

# KESPRESS

July 2018

In our final week of term for 2017-18 I would like to say thank you to all the staff and students for all their hard work. In this edition of Kespess, you will be able to read about just some of the events and work taking place this term.

We will be saying farewell to a number of staff at the end of this year. Mrs Turner in the Science department has been at the school since 1987 and we wish her well in her new adventures. She has made an enormous contribution to the success of countless students through her teaching and wider support for school life. Mrs Purshouse works in the Learning Support Department and has been with us since 1994; her years of invaluable support and unwavering support for students will be really missed. We also say goodbye to Miss Bowen (Music), Mr Brandrick (Premises team), Ms Millen (Learning Support), Mrs Patey-Round (Sixth Form) and Mrs Pearce (Learning Support). We wish them all well for the future.

There are exciting times ahead for the school. Over the holidays, work begins on a project which will span across two years to improve the school site; there will be some initial work taking place around the site and refurbishment of parts of the Sports Centre to bring the whole building fully in to school use. This will eventually become our main visitor reception during the school day and work to repurpose some currently unused space will allow us to centralise our administration and support learning more effectively. The Sports Centre will continue to be open for lettings in the evenings and at weekends alongside the Astroturf pitch; although there may be some short term inconvenience in terms of ease of access it will remain open and ultimately be a more attractive space for students, staff and community users.

The following phase will see the gradual replacement and relocation of facilities elsewhere on the site to make sure that the school can continue to meet the needs of its students over the coming decades. During all of this, learning needs to continue to take place as usual and this is one of the reasons why the work will take place over a longer period of time.

Please check the school website [www.keslichfield.org.uk](http://www.keslichfield.org.uk) for the school holiday dates for the year. The calendar extract for the full year will also be available via the website before September.

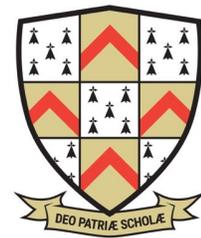
For all our students collecting examination results in the summer please check the arrangements for this carefully, particularly if students are unable to collect them in person. An email has been sent to all parents of Year 11 & 13 students.

A LEVEL RESULTS: Thursday 16th August 8:30am to 11:30am in the LRC

GCSE RESULTS: Thursday 23rd August 9:00am to 12:00pm in the LRC

We hope that you have a restful summer break and the opportunity to relax. The first day back in September for students will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an induction day for Year 7 & 12. Years 8,9,10,11 & 13 will be attending target-setting meetings with staff. Reminders of all appointment times are available via log-in to the Switch learning platform.

Jane Rutherford, Headteacher



KING EDWARD VI  
SCHOOL LICHFIELD

2018 Autumn Term

Diary Dates

[Return to school](#)

**Wednesday 5th September**

**Induction for Y7, Y12 and new students**

**Target-setting Day for Y8,9,10,11,13**

[Half Term Holiday](#)

**Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November**

[Other key dates](#)

**Friday 26th October Training Day, school closed to students**

[Term Ends for Christmas Holiday](#)

**Friday 21st December at 1pm**

Term Dates for 2018-19 are available via the school website, including planned INSET days. There is also a link to the Local Authority website which provides general term dates up to 2021.

# School updates

## PTA

The second **Summer Festival** took place on Friday 22nd June after school. The weather was beautiful, a great time was had by all and many pupils and parents came along to show their support. Mandy Knight, Catering Manager, and her team along with the PTA put on food, refreshments and there was also a raffle **which altogether raised a fantastic £1745.54** to support the school via PTA Funds. The raffle saw some **fantastic prizes being won including the top prize of an Ipad**. **Thanks to our sponsors who provided these:** Downes & Daughter Whittington, Professional Property Inventories, Barrett & Co Photography, Salloways Jewellers, Laser Quest – Coventry, Peaks/Snowdome, Strykers Bowling Alley, Netherstowe House, Lichfield Health & Fitness Club, Tesco and Co-op.



