certainly ones to remember! With excellent weather throughout the season, our pupils were fortunate to experience their journeys under dry conditions. In fact, the Bronze expedition will go down in school history for being completed during a full-blown heatwave!

For the Bronze participants, the expedition was as much a lesson in resilience as it was in navigation. Temperatures soared above 30°C during both days of walking, but our pupils

tackled the challenge head-on with incredible determination. We made sure to adapt the itinerary for safety earlier start times, extended breaks in the shade, and frequent hydration stops. It was inspiring to watch the teams look out for each other. The spirit of the DofE award teamwork, perseverance, and pushing personal boundaries was truly alive despite the sweltering heat.

Our Silver groups were treated to more comfortable walking conditions, with warm sunshine, clear skies, and light breezes making for near-perfect expedition weather. Their longer routes

and more remote navigation tested their independence and planning skills, but they rose to the challenge brilliantly. Campsites were full of laughter and quiet pride as pupils cooked meals, reflected on the day, and began to realise how far they'd come - not just in miles, but in confidence and capability.

Miss Barstow



Race for Life...

We are incredibly proud to share that our school community has raised a phenomenal £8,347 so far in this year's Race for Life events, supporting life-saving work by Cancer Research UK.

We started with our Year 7 event, where pupils faced the challenge in blistering heat. Despite the high temperatures, our pupils pushed themselves through a series of inflatable obstacles and a refreshing water sprinkler to complete their challenge. Spirits were high, smiles were everywhere, and every pupil demonstrated determination, resilience, and outstanding teamwork. At the end, they were each rewarded with a well-earned sticker proudly declaring: "You Did It!"

The fundraising continued on Saturday 12th July, as we returned to Cofton Park for the local Muddy 5K. We saw a record number of pupils take part this

year - an incredible show of community and commitment. Again, the weather tested everyone with intense heat, but our pupils rose to the occasion, supporting one another and representing the school with pride.

We are beyond proud of how our pupils lived out the school's values. They stepped out of their comfort zones, gave up their free time, and united for a cause greater than themselves. A huge thank you goes to every pupil, parent/guardian, carer, family member or staff

member who donated, participated or cheered us on. **This Girl Can and she did!**

Miss Ryan



STAFF/NEWS

At the end of the term we have some 'hellos' and 'goodbyes' to say at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls.

We would like to say hello to:

Mrs Summers - Head of MFL will be returning from her maternity leave

Mr Chan - Teacher of Science

Miss Ark - Trainee Art Teacher

Ms Barker - Teaching Assistant

Ms Evans - Teaching Assistant

Ms McConnell - Food Technician

They will all be joining us in September for the new term.

We sadly say goodbye to:

Miss Timlin - Teacher of Maths and Head of Year 8 who will be leaving us to have a baby and also will be moving to pastures new.

Mrs Chauhan - Teacher of Science

Mr S Conlon - Teacher of Electronics and former Assistant Head

Mrs Croft - Teaching Assistant

Miss Poon - Food Technician

Miss Harpin - Trainee English Teacher

These valued colleagues, who have done so much for our pupils and for their colleagues will be greatly missed and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Computing at University



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University

Fifteen Year 9 Computer Science pupils had the opportunity to spend a full day at Birmingham City University (BCU), exploring the latest developments in the field of technology. The day featured a variety of hands-on workshops, including Raspberry Pi programming, ethical hacking, artificial intelligence and its impact on modern life, as well as a challenging computing quiz.

Pupils also heard from current BCU computing undergraduates, who shared their experiences, course content, and university entry requirements. It was an insightful experience that gave pupils a real sense of what

studying computing at university involves and the exciting career paths it can lead to.

Many pupils returned inspired and motivated to pursue further studies and careers in the world of Computer Science and Technology.

Mrs Alavudeen



"Blossoms & Royalty" - Celebrating our May Queen

Congratulations to our very own Amelia who was crowned May Queen at this year's annual Bournville Village Festival. Amelia has performed in the traditional Maypole dance for a number of years and has always wanted to progress to become Festival Queen. Like her we were delighted that she was given the opportunity, she shone on Saturday and had the best time living her dream, looking very regal in her

beautiful gown. Festival picture credit @leeeburne

As part of her role as Festival Queen, Amelia was also invited in May to help cut the ribbon to open the new Maple House School in Bournville, along with Caroline Cadbury. We are very proud of her, she was an excellent ambassador for KEVI NSG.

