

## School Update

The recent consultation period on school expansion has drawn to a close and we will be publishing an update on the questions and comments received via the website. A text notification will be sent to parents once this becomes available.

The recent discussions about school buildings also led to some very exciting news. There will be separate work taking place to remove all the old Johnson 'mobiles', some of which have been there for nearly fifty years. This is fantastic news for students and staff; despite our best efforts to maintain them they are generally too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. This work will be undertaken by Staffordshire County Council. Some of these buildings are now redundant and we look forward to modern replacement accommodation which is carefully planned to link to the existing buildings.

The separate work to ensure that the school would have the additional accommodation required for an increased number of students is still only in the planning stage. As soon as there is information to share then we will make it available. This will give careful regard to safeguarding; incorporation of the Sports Centre to the school site; bringing subject areas together where needed; use of the old swimming pool footprint; and social & dining space for students. Look out for more news on this soon.

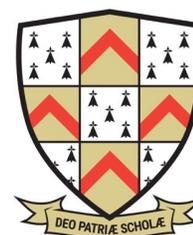
School budgets over the last few years have had a marked impact on the appearance of our school. While this project will not address the whole site it will be the first phase of some exciting development on site. It also means that we can incorporate energy-saving plans which will release more funds over time for learning & teaching resources.

We wish our Year 11 & 13 students well with their ongoing formal examinations. We recognise that this is a challenging time for them but we know that all the hard work will be worth it. The Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Ball will be a great opportunity to celebrate the beginning of their long summer holiday and we look forward to sharing it with them.

Jane Rutherford, Headteacher



**Do you follow us on Twitter?** In the last week @keslichfield we shared the successful Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition; a thank you to John Sweeney BBC writer and broadcaster who spoke to all our Year 12 & 13 students (photo below); advice on stress & mental health; Beth Cobden (former student) at the BAFTAs; revision advice for GCSE exams; Artists of the Month and Athletics feedback. It's a quick and easy way to keep up to date with school news .



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## 2018 Spring Term

### Diary Dates

Mon 28th May—Fri 1st June—  
Half Term Holiday

Wed 27th June—Training Day,  
school closed to students

Fri 20th July— School closes at  
1pm for the summer holidays

### Other key dates

Thurs 24th May — Y10  
Parents' Evening

Fri 25th May—Y11 Leavers  
Assembly

Tues 5th June—PTA Meeting  
Bader Bistro

Tues 19th & Wed 20th June—  
Y6 Induction Days

Thurs 21st June—Y6 parents'  
meeting

Fri 22nd June—Summer Arts  
Festival 4.30-8pm

Wed 27th June—Y11 Prom at  
Drayton Manor

Fri 29th June—Y13 Ball

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 **Quiz night** was a great success with 10 staff teams and 12 other teams made up of parents and friends of the school. A great night was had by all with lots of fun and laughter as well as **raising over £500 for school!**



The PTA are delighted to be back helping out at the **Summer Arts Festival on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** where Mandy and the catering team will be offering a BBQ, drinks, cakes, sweets etc. We are also running a raffle where tickets will be on sale for £1 with lots of prizes to be won including first prize of an iPad!

The **new lottery** is proving very successful and is currently **raising over £2,000 for the school annually!** **The more people that sign up the more funds we raise** - if you haven't already, why not sign up to this great fund-raising initiative – it only takes



a minute to register. It costs **£1 a week** and someone in our lottery is guaranteed to **win at least £30** in a weekly draw as well as being

entered into a weekly draw for **£25,000!** Why not ask friends and family if they'd like to support us too! To find out more go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/king-edward-vi>

Remember when shopping on line, please do consider registering with **Easyfundraising**; this **raises money for the school with no cost to yourself**. One parent recently raised £40 for school simply by renewing 3 insurance policies via Easyfundraising.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingedwardlichfield](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kingedwardlichfield)

**With the warmer weather approaching water bottles** are on sale from Bader reception and Bader Bistro, priced £4 for the large size and £3 for the small (cash only please). Every bottle sold will generate money for the PTA.