We would love to welcome lots of new parents to Your School Lottery over the summer holidays! Subscribe today at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/king-edward-vi> We're on track to raise over £2,000 a year for school through this



great new initiative which was launched earlier this year. For as little as £1 per week you will have the chance of winning a **guaranteed weekly prize of over £30**. The more people that participate, the bigger this guaranteed prize becomes and the more money raised for our school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to **win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK!**

Thank you for helping us to raise **£857.22 in free donations** for King Edward VI School Lichfield - Parent Teacher Association through **easyfundraising**. Please help us to raise even more by registering at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingedwardlichfield/> and doing your internet shopping through the easyfundraising site – it's as simple as that!



Following our recent application to the **Conduit Lands Trust**, we are delighted to say that we have **been awarded £500** towards the cost of the new sound system in Bader Hall!

### Dates for your diary

Our **next meeting** is the **AGM on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7 pm** in Bader Bistro. It's a great way to get to know some parents and learn more about what is happening at school!

### Christmas Fayre – Save the date!

Friday 23rd November 2018

### Comedy Night

Following the success of the **Quiz Night** this year, we will be holding a **Comedy Night in early 2019 – watch out for more details regarding this**. The Quiz night raised over £600 so please watch out for more updates on this event. It would be brilliant to see as many people at this event as possible to try and raise funds for the school!

### Other PTA meeting dates (all held in Bader Bistro at 7 pm)

Tuesday 9 October 2018

Wednesday 9 January 2019

Tuesday 5 March 2019

Wednesday 30 April 2019

Tuesday 4 June 2019

We hope that you all have a fantastic summer and look forward to working with more of you in the coming school year to raise funds for our children's school.

**Kind Edward VI School PTA**

# School updates

## School Calendar Key dates 2018-19

### Autumn term 2018

Training Day for staff: Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September

**Term starts for students: Wednesday 5 September**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Early Closure at 2.35 p.m.

Training day for staff: Friday 26th October

Half-term holiday:

Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November

**Term ends: 1pm on Friday 21st December**

Christmas Holidays

Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019

### Spring term 2019

**Term starts: Monday 7th January**

Half-term holiday: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

**Term ends 3:35pm on Friday 12th April**

Easter Holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer term 2019

**Term starts: Monday 29th April**

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half-term holiday: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Training day for staff: Wednesday 3rd July

**Term ends for staff and students: 1pm Friday 19th July**

Training day for staff (time in lieu of twilight sessions):  
Monday 22nd July



## Your Success at School summer timetable

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/summer-hols-timetable-to-share-with-your-students?e=1eca76f65a>



**Wondering what to do with those 6 weeks and want to make the most of the time available? Follow this link for some great ideas on unwinding, thinking about future career choices and preparing for the next academic year.**

## Stay safe over the summer

In this hot weather, Staffordshire County Council and the emergency services have asked all schools to highlight the dangers of open water swimming.

**Water is dangerous, only swim at properly supervised pools**

**The dangers of swimming in canals, rivers and lakes are as follows:**

- If you get into trouble, there are no lifeguards to help
- The water is often a lot colder than you expect – which can cause cramps and make it hard to move. Just because you can swim well in a heated swimming pool doesn't mean you'll be able to swim well in cold water
- There may be hidden currents
- It is difficult to estimate how deep water is before you get in. If it's too shallow you are at risk of injuring yourself if you jump in and equally deep water may lead you to get into difficulties
- You might not be able to get out, steep, slimy banks or sides can make getting out impossible
- There is no way of knowing what hazards lies beneath the surface of the water; shopping trolleys, sharp metal and broken bottles are just a few things that may be lurking
- If the water is polluted it could make you seriously ill. For example, Weil's disease is a form of infection that can be caught through contact with contaminated fresh water

For further advice on water safety please visit the [ROSPA website](#)

# School updates

## Senior 5

Following the change in A Level structure, Year 12 have had a busy summer term sitting internal A level mock exams and as a year group, we are therefore looking forward to our summer holiday.