Mrs Colvin-Grieve



Governors

We would like to welcome two new Governors, Mrs Sharon Hart & Dr Ruth Wareham both appointed by The Trust to the Governing Board. Sharon and Ruth will serve on the Governing Board for a period of four years, they bring skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of KEVI NSG.

We wish them every success in their new role.



KEVI Foundation Awards 2025



June saw the King Edward VI Foundation inaugural Awards Ceremony at Edgbaston Cricket Ground to honour the outstanding efforts of teachers, leaders, and support staff throughout the organisation. The event saw nominations from all schools, celebrating individuals who exemplify the Foundation's core values: Excellence, Ambition, Collaboration, Accessibility, Care, and Integrity. Awards also recognized long service and other notable achievements. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and was hosted by Chris Conway, Deputy Headteacher at King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar

School.

Our staff members were nominated across various categories. Each received a Highly Commended Award. Additionally, Sharon Killeen (Office Manager) was honoured with a long service award, marking 25 years of dedication.



KEVI Foundation Athletics Event – A Day of Effort, Positivity and Team Spirit!

On Tuesday 3rd June, a team of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils represented our school at the KEVI Foundation Athletics event. Despite being a smaller team than some of the other KEVI schools, our pupils gave their all and truly showed what it means to **'Work Hard and Be Kind'**.

For many of our Year 7 athletes, this was their first taste of competitive athletics but you wouldn't have known it. They stepped up with enthusiasm and gave every event their best effort. Special shout-outs go to Rose and Keeley who took on the high jump for the first time, not knowing what to expect but approaching it with brilliant attitudes and big smiles.

Year 8 had a mix of returning athletes and those who had only competed indoors before. They too embraced the opportunity, showing resilience and courage throughout. A highlight was seeing Lacey push herself in the javelin, growing in confidence with every throw – a great reminder that with the right mindset, anything is possible.

Our Year 9 team, who had more

experience, were fantastic role models throughout the day. Not only did they perform well in their events, but they also led the way in cheering on and encouraging our younger pupils. Their positivity and team spirit helped create a supportive and uplifting environment for all.

It was a great day of athletics, and every single pupil should be proud of their effort and behaviour. They truly lived out our school motto - **'Work Hard Be Kind'** both on and off the track.

Miss Ryan



Making Waves

Pupils Swimming Journey at Northfield Leisure Centre

For the past year, a group of determined girls have been heading to Northfield Leisure Centre every Friday to either learn how to swim or improve their swimming skills and technique. When they first started, many were relying on arm bands for support but now, nearly all of them are swimming confidently without them!

The girls have really enjoyed the sessions, especially the fun-filled activities on the last days of each term. They've pushed themselves to new limits by challenging their fears, including jumping into the deep end well outside their comfort zones. It's been inspiring to see their progress and confidence grow every week.

Well done to all the pupils for their hard work and bravery in the pool. Keep making those waves!

Mrs Shackell-York



STAY ACTIVE

Our stay active scheme, to encourage and reward pupils for their PE extracurricular commitment culminated in a trip to Drayton Manor in June. Lots of pupils showed great dedication by regularly attending clubs.

We managed to keep the rain at bay until the very end of the day, but that didn't really matter because most of us were already soaked from braving Stormforce 10! Despite the downpour, pupils were fantastic company and really showed great school spirit. Well done, keep it up!

Miss Ryan



Let's Dance!

We're thrilled to announce that Iyhana Year 10 and her talented dance group ACE have made it to the finals of a major dance competition, set to take place at the iconic Sadler's Wells Theatre in London on July 23rd.

Representing the West Midlands, Iyhana and her team will showcase their incredible talent on a national stage, competing against top dance groups from across the country. This is a remarkable achievement and a proud moment for the local community.

In preparation for the big day, Iyhana is currently raising funds to support travel costs for the group's journey to London.