The next full meeting of the PTA is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm in Bader Bistro**; all welcome.

If you wish to **get in touch** with the PTA, please contact Bader reception or email us [kingedwardspta@gmail.com](mailto:kingedwardspta@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you if you have any fundraising ideas of your own, would like to get involved, or work for a business that you think may be able to help us.

## Senior 5

This term has been a busy one! We've ordered the Leavers' hoodies, started filming the leavers' video and are continuing to prepare for the Year 13 Ball. It doesn't feel like it was a year ago since we became Senior Five and watched the previous Senior Five organise all of these.

I think I speak on behalf of myself, Billy, Katie, Bobby and Laura when I say that we are extremely grateful for the opportunity that we have been given this year, as Senior Five. We owe a great deal of thanks to every member of staff that has helped and supported us this year. It has been an incredible experience that we will remember for the rest of our lives. I would like to wish them, and the rest of Year 13, the best of luck with their exams and beyond.

We are also beginning to pass our responsibilities onto the new Senior Five, who we trust will take up their roles with enthusiasm. The new Senior Five is:

Lauren Morby - School Captain  
Cian McDonagh - Head Boy  
Libby Queen - Head Girl  
Andrew Rushton - Deputy Head Boy  
Amy Poulton - Deputy Head Girl

I hope that they will enjoy their roles, and continue to succeed in their studies throughout year 13.

Emily Danks  
School Captain



# School updates

## Attendance Update

Attendance figures to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 against our target of 96% are as follows:

Whole school:	95.0%
Years 7-11*:	95.2%
Years 12-13:	94.2%

### Leave of Absence

In the last edition of KesPress, changes to our Attendance Policy were communicated following an update from Staffordshire County Council regarding the issuing of penalties for absence and lateness. This information can be found on the Attendance page of the school website.

#### **Please make yourselves familiar with the following information:**

- A Leave of Absence Form **must** be completed if your child is going to be absent from school for **any** pre-planned reason. Please include as much detail about the reason for the absence as soon as possible.
- Leave of absence does not only refer to holidays in term time, but also to:
  - Funerals
  - Weddings
  - Rehearsals and performances
  - Sporting activities
  - Visiting family
  - Visits to potential new schools
  - .... any other activity/event requiring a student to miss lesson time that is not related to medical issues/illness.
- Leave of Absence Forms should be returned to school for the attention of the headteacher as far in advance of the absence as possible. Handing a form in on the day or the day before does not allow sufficient time for the request to be considered.
  - Email to: [office@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)
  - You will receive communication to confirm whether or not the absence has been authorised.

- If a Leave of Absence Form is not completed in advance, a phone call, email, text or note handed in at school is not sufficient and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.
- It is a legal requirement for schools to maintain accurate attendance records, including reasons for absence. We will always investigate and take action when the reasons provided for absence contradict our understanding.
- Patterns of absence are reviewed on a regular basis and further investigation will take place if there are suspicions about the reasons that we have been given for an absence.

#### **Examples of Absences that are looked at closely**

Illness/medical appointments directly before or after a school holiday (proof of medical appointments should be supplied )

Sibling absence on the same day, particularly directly before or after school holidays, weekends or Inset Days

Absence where there is a history of illness directly before or after a school holiday

Absence on a student's birthday

Absence directly before or after an examination when students are not on study leave

Repeated absence on a specific day, particularly Mondays/Fridays

Absence directly before or after a school/Duke of Edinburgh related trip

Absence on Sports or Curriculum Enhancement Days

Absence which causes the attendance for specific subjects to be significantly lower than other subjects that a student is studying

6<sup>th</sup> Form absences:

When a student is due in for afternoon lessons only and no communication has been received from parents/carers regarding the absence

When the only lesson scheduled for the day is tutor period

When a student is scheduled in for a minimal number of lessons in a day

# School updates

## Attendance Update Continued



### Code of Conduct: *How We Live*

*As a member of King Edward VI School I aim to be:*

Respectful towards others and the environment

Enthusiastic and engaged

Smart and presentable

Proud to be a King Edward VI student

Equipped to learn

Community-minded

Trying hard, aiming high

### ***Honesty is the best policy!***

Here at King Edward VI School our Code of Conduct, developed by staff and students, is based around “**RESPECT**”. We believe that as adults, members of staff, parents and carers should lead by example.