As the new Senior Five, we are learning about our new roles with enthusiasm and we are very grateful for the support and advice from last years Senior Five and we take this opportunity to wish them good luck for their results and with their future plans after King Edward VI.

We are currently preparing for the end of term Sixth Form BBQ and are looking forward to the many ventures which we will be involved in, such as the Samuel Johnson Celebrations and Christmas Raffle, in the Autumn term.



If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to email the Senior Five at [senior5@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:senior5@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) and we will be happy to help.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Lauren Morby, School Captain

## Uniform Update

As we approach the summer holidays it is a good time to bring to your attention some important information related to uniform so that all students can be properly kitted out for September. This guidance is provided in order to help parents support the School's code of conduct (RESPECT) with regards be students being 'Smart and presentable' and 'Proud to be a King Edward VI student'.



Our website has details of various [uniform suppliers](#) which provide the [required uniform for King Edward VI Lichfield](#). This includes the [Tesco website](#) which offers embroidery of the school badge onto blazers, jumpers and polo-shirts.

We are proud of our tradition of school uniform at King Edward VI, as we believe the smart appearance of students helps to the tone for the effort we expect from them on a daily basis. As such, we want to reduce some of the inconsistencies related to uniform, and improve further on the appearance of students.

## Skirts

The school only allows skirts to be worn that are purchased from our 2 local suppliers. These display the school badge towards the bottom of the skirt. The planner/website states that 'Skirts should always be worn at an appropriate length, no more than 5 cm above the knee'. We would ask for your support in this area. Please ensure your child has the correct length skirt for school, and please remind them not to roll up the skirt at the top, or have it taken up from the lower seam.

## School Shoes

The school recognises the difficulty in obtaining school shoes that are comfortable, in line with school expectations, and that are liked by the student. We have clear statements in the website and in the school planner about what is and is not acceptable:



"Plain black shoes (not sports trainers or canvas shoes, mesh material or shoes with obvious logos/emblems. Shoes with high heels should not be worn)"

We are asking parents to consider this advice before making a purchase, so that money is not spent on shoes that will not be allowed in school. To help with this, we have produced an information sheet providing [numerous examples of what is and is not acceptable in terms of school shoes](#).

Should you still be in doubt, please email the school and we can provide further guidance.

## School Jumpers



In the colder months, students have the option to wear a plain black V-neck knitted jumper under their blazer (with or without the school badge). This must not be worn instead of a blazer. Jumpers should not have any other visible logo, and must not have other patterns e.g. 'cable' (see picture on left).



# School updates

## Attendance Update

Attendance figures to 30<sup>th</sup> June against our target of 96% are as follows:

Whole school\*: 95.1%

Years 7-11\*: 95.2%

Years 12-13: 94.3%

**\* Year 11 figures to commencement of study leave on 11/5/2018**

At the end of a busy year, we would like to congratulate all of those students who met the 96% attendance target that is set for them at the beginning of the academic year (see Switch learning platform for detail).

For those that didn't quite make it, we understand that there are times, for example due to illness or pre-existing medical conditions, when absence can't be helped and on those occasions we are here to help and support our students and ensure that they keep up to date with their learning.

The following tables illustrate how many days of school are missed at various levels of attendance / lateness and therefore emphasise the importance of catching up on work missed following absence:

Attendance %	Days Absent Over a School Year	Minutes Late Every Day	Days of Education Lost Per Year
95	10	5	3
90	19	15	10
85	28	30	19
80	38		

With the knowledge that there is a direct link between attendance and attainment at school, we have a team of staff including Achievement Leaders, Pastoral Support Assistants and our Attendance Officer who are committed to working with parents, carers and students to ensure that students attain as high a level of attendance as possible. This team look forward to working with you all during the next academic year to promote good attendance.

