



## Students visit House of Commons for anti-FGM campaign

On Wednesday 15th October Maya Lucey and I were invited by Mama Rhobi to join in with a Stop FGM meeting. We left school in the afternoon to get to the House of Commons in the evening. When we got there we were very anxious but at the same time rather excited. The meeting commenced at 5.45pm and was held in Portcullis House. Before we got to the actual meeting room we had to go through a few procedures to check us over. At this point we were both really anxious because we were just minutes away from introducing ourselves to some very important people. After being directed to the meeting room we soon found Mama Rhobi, she was extremely happy to see that we had attended the event and we were incredibly happy we were able to meet her. Mama Rhobi told us about her safe house in Mara,



**Citizenship teacher Mrs Bentham with Mama Rhobi, Maya Lucey and Amy Mace**

## Merry Christmas from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, it is perhaps appropriate to reflect on what has been a successful term for the students at King Edward's. As I write this I see our first round of House Competitions have left Curie House on top with 100 points already. Well done to all houses for their effort and commitment in the competitions this term, but especially to Curie and its House Captains. As our talented reporters highlight in this issue there have been many outstanding achievements and incredible opportunities so far this year. Maya and Amy should be commended for their very active role in the no-FGM campaign which has taken them all the way to the House of Commons. Year 11 have completed their mock exams and we look forward to hearing their results after Christmas as the countdown begins to the Summer exams already.

I have been particularly proud of all our students and staff this term who have faced a long and challenging 15 weeks, but have continually worked hard academically and played an active part in school activities and countless fundraising events. I hope students, staff and parents have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the Spring Term.

**Mr J Christey**  
Headteacher



The Hairy Bikers: one of many highlights of the GCSE Food Technology visit

## KEVI at the Good Food Show

On the 27th November, Year 10 students currently studying for their Food Technology GCSE were given the excellent opportunity to attend the Good Food Show Winter Exhibition at the NEC Arena in Birmingham.

The Good Food Show Exhibition takes place in multiple venues throughout the year. It has an incredible range of independent, artisan food and drink producers, well-known brands, live stages and a Supertheatre where a line-up of top chefs cook live on stage, including the Hairy Bikers, James Martin, Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood.

A wide variety of businesses take part in this. These businesses range from large, international businesses such as Bekko and Kenwood, to small enterprises that you may even find at your local farmers market. We had the opportunity to visit all of these amazing stalls, try samples and even try some foreign delicacies such as Sushi and Escargots (Snails). Even Harper Adams University in Newport had their own stall which was run by their own students.

On top of all this, we were given the amazing opportunity to watch the Hairy Bikers live on stage at a 'Schools Only Event'. William Talbot danced his little socks off in order to try and win himself a signed turnip. Unfortunately he did not win but he later got a selfie with Si and Dave.

Overall, this was a very long but enjoyable day out. I hope that other GCSE students get the same opportunity that we had to visit this amazing event. A big thank you to Mrs. Katabalwa and Mrs. Esery for organising the trip.

**By Gemma Stewart Y10**

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Tanzania and about her unfortunate past experiences back in her home town.

Since we had never really spoken to anybody who has had something so terrible done to them we were shocked, the things she had been through had been truly terrible.

It was now time to enter the meeting room, we both sat at the back hoping not to be involved in any of the talks. All we wanted to do was listen and take in information. Jeremy Lefroy, the MP for Stafford, entered the room and we greeted each other. As we were sitting right at the back on the uncomfortable wooden seats he told us to move. We were quite reluctant to move at first due to the fact he asked us to sit right at the front next to some significant people. After taking a seat we were told that we would have to say something, from here on we became extremely nervous, we hadn't prepared anything. After listening carefully to everyone's speeches we were introduced and it was our turn to speak. Since we hadn't really prepared we didn't have a lot to say but we spoke about what we had done over the past year. We had a large round of applause. Many people were extremely happy that girls our age had decided to look into the issue. Both of us really enjoyed the day and we were able to take a lot of knowledge back with us. We got to see what other people were doing to help the cause and it was really inspirational. £14,000 needs to be raised so the safe house in Tanzania can be finished and hopefully with some more of our help we can help them achieve this.

**By Amy Mace Y11**

## Students becoming apprentice chocolatiers

On the 19th November, a group of Year 10 Business and Enterprise students pitched their idea of a chocolate product to the Staffordshire chocolatier-Louis Barnett. The day, which was hosted at Staffordshire University, was an enterprise day with schools from all around the Staffordshire area.

The group, whose product was a range of farm-themed chocolate bars, was first given a tour of the university, then a talk from Louis Barnett himself, and to end the day, pitched their idea in a lecture hall to Louis Barnett and the other judges. Although Frankie's farm didn't win, the day was very enjoyable and was a good lesson in public speaking!



Sixth formers in their festive jumpers

## Sixth Form leads the way for Christmas Jumper Day

On the 12th December King Edward VI took part in *Save the Children's* Christmas Jumper Day. Organised and motivated by Y13, many students and teachers gave a £1 donation to support the charity and show off their Christmas Jumpers.

*Save the Children* is a fantastic charity. The money that King Edward's has raised will help save lives. Just £2 could pay for potentially life-saving antibiotics to treat three babies with infections.

This is the third Christmas Jumper Day by *Save the Children*, and the charity has raised £1.6 million so far, from this event alone. This year, the British Government has agreed to double the money raised!

A variety of jumpers were worn by participants, from a Meerkat in a Santa hat to snowmen to Mr Smith's lovely snowflake and turkey hat ensemble. One student simply decorated a normal jumper with tinsel. Others wore festive ties instead of a jumper.

King Edward's staff and students raised nearly £400! This is an incredible total and one that will be heavily appreciated by *Save the Children*.

**Report by Trudie Ward & Gemma Austin Y13**

### DATES FOR SPRING 2015

**Mon 5 Jan**

School reopens

**Tues 20 Jan**

Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Tues 27 Jan**

Year 8 Parents' Evening

**Tues 3 Feb**

Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Tues 17 March**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

## Football Festival for primary schools



Six 5-a-side teams from Y3 & Y4 entered the King Edward VI High School cluster football festival on Tuesday 2nd December.

Sports Leaders solely

from Y12 and Y13 at King Edward's acted as officials which included timekeeping, refereeing, scoring and managing teams. Matches were played in the Sports Hall at King Edward's. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the energetic atmosphere from the fast flowing games.

After playing through a league system a team from Castlechurch were crowned as Champions.

The schools who entered the competition were St Lawrence & Woodseaves (3 teams), Castlechurch (2 teams).

It was a really enjoyable tournament. All the children had smiles on their faces. Some had previous experience of playing football, but for many it was their first experience of indoor competitive games. The event could not have happened without the excellent input of the sports leaders, who are all doing A Level PE and sports leadership level 3, in the roles of coaches and officials. They helped to make the event run so smoothly.

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## School Clubs – “*be the best you can be!*”

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lunch	Do My Home-work! Humanities Support ICT/Library	Do My Home-work! Humanities Support ICT/Library News Team	Do My Home-work! ICT/Library Hear4U	Do My Home-work! Humanities Support ICT/Library Netball	Do My Home-work! Humanities Support ICT/Library Poi Spinning
After-school	Do My Home-work!		Do My Home-work! GCSE Art	Do My Home-work! GCSE Art	

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