We would ask that when you are reporting reasons for absence, you are honest about why your child is off school, this will avoid putting yourselves or members of staff in a potentially embarrassing situation should any follow up to the absence be necessary.

***We are not trying to catch you out! We want all of our students to do the best that they can in school, to develop to their full potential and leave school as confident, life-long learners who have a strong sense of responsibility for themselves and for others. A student's attendance at school influences their ability to achieve that potential.***

### ***Please can we also remind you:***

All unplanned absences e.g. illness should be reported ***via text on 07860 034183*** by 9.15am on the first day of absence.

Please tell us what is wrong with the student: “off sick”, “illness”, “feeling unwell”, “under the weather” are not sufficient reasons.

Details of medical appointments, which you cannot make out of school time, should be advised in advance ***via text***. In addition to this, students should be given a note from a parent/carer together with an appointment card/letter for when they sign in or out of school for the appointment.

If communication is not received about an absence, it may result in that absence being recorded as unauthorised.

Students who arrive in school after the end of registration, without good reason, will receive an unauthorised absence mark (U code). Please note that 6<sup>th</sup> Form students who have a period 1 lesson must attend registration which starts at 8.55am. We can and do check when the reason for lateness is given as a train delay/cancellation.

Withdrawing students from school as a result of parental concern or complaint should be avoided and will usually not be authorised. Please contact the Student Support Team at your earliest opportunity to enable any issues to be discussed and resolved as soon as possible.

***Please remember that students must not leave the premises without the permission of the school. We would also remind you that if your child is not feeling well during the school day they should report to Bader Reception for an assessment and NOT phone parents directly.***

Please send any comments/feedback to:

[attendance@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

### **Email communication from school**

We are now using email rather than paper-based letters for nearly all communication with parents. This will include information about up-coming events or from external organisations, such as the local authority, which we are asked to pass on to parents. Regularly checking the email which you have registered with school will help parents and carers to stay up to date. We have been sending a text message in addition to let parents know that the email has been sent, however this will happen less often as we know that some parents were finding there was an overload of information. If you wish to update your email address please let the school know by emailing: [studentdetails@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:studentdetails@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

In addition parents may find it useful to download the Xpressions App to their mobile phones or tablets so that all the school messages are in one place. Xpressions will send a notification so that parents know that the message has been sent. Details about using the Xpressions App can be found here: <http://parents.groupcall.com/>

# News from around the school

## Ski Trip to Italy

The best conditions for over twenty years!

59 year 8 and 9 pupils experienced the wonderful resort of Madonna di Campiglio in the Italian Dolomites over Easter. 6 full days of superb skiing on well-groomed slopes was enjoyed. It even snowed a couple of times over night to ensure conditions were perfect for the time of year. With ice skating, pizza night, tenpin bowling, quiz night and disco at a local nightclub to keep them all occupied and 'on the go' to ensure they all slept well at night!

One of the highlights was Mr Hensley's birthday where it was arranged for him to be bombarded by everyone with snowballs as he ran through a corridor made up of the pupils.



A really big thankyou to all the pupils for making it a really great experience as they learnt new life skills, made new friends, supported and encouraged each other throughout the week. Also a big thanks to all the teachers who gave up their Easter holiday to accompany the pupils on the visit – Mr Bowman, Mr Hensley, Mr Tizard, Mr Phillips, Miss Thomas, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Gregory.