The last few editions of KesPress have contained a wealth of information regarding attendance. We would ask that you make yourselves familiar with our full Attendance Policy which

can be found on the Attendance page of the school website (under the Information tab). It is here that you will also find our Attendance Matters leaflet, which summarises key information from the policy.

For anyone who is considering taking their child out of school for **any** planned (non-medical) reason, please also note that guidance notes together with a Leave of Absence form are also available on the website. The form must be completed well in advance of any absence and returned to school for the attention of the headteacher. Failure to do this will lead to the absence being recorded as unauthorised, and if it relates to holiday may result in a penalty notice being issued.

In line with our school code of conduct, based around "RESPECT" we also ask that as adults, members of staff, parents and carers lead by example and that honest and timely communication is received regarding all absences from school, this will help us to meet requirements that are set out from a safeguarding point of view with regard to our students.

Many thanks for your continued support with all matters relating to attendance.

Please send any comments/feedback to: [attendance@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

## **Support for Natasha in her charity event to raise money for Cancer Research**



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/natashas-giving-page-154>

This summer I am going to the French alps with my family, where I plan to cycle up Col de la Croix de Fer, one of the mountains which features as the highest climb in stage 12 of this years Tour de France. I have started my training, but this is going to be a really tough challenge. I will have to cycle 30km, starting at an altitude of 546 then climbing 1522m to reach a total height of 2067m. This is like 217 houses on top of each other or 346 double decker buses. It is twice the height of Snowdon! Any money you can donate will inspire me to take on this challenge; so please, sponsor me whatever you can for Cancer research UK. 'Let's beat Cancer sooner!'

# News from around the school

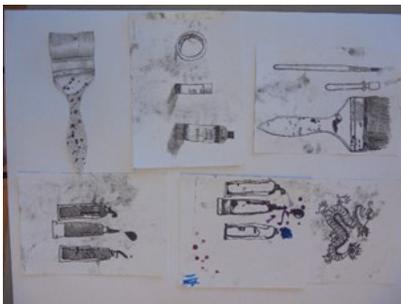
## Art and Design Year 8 workshop, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

During the workshop we had many opportunities that we would not usually be able to have during our regular art lessons. To start the day, we were introduced to Mrs. Pilkington: She is a Graphic Designer that gave us an insight into the work she does. Our aim for the day was to re-design the Art department postcard. These are posted home to celebrate achievement.

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Overall, we had an amazing experience and learnt so much about Graphic Design. It was great to have the whole day to focus on a design brief. –Ayeesha Rajaratnam (Year 8)



**Y13 A level art exhibition** at Shenstone library on throughout the summer until September 3rd – pop along to view and sample the library's fabulous coffee and cake. Opening times are on their website.



# News from around the school

## Summer Festival— Phew! What a Scorchers!

A massive thank-you to all of the students and staff that took part in the Summer festival this year. It was a huge success and really showcased the Artistic talents of the 200+ students that took part.



The Y10 Drama Club performed 'The Play that Goes Wrong', Eliza Del Cizne gave an impressive monologue from 'Richard III'. Will Luscombe and Harrison Carter entertained with two short comedy sketches and there were exciting performances from Y7, Y8 and Y9 Dance groups.

There was an enormous range of music in a wide variety of styles, showcasing the remarkable talents of a huge number of students from all years, performing on the outside stages and in Bader Hall.



Many visitors enjoyed the summer sunshine taking advantage of the PTA's barbecue and thoroughly gorged themselves on Mrs Knight's delicious nibbles.

Excellent performances took place over four different stages providing a wide variety of Art, Music, Dance and Drama entertainment.



Drama and Dance took place in the Hall with KS3 Drama Club performing their own vibrant version of 'Alice in Wonderland'.



They were supported by a very talented and committed tech. team, who facilitated every aspect of the performances with great enthusiasm, under the supervision of Mr Goodhead.



Art was on show around the site, Year 7 mix media bunting flying in the summer sunshine, a Year 8 sculpture trail including fish, jellyfish, coral and birds, Examples of the Year 9 Summer festival poster competition and a Y12 subliminal messaging photography exhibition along Bader corridor.

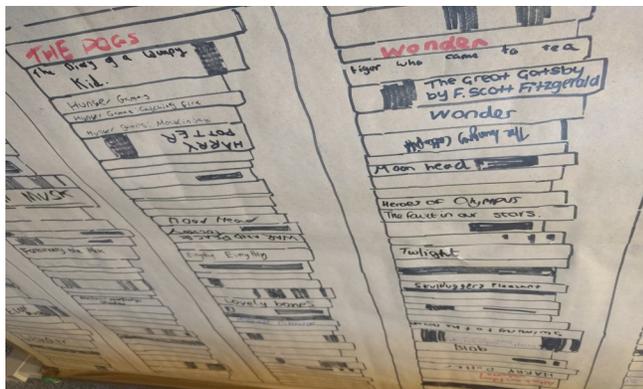
**The summer festival raised £1745.54 for the PTA and a further £1529.05 for the Trust Fund— in total a fantastic £3274!**

# News from around the school

## LRC at the Summer Festival

In the literature area students poetry was on display and could be heard recited on request. The book sale and quiz also went down well, all run by our student library helpers.

Guests were encouraged to nominate a book everyone should read before they are 16 on our display board .. we had some great titles suggested!



"Festival goers had a chance to have a go at creative writing with Ruth from 'This is me' <https://www.thisisme.tinsdeall.co.uk>"

## LRC

Keep on reading over the summer and take part in Staffordshire Libraries Mission YTF. Just borrow and read 6 of their books between now and November. You might win a £10 voucher!



## News from the Sixth Form

The whole of Year 12 have been on two interesting visits to the UCAS Higher Education Convention and the University of Birmingham. The visit to the UCAS convention gave students the opportunity to investigate a variety of options post 18 including university, apprenticeships and gap years. The open day at the University of Birmingham gave students the chance to experience life on a university campus and visit a Russell Group university. The students really enjoyed these two days and explored their options for post 18, ready to build on in September.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, the Curriculum Enhancement Day for Year 12 centred around post 18 options. Students attended a variety of sessions with speakers from BCU, BMET, Aberystwyth university, The University of Sheffield, Frontier and Project Trust as well as speaking to our old students about what they have done since gaining their A levels. Students also enjoyed the sessions on employability provided by Bridge Builders which will be followed up with mock interviews in the Autumn term.

**Mrs Patey-Round, our long standing Sixth Form administrator, is retiring this Summer.** Many parents and students will know Mrs Patey-Round through her work with the Sixth Form, especially with UCAS applications. We would like to thank her for the massive contribution she has made to so many students over her time with us. **She will be missed greatly by both students and staff.**

Year 13 celebrated leaving Sixth Form at The Old School House at Weeford on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Five organised a really lovely evening with a meal and disco. We wish all the students the very best for the future and look forward to seeing them on results day.



# News from around the school

## ICT and Computing

May saw our final visit of the year from OCR Cambridge Technicals moderator, Mo Everett. Mo was in school to moderate our Year 13s final year projects including websites developed for real clients and our very own school Career's Advisor, Lynne Bateman. A successful end for Year 13. Well done!

Several students have now signed up to The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA. The award aims to equip people with digital and enterprise skills. Inspired by The Duke of Edinburgh Award (which has supported 8 million young people since its inception), iDEA helps young people learn how to make, create, build and shine in the digital world.

Congratulations go to Aaron Cusack, Charlotte Whitworth, Jamie Evans, Nat Murphy and Theo Fryer who have achieved their Bronze Awards with recognition from Buckingham Palace!

There has also been success with the Microsoft Office Specialist qualification. 12 students and 2 staff have gained accreditation in either Excel, PowerPoint or Word. A special well done to Ben Fox, Kai Polos, Josh Child and Sam Burrows who have passed 2 exams each!