Mr Turner, Ski Visit Leader

## Anti-bullying group update– May 2018

As we approach the A-level exams, it is time to say farewell to our dedicated anti-bullying group members from year 13. It has been a real privilege to work alongside these individuals, as they have shaped the direction of anti-bullying work in recent years. I want to publicly thank them for their commitment to ensuring students have a place to belong, by regularly opening and supervising the space at lunchtimes. The team have engaged fully in strategic planning meetings for the anti-bullying work of the



school, delivered assemblies, and presented to both parents and governors, among many other initiatives. The year 13s were instrumental in driving forward the proposal to appoint anti-bullying ambassadors from other year groups; something

we are pleased to announce has now occurred. On behalf of the senior team, staff, students, governors and parents, thank you again for all you have done to support our shared vision of a school that supports and cares for every individual student.



Thanks to Laura Bryan, Amy Green, Jacob Ballinger, Rosie Farrall, Maria Martinez, Charlotte Cornbill & Ayesha Talafair.

**The New Team** -We are excited to present the newly formed team of anti-bullying ambassadors, representing students from different year groups across the school. The next phase of our work will be to explore how the anti-bullying team can raise awareness around issues of bullying, and to lead projects that continue to increase the quality of friendships in school; developing a shared understanding of what it is to be a compassionate member of our community, and how to ensure conflict is resolved successfully without damaging relationships over time. I look forward to working with Emma, Isaac, Jess, Francesca, Liv, Gracie, Amelia, Fraser, Eva and Kieran as we plan for the future. I would also like to encourage any students from year nine who would like to be involved in this work to come and speak to me about their interest. We would love to have you join our team! Mr A Goodhead—Assistant Headteacher

# News from around the school

## Young Enterprise

In April, 12 sixth form (year12) students from the business, economics and accounting department, the majority of which also took part in this year's Young Enterprise competition, gained a real insight into the world of mass car production with a tour of the Toyota factory in Burnaston just up the A38 near Derby.

The visit included a shuttle tour around the factory witnessing the process of pressing the metal to create the shell of the car through to it 'rolling' off the end of the production line. Throughout the visit it was explained how 'Lean' philosophy is embedded into the culture of Toyota (they did 'invent' Lean management) through the use of Kaizen (Continuous improvement), JIT (Just In Time) techniques and Kanban (pull system of production) for instance. Experiential learning (bringing theory to life) at its best as all these terms are within the business specification!

Toyota also pushed the importance of the local community, the environment and sustainability all being at the heart of their company. Running at full efficiency the plant can produce a car every 66 seconds!

It really was an extremely worthwhile visit despite the fact some of the students weren't impressed with the safety hat and glasses!



Another success for this year's Young Enterprise Company – This year's team 'Deux-Mille' winning the Company of the Year award at the Staffordshire Finals. With their safety wrist band they targeted the likes of Lichfield 7<sup>th</sup> Scouting group as well holding negotiations with the National Scouting association.



Lauren Morby holding the winner's Wedgwood plate as Company Secretary who compiled the report, along with (back row) James Branch, Molly Jetson, Tom Freeman, Eve Griffin, Lauren, Lucy Tranter, Sarah Sims, front row Josh Nethercot, Josh Brittan, Iggy Williamson.

The aim of Young Enterprise is to experience the 'journey' of setting up and running their own business, and as always the journey proved to have many ups and downs – life and employability skills learnt that will hold them in good stead for their futures, setting them apart from others in interviews and applications in the future.

A huge thank you must go to Alison Muir Head of Procurement at Dunelm PLC who gave her time to be their Business Advisor – travelling from Leicester to be with us once a week as well as supporting at trade fairs and the presentation evening held at the World of Wedgwood near Stoke. She also organised skyped 'business masterclasses' including HR and marketing, one being with the Company Secretary of Dunelm.