On June 13<sup>th</sup> King Edward VI welcomed Learn by Design, a team sponsored by Tomorrow's Engineers. 2 sessions were delivered to 60 hardworking Year 8s looking at the World's demand for energy. The Energy Quest experience encourages young people to find out all about sustainable energy and learn about associated engineering careers.

The session itself consisted of an Energiser Workshop, an interactive STEM workshop packed with hands-on activities, careers information and stories from real engineers working in energy. Students received their own workbooks to capture learning as they explored concepts of energy generation, sustainability and technologies.



# News from around the school

## ICT and Computing

Year 10 Computer Scientists attempted to escape the bank in their Escape Room themed activity produced by Nichola Wilkin. The Bank Heist saw students in groups answer computing questions in order to gain money from safety deposit boxes. One member of each group was also commissioned with the task of creating a program to decipher a code in order to escape!

On Curriculum Enhancement Day Year 9 students visited the Emmerdale Studio Experience in Leeds looking behind the scenes at how one of the nation's favourite Soap Operas is created. Students explored the process from Script to Screen and toured famous sets from the Dingles to the Woolpack.



Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form course – the Cambridge Technicals level 3, requires an element of meaningful employer involvement. This can be in the form of guest speakers, real world clients, visits and work experience. If you could help in any way please contact Ms S Gregory – Head of ICT and Computing for further information. Thank you.

Finally we would like to wish good luck and best wishes to Rhiannon Stone this summer as she embarks on a CyberFirst Defenders residential course at Warwick University to hone her cyber security skills. Places on this course are designed for students with a demonstrable interest in computing. Designed by cyber security experts from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre, the course will be delivered by experienced training partner QA, and The Smallpeice Trust.

This five-day residential course will provide Rhiannon and other students with the opportunity to explore modern security technology whilst working with the latest cyber security tools. The courses will use presentations, team exercises and hands-on experience to develop the next generation of cyber security experts, or cyberists.

## Stem Club

The last half term has seen the start of STEM club at King Edward VI. "Mission to Mars" is a project which has been undertaken by Year 7 students to look into what we need in order to safely inhabit Mars, the rocky red planet neighbour to our Earth. Over the course of the last 7 weeks, the students have looked at many aspects of getting to Mars, such as which rocket to use, the shape of the rocket to ensure the fastest travel to Mars, what heat shields are made from and how they work, how food tastes different in space and how it's possible to grow plants in the Martian soil.

All of us at King Edward's are very proud of these students and the work they have done this half term, and we look forward to welcoming more and more pupils next year with more projects on the horizon.



## KS3 RSE

Pupils have been working really hard this term in registration, assemblies and during tutor period. They have been learning about a range of topics related to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE); topics ranging from the changes in our bodies, to diversity, healthy relationships and keeping themselves safe.

All of the children involved deserve a huge amount of credit for the ways in which they have shown maturity, understanding and particularly an eagerness to learn. We would also like to thank all of the staff who have supported the learning of the pupils during these sessions.

We look forward to helping our pupils learn and develop a greater understanding of RSE in the future.

# News from around the school

## Gifted & Talented Newsletter: Third Term update

It has been another really busy term in school! There have been some excellent trips and activities taking place aimed at Gifted and Talented students. I have provided a summary of these below.

### Events and activities this term:

#### Art and Design Year 8 Gifted and Talented workshop, 21st June 2018.

The workshop was organised by Mrs Hill and was aimed at Year 8 students who are identified as Gifted and Talented in Art.

During the workshop we had many opportunities that we would not usually be able to have during our regular art lessons. To start the day, we were introduced to Mrs. Pilkington: She is a Graphic Designer that gave us an insight into the work she does. Our aim for the day was to re-design the Art department postcard. These are posted home to celebrate achievements in lessons.