In addition I would like to extend a big thanks to Cerys Johnson CEO of the Repl Group who also supported the team with her wealth of experience notably providing support from an ICT perspective as well as at the final. I sincerely hope I can count on the support from Alison and Cerys next year as we continue to make a difference to student's future. If anyone else feels they can assist, however small, please contact me at school.

Mr Turner, Business, Economics and Accounting – Lead teacher for Young Enterprise

# News from around the school

## Library Resource Centre

The LRC has been as busy as ever – to make sure you keep up to date with what we offer why not follow us on Twitter @KingEddiesLRC ?

- Staffordshire Young Teen Fiction Award shortlist is being judged by 20 students. See [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ytf](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ytf) for more.



- Our first ever Year 7 Family reading group starts on Monday using stock from BookTrust.
- A Live screening of Macbeth from the RSC in Stratford was enjoyed by 15 Year 9 students
- We have recruited Young Critics and 6<sup>th</sup> form Volunteers for the forthcoming Lichfield Festival (See <https://www.lichfieldfestival.org/get-involved/>)
- Year 8 students have read almost 60 million words as part of the Accelerated Reader programme



## Memories

On 27<sup>th</sup> April our Y13 Btec Performing Arts class gave their final performance. Following their year 12 production of 'Our Country's Good' and their Y13 performances of 'Antigone' and 'Woyzeck' they now produced an original devised piece based upon 'The Persistence of memory' by Salvador Dali.



This surrealist painting inspired two very different plays. Lucy Tonks, Beth Eales, Stella Bird and Olivia Bowdler used Splendid Productions and Verbatim techniques to take us through the

ages of man with lots of humour, original songs and physical theatre whilst Abi Gent, Ella Moore, Keri McElroy and Lucy Sanders produced a very moving play focussed on the final stages of an old woman's life blending realism and non-naturalistic techniques to show present and past merging on stage to reveal her secrets and to highlight the strain dementia has upon a family.



Both plays were hugely successful bringing lots of praise from the audience.

Well done Y13 and we wish you all a very bright and successful future!



# News from around the school

## A Level Geography



Our Year 12 Geographers recently got back from a 4 day trip to the Lake District as part of their A-Level course.

Here the students really got to grips with what it is like to be a geographer in field, collecting data for the fieldwork projects which make up 20% of their grade.

They battled through some tough weather conditions and hiked around 20 miles showing real dedication in collecting good quality data.



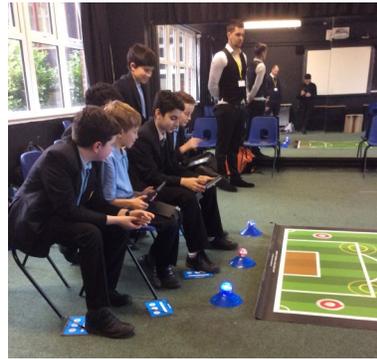
The sun came out for us towards the end of the trip and we were rewarded with some stunning views of the Lakes. The students were an absolute credit to the school and a pleasure to take away.

We hope they enjoyed their time and learned lots from it.

Mrs. Lowe, Head of Geography

## ICT & Computing

On the 17th of April, a small group of Key Stage 3 students attended a 2-hour robot football workshop arranged by the ICT and Computing department.



The event aimed not only at developing students computer programming skills, but also skills in maths, problem-solving, respect, resilience, and team communication.

Students were required to work in small teams to control a Sphero robot football using a block-based coding tool on an iPad.

The aim was to accurately guide the robot towards the opponent's marker points and goal, on a specially designed playing surface.

Students were given a fantastic opportunity to make use of the Sphero robots, and the event was deemed a complete success, with all students walking away having learned something new.



# News from around the school

## Sixth Form —The Bigger Picture

The Bigger Picture competition provides an opportunity for 14-18 year olds to be creative by using photography to explore the relevance of social science to their lives and is run by the Economic and Social Research Council. Eloise Fradley in Year 13 submitted her photographs and was commended for her photographs of 'Streets of Birmingham' and 'Sleeping rough' which were included in an exhibition at the Espacio Gallery in London. The Sixth Form team would like to congratulate Eloise on her efforts and were pleased she enjoyed her visit to London to see her work on display.



## Oxford University Visit

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, we had the privilege of visiting the Law Faculty of Oxford University. The three of us, along with many other students from around the world, were given a day full of lectures, advice, tours and excitement. The morning began with multiple taster lectures as well as a student finance talk to enlighten us about studying law at Oxford. The Law Faculty itself was a modern building with an aesthetic lecture theatre which also featured an extensive library, unique to the university, where their collection is like nowhere else. After learning about the two law courses at the university, we were each assigned a college to visit where we were given a tour and a taster academic session by one of the professors at the

university. We were all assigned to the Balliol College, one of the more relaxed and liberal colleges which contained beautiful buildings and well-kept grounds, widely used by the students in the summer for activities such as croquet. We were surprised to discover Balliol College contained an exquisite chapel within the grounds catering for all religions.

After arriving with no insight into the university or what a law degree would entail, all three of us left with a better knowledge and more understanding of our direction for the future. Previously, we may not have viewed Oxford University as an option but we all now feel it is a real aspiration for us to strive for. We would highly recommend anyone, who receives the chance to attend this brilliant day, to seize the opportunity. We would like to thank the school for giving us such an amazing opportunity so we may now consider the options for our future.

Cian McDonough, Amy Poulton and Lauren Morby Year 12

## Alumni in the news

We are very proud of what our Sixth Form students go on to achieve in their future careers. Recently in the news:

Lucinda Lycett – seen on Countryfile highlighting her work with the environmental development scheme in Telford

Niall Holmes- part of the team who have developed a ground breaking portable brain scanner as part of his PhD at the University of Nottingham



Beth Cobden- part of the England netball team at the Commonwealth Games who won Gold

## Sixth Form Quiz

The Senior Five organised an excellent and entertaining Sixth Form Quiz at the Turnpike Pub. There were over 120 competitors. Half of the pot went to the winning team and the Senior Five are going to choose a charity to donate the remaining money raised to. Thanks especially to Head Boy Billy Green who wrote the quiz.

# News from around the school

## German Exchange 2017/2018

Following a successful trip to Germany in late November 2017, the second leg of the exchange should have begun on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with the arrival of the German students to King Edwards School and Chase Terrace. However, the Beast from the East delayed their arrival until the Sunday evening. Disappointment all round that the exciting activities planned by the English hosts had unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Host families finally met their guests at Birmingham Airport on the Sunday evening and took them home to settle in – with school only a few hours away!!

The following week was quite hectic and tiring, especially for the German students who, having barely recovered from the journey over here, were bombarded with the English language. On Monday the German party was welcomed by Ms Rutherford and the rest of the day was spent in school and in lessons. It was great to see students who hadn't actually taken part in the exchange also making our guests feel welcome.

(where we had also managed to organise a visit by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on the same day!) followed by a spot of cultural indulgence i.e. shopping in Birmingham.

The final day arrived all too quickly and pupils and parents assembled at the airport at a ridiculously early hour to say goodbye to their German guests. After some emotional goodbyes the German party left to check in (and host families dashed to the ticket machine to try to pay for just one hour!).

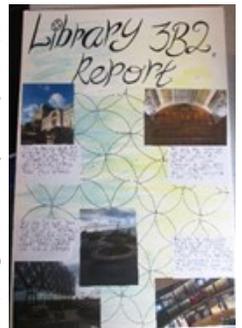
I'm sure that there are friendships that have been formed that will last for a long time and I hope to see quite a number of students here again next year! It was noticeable and very rewarding this year that pupils from King Edwards and Chase Terrace had formed friendship groups and organised quite a few social events themselves.

Thank you to all students who took part for their excellent conduct both in Germany and for the return visit, and to parents who did so much to make our guests feel welcome.