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Overall, we had an amazing experience and learnt so much about Graphic Design. It was great to have the whole day to focus on a design brief. – **Ayeesha Rajaratnam (Year 8)**

#### RE Department- Yoga Workshop

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June Michelle Gifford, a Yoga teacher, came in to speak to year **10 GCSE students** about Yoga within Hinduism. This is a topic which is identified on the new GCSE specification and is an important part of their study. Pupils gained a deeper insight into the different paths of yoga and



where it originated. In addition, they had the chance to ask questions and find out more about the spiritual and religious significance of this practice.

Pupils enjoyed the talk and this helped them to recap some of the key beliefs and teachings we have covered in the Hinduism unit of work so far.

#### Gifted and Talented Club

We have been watching a number of films this term and completing activities based around them. We watched **Matilda**, then completed some work on writing an excellent film review and what is needed to really reflect the essence of the film on paper. Martha Skerry (year 8) was awarded with **Review of the Week** for her review on the IntoFilm website, this is a **national competition** and Martha received a prize for her excellent review (see below). Martha has secured her position on the **Into Film's Youth Advisory Council** for the second year running. Again, this is a national initiative in which young people make decisions about how IntoFilm plans its work alongside schools, Martha acts as a voice representing pupils in the West Midlands on the council. **Well done Martha!**

*This film is an absolute classic family, feel-good movie. It is based on the book by Roald Dahl about a young, but extremely clever girl named Matilda. Matilda is born into a family (the Wormwood's) where her Dad is a money-mad criminal and her mum is a beauty-crazy woman who is constantly on a whim. All in all, nobody loves Matilda and she is left to fend for herself, but this setback leads her to the library, her haven of books. By the time she goes to Crunchem Elementary school, the school of her Father's client, she knows almost all there is to know. The evil head-teacher, Miss Trunchbull, may be the most horrible villain of all but her kindly teacher, Miss Honey is where Matilda finds refuge. As you go deeper into the movie, you find out more about Miss Honey's childhood and this new information leads to Matilda's greatest scrapes. In the movie there is a scene where the whole of Matilda's family goes to a restaurant, in the book, this doesn't feature. Also the movie is set in the USA and the book is set in the UK. Although, this is where I think the differences end. Mara Wilson plays Matilda in the 1996 movie, she is an American writer who was also in Mrs Doubtfire and Miracle on 34th street. Roald Dahl is a British writer who wrote Matilda as well as many greats like Danny the Champion of the world and the Twits. If you enjoyed this movie, you may enjoy Fantastic Mr Fox, another adaptation of one of Dahl's books. Matilda won 3 awards and had 7 nominations at various different ceremonies throughout 1996 and 1997 so you can see why it is such a hit with many and one that most people watch more than once. I enjoyed this film but I found it a little too young for me and I would recommend it to those under 11 but it is really a film for all ages.*

# News from around the school

## Gifted and Talented Continued



In addition, we watched the *Kings Speech*, which the club enjoyed, and then we did some research work into some legendary speeches throughout history. Niamh Iliff (year 9) was also awarded with **Review of the Week** for her excellent film review on the IntoFilm website. Please do contact Mrs Giles if your son/daughter would like to start attending our club on Wednesdays 3:35-5pm in H1.

## Children's University

Year 7 pupils have been collecting extracurricular hours since November in a bid to gain a certificate from the Children's University scheme. Pupils needed to gain 30 hours minimum to receive a certificate. In total, **17 students** received a Bronze certificate for their efforts this year. They have worked really hard to gain as many hours as possible, visiting places like the Think Tank and other museums in Birmingham, the National Memorial Arboretum and taking part in clubs in school. Well done year 7!



## LRC: Year 9 Gifted and Talented trip to the British Library

15 Year 9 Gifted and Talented pupils went to the British Library in London for the day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July. The British Library offer free workshops to schools



which enables them to access treasured texts in their collection. Our group of pupils spent the day exploring the library and developing their research skills. We attended a **'Research Matters' skills session**, which aimed at providing students with an insight

into how to research properly and to ultimately equip them with the skills needed to be a successful independent learner. Here is what some of them said...

*"It taught me to ask questions, not just accept what I read"*

*"I learnt to evaluate information and to always question sources"*

*"It made me think in abstract ways"*

## ICT and Computing

The ICT and Computing Department has been championing The Duke of York Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA. The award aims to equip people with digital and enterprise skills. Inspired by The Duke of Edinburgh Award (which has supported 8 million young people since its inception), iDEA helps young people learn how to make, create, build and shine in the digital world. Many of year 8, 9, 10 and 12 students are now enrolled. Congratulations go to **Aaron Cusack, Charlotte Whitworth, Jamie Evans, Nat Murphy and Theo Fryer** who have achieved their Bronze Awards with recognition from Buckingham Palace!



There have also been successes for Year 10 with the Microsoft Office Specialist qualification. 9 students have gained accreditation in either Excel or PowerPoint. A special well done to **Ben Fox and Kai Polos** who have passed 2 each!

We would like to wish good luck and best wishes to **Rhiannon Stone** this summer as she embarks on a **CyberFirst Defenders** residential course at Warwick University to hone her cyber security skills. Places on this course are designed for students with an interest in computing. Designed by cyber security experts from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre, the course will be delivered by experienced training partner QA, and The Smallpiece Trust. This five-day residential course will provide Rhiannon and other students with the opportunity to explore modern security technology whilst working with the latest cyber security tools. The courses will use presentations, team exercises and hands-on experience to develop the next generation of cyber security experts, or cyberists.

## PE Department

It has been another fantastic year from all of our students across the different sports and year groups. The talents of our students never fail to impress us. This year we have participated in many different sports, leagues and tournaments. We have competed in **14 sports** and have been **champions in over 35 of the competitions** we have entered across the year groups which is just an amazing outcome. Well done to all of the students that have taken part and those that attend training without playing for a team.



I hope this has provided an insight into what pupils have been involved in this term. I hope you have a fantastic summer holiday. [agiles@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:agiles@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

# Sports Results

## A summary of this years achievements...

Number of sports - 14

Number of fixtures - 241

Number of competitions - 71  
(leagues, festivals and tournaments – Y7 to Y13)

Number of first places - 32  
(WINNERS/CHAMPIONS!!)

Number of runner's up places -10

What this means...

We have won 45% of the leagues, festivals and tournaments we have entered and been in the top two for 60% of the total competitions entered.

This could not happen without a brilliant department, our talented students and help from other staff/parents in getting students all over the region for fixtures. Thank you to all of the staff for supporting us by letting students leave lessons early, we really appreciate this and without it we could not achieve so much.

I could work out the number of hours these fixtures, tournaments and training sessions total up to but next season awaits!!

You can follow us on twitter @KESlichfield\_PE for weekly updates.

## Athletics

The Athletics season has been extremely successful this year. Over 50 pupils have been attending Athletics practices and many of those have represented the school at the District Athletics competitions at Aldersley stadium.

The overall team positions after 2 league meets for each year group this year are:

Y7 Boys: 1st, Y7 Girls: 1st

Y8 Boys: 1st, Y8 Girls: 1st

Y9 Boys: 1st, Y9 Girls: 1st

Y10/11 Boys: 5<sup>th</sup>, Y10/11 girls: 1<sup>st</sup>

Congratulations to all of the competitors on a fantastic season. Many of our Athletes were selected for the District Championship team and came away with Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates. The success of these Athletes saw many of them selected to represent the District at the County Athletics Championships. They all performed superbly and were part of a winning District team.

## Rounders

The year 8 team continued their success from last year and were once again crowned District Champions, being undefeated in the whole of the tournament. This victory meant they would represent the District at the Level 3 Stoke and Staffordshire Games at Keele University. They played some brilliant rounders and achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the County. Congratulations to all of the Y8 players who have committed to practices all term and have shown great teamwork.

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