S. Dunn—Head of MFL.

## Library of Birmingham Visit

As part of their Asdan Personal Development Award Y11 students went on a trip to the Library of Birmingham and produced a report on their visit. The Library of Birmingham provides a showcase for the city's internationally important collections of archives, photography and rare books. The Shakespeare memorial room at the top of the library houses Britain's most important Shakespeare collection. The students really enjoyed the architecture of the building and the incredible view of the city.



Two day trips were organised, the first to the Black Country Museum where pupils went down the mine and had a boat trip along the canal. The fish and chips seemed to go down rather well too! The second was to Think Tank in Birmingham



# News from around the school

## Gifted & Talented

### 'Pi day' Maths event

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, our school hosted for the first time the Crystal Maze competition. Three local schools were invited to the event; Netherstowe, Friary and Chase Terrace. Each school had selected 8 students who would then be put into teams of four, which were made up of two pairs of students from the same schools. The event went on throughout the whole morning. Activities included code breaking, model building, puzzle solving, and even a blindfold trail. These activities earned the teams tokens which would then buy them time for the final activity, which entailed picking stars out of a Styrofoam filled paddling pool to earn points. The winners were each rewarded with a £10 Amazon voucher, while the runner ups were rewarded with an Easter egg each. Overall, it was a fun day which provided a great opportunity to both socialize with the local schools and have some friendly competition. Sam Venables



currently working on developing a number of games that will be entered into Bafta Game award later on in the year.

### Geography Film Screening

The Geography department showed a new film on Climate change made by Al Gore for Gifted and Talented students in Geography on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The film helped them to extend their knowledge of natural hazards and mitigation techniques and relate it to current affairs to help boost their 9 mark questions.



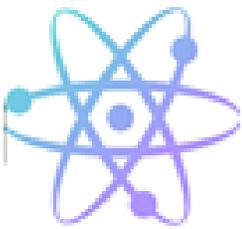
### Gifted and Talented Club

Gifted and Talented Club have been watching and reviewing lots of different films whilst also completing different skills sessions associated with each one. We have watched *Bridge of Spies* and then had a talk from Mr Bowman about the historical events focused on in the film, in addition to looking at some of the inconsistencies of the timeline used in the film compared to the actual historical events. The pupils really enjoyed this and included a lot of the historical context within their film reviews. We have also watched *Dunkirk* and completed some activities based on the air, land and sea. Again, this encouraged pupils to work together and do some challenging problem solving tasks! Year 7 have now been invited to attend G&T club, but please do contact Mrs Giles if your son/daughter would like to start attending our club on Wednesdays 3:35-5pm in H1.



### GCSE Physics Challenge

Joel Bird, Charles Foulger, Emily Carwood and Jessica Roe all achieved **Bronze II awards** which is such a great achievement, particularly as they only had about a month to prepare after their mock exams. 1 more mark and Joel Bird would have had a Bronze I and 5 more marks would have given him a Silver. Hugo Prolze, Sian Edwards, Maddy Bennett and Kieran Banner just missed out and got commendations. The paper was extremely difficult and the pupils should be commended on their efforts.



### CyberFirst Girls Competition- ICT and Computing

Earlier on in the term, a number of the Year 8 girls took part in National Cyber Security Centre's - **CyberFirst Girls Competition**. The competition required students to complete a variety of challenging coding tasks in small teams, unfortunately, they did not get through to the finals but fingers crossed for next year. It was very pleasing to see the number of girls who wanted to get involved.

KS3 Code Club is still going strong with Mr. Vyse; students are

### Children's University

KES is a member of the Children's University. Pupils from years 7 have been given the chance to get involved with this scheme. This involves pupils getting involved with lots of extracurricular



opportunities both inside and outside school. We have 28 pupils signed up to take part in this scheme. Pupils have been collecting hours at museums in Birmingham, such as the Think Tank and also getting involved in other extra-curricular clubs which take place in school time.

# News from around the school

## Gifted and Talented in the LRC

The LRC team have been meeting with more able readers from Year 7 to have 'Literacy Chats' so we can understand their attitudes to reading and support their reading during their transition into Secondary School life. From these meetings we have been able to recognise those students with a talent and passion for books. The LRC have also reviewed students in Yr8 & Yr9 to identify those who have established themselves as enthusiastic and talented readers through engagement, borrowing, Accelerated Reader Program and English Lessons.



All keen and talented readers are invited to join Book Club where there are opportunities to discuss books, styles, genres and participate in shared reading events.

The LRC whole school offerings are open to G&T students and give an opportunity for them to show case talent, think creatively and execute plans, for example Book Reviewing, Book-in-a-jar and Design a Book Token. Likewise working as, a Library Helper enables students to work on real world communication, organisational and team working skills. Visiting Authors aim to offer a different type of learning experience and inspire students; the author Christopher Edge has visited Year 7.

150 students identified as reading Gifted and Talented will be invited to participate in the **Staffordshire Young Teen Fiction Awards** by reading and reviewing the 6 shortlisted books and have the opportunity to attend the celebration day at RAF Cosford, be a quiz master/team member and being crowned a YTF champion.

In the summer term Year 9 Gifted and Talented pupils will be given the opportunity to attend the British Library to attend an event aimed to hone their study skills.

I hope this has provided you with an overview of some of the exciting and engaging opportunities taking place in school for Gifted and Talented pupils this term. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about Gifted and Talented provision in school.

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## Art Competition— Colour Wheel

### Challenge

House Finalist are.....



Kiera Kidner - Darwin



Charlotte Payne - Clinton



Ezra Lambert - Garrick

Art Top four winners are.....



Megan Hoar



Lottie Groves



Ezra Lambert



# Sports

## Hockey

The Y7 girls hockey team played in the Midlands In2hockey competition this term. They were the only team from a state comprehensive school in the competition. They played a total of 6 matches, won 1, drew 1 and lost 4. The defeats were only by one or two goals, where other schools lost by considerably more. A great day of hockey; the girls should be very proud of themselves.

## Athletics

A fantastic second week of the athletics season. The Y9 boys and girls are both leading in their respective competitions with their second event this Thursday. The Y10 girls have won their age group overall with some fantastic performances. The Y10 boys finished sixth overall. The following students gained first place in their events:

Sophie Pasley  
Ella Semple  
Luke Armstrong  
Cameron Williams  
Niamh Kilgallen x3  
Bo Ryder  
Tom Sexon  
Ross Walker  
Ben Edwards  
Ross Walker-Pickard

Congratulations to all of the students who have represented school.

## Cricket

The U13 cricket team have managed to get into the 1/4 finals of the county cup.

## Girls Football

This year we have introduced girls football club, 30 girls across year 7-10 have been attending. 14 of the year 7 and 8 girls took part in a mini tournament on Wednesday 25th April, this was the first time the girls had played together in a competitive situation. The competition was extremely strong. Well done to all the girls who played and we look forward to more competitions in the near future.

## Congratulations

Liam Turnbull in 13/01 has been achieving success in Powerlifting

Some of his recent and upcoming competitions are shown below :

1st Place (Winner) Feb 2018 – GPCGB midlands qualifier – central fitness, Birmingham.  
1st Place (Winner) Apr 2018 – BDFPA master juniors – real world fitness, Nottingham.

Also ... 82.5kg weight category 2x British record holder & ... 90kg weight category 2x British record holder.

Bench press British record holder – 120kg (17 years old, - 82.5kg b/w) Overall total British record holder – 476kg (17 years old, -82.5kg b/w) Squat British record holder – 190kg (18 years old, -90kg b/w) Overall total British record holder – 502.5kg (18 years old, -90kg b/w)

1st April 2018 – joined Team GB.  
28th May 2018 – European championships (Nancy, France)  
16th September 2018 – world championships (Budapest, Hungary) 10th November 2018 – global powerlifting committee, GB team (London, England)

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