

# the Edwardian



The latest news from King Edward VI High School, Stafford

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## School launches new website

The rebranding of our school news and communications is almost complete with the first issue of *The Edwardian* being released on Thursday. The website however is by far the most anticipated and eagerly awaited change. The new school website boasts a new, completely redesigned, user interface; making the website user-friendly and easy to operate, where all the essential functions are easily accessible. Other noticeable features include the VLE parent portal allowing parents to view their child's progress in lessons, viewing data about the school's progress (launching after Easter), letters home and other useful links and information for students, parents and visitors. Along with this the website pre-

sents details on reporting pupil absences, a calendar, showing all of the upcoming events and clubs, as well as school news, to ensure that you get the most out of school life. Pupils and staff love the changes that have been made to the website. We have interviewed some pupils to find out what they think of our new website.

*"The new website offers a great, user friendly layout, that's easy to navigate"* James Chadwick, 10ACS

We would also love to know your views. If you would like to raise any questions or issues with the new school website, or if you would simply like to make a suggestion, please don't hesitate to



contact us via the contact page of the new website.

**Report by Daniel Arthur Y10**



### Welcome from the School Leadership

Hello and welcome to our first issue of the new school newsletter. I wrote to parents at the end of March to inform you of the improvements we are making in communications between school and home to keep you better informed of what is going on in our vibrant school community. The students have played a central role in this, with our student journalists putting together this newsletter which gives you just a snapshot of the many exciting events happening in school, as well as the academic achievements of our pupils. Please have a read of the newsletter and of our new school website and get in touch if you have any suggestions or feedback.

**Mr J Christey**  
Acting Headteacher

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KEVI Sports Leaders and primary school participants celebrate success

## Primary netball festival at KEVI

On Tuesday 11th March King Edward VI High School Stafford held a High 5 Netball festival. (a 5 a side game with adapted rules for primary children in mixed teams). This follows on from the very successful primary school festivals already held at King Edward VI High School this year.

Seven primary school teams from the King Edward VI High School cluster participated in this popular event. That was around 50 children. The games took place on the courts at King Edward VI High School, between 4pm – 5.30pm. The emphasis was very much on taking part and enjoying the game of netball as for many children it was the 1st competitive games they had played.

High 5 is a 5 a side netball game with modified rules to accommodate the needs of the younger players. Teams were mixed sex. Sports leaders from Y10, Y12 & Y13 at King Edward VI High School, umpired the games, organising the teams, acted as team managers and record the scores. The festival was an opportunity to promote another sporting activity and to work across the whole age range of pupils in the family. All age groups worked together to make the event possible. By holding a netball festival we hope to increase the amount of exercise children are doing. It is a great opportunity for the children to sample an activity in a festival environment and for the sports leaders to gain umpiring and leadership experience.

In the evening all games were played in a very sporting atmosphere. The competing teams were from Castlechurch, Church Eaton, Haughton St Giles (2 teams) and Woodseaves (3 teams). All teams played each other and after some high scoring games Castlechurch emerged as the overall winners in a closely contested competition.

## Enterprising day at KEVI

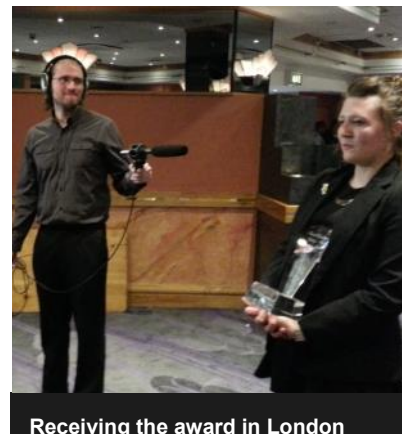
On the 11th of March Year 10 went head-to-head in a battle of the businesses in groups of 6. They were given the task to design a flip-flop, these were no ordinary flip-flops, they had to be unique, practical and link to the backstory of the Gandy brothers; and then present them to the judges.

The pitches came in many forms such as Callum Lamont's singing performance and Kadir Guler's dance routine. The winning group emerged; this group did not sing or dance. They used statistics and calculated the production costs and profit margins and wowed the judges with their advanced mathematics.

Head of Business & Enterprise, Mrs Bentham described the event as a 'huge success'.

The winning group hope to follow last year's success with a trip to London to receive a national award presented by Lord Sugar (see picture below).

By Niles Butler Y10



Receiving the award in London

## We will remember them

Over the last few months, Year 9 students have been studying World War II but their most recent topic has been all about the Holocaust.

This tragedy happened between January 30, 1933 and May 8, 1945. During this period around 11 million people were killed, but the heaviest hit was the Jewish Communities where approximately 6 million Jews were killed. This was around  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the whole Jewish population of Europe. In addition to Jews, the Nazis targeted Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the disabled for persecution.

To immortalise and remember those who lost their lives during the Holocaust, members of Year 9 created memorials. These memorials included an excellently-presented idea for a memorial garden, a torah that included the words "We Will Remember Them" which were translated into many different languages and a very impressive lighted diorama of a hand rising to meet another through flames.

By Gemma Stewart and Chloe Bromley Y9



Students and parents read together at library coffee morning

## Parents and pupils read together in new-look library

The warm hue of education was in the air on the 19th March as the English Department and the Student Librarian volunteers kindly ran their own coffee morning/afternoon. Parents and children alike read their favourite books in a wonderful gathering of multiple age groups, from the young to the old with many parents and grandparents arriving. There was a bombardment of fantastic comments by the parents, with one parent saying:

"It was very successful and lots of people have turned up, and I hope this will encourage more children and parents to read together",

We caught up with Food Technology teacher, Mrs. Katabalwa, and asked what she thought of the coffee morning/afternoon:

"I think today has been a wonderful opportunity for the children, parents and grandparents to get together and have a little bit of reading with some coffee or tea, I can't think of anything more lovely than spending time discussing a book or reading a few pages."

KS3 English Leader and event organiser, Mrs. Brough said, "Many thanks to everyone for their support, the response has been really positive."

And even though Miss Lambe forgot to administer hand sanitiser to the visitors, everything still went according to plan.

**By Kadir Guler and Niles Butler Y10**

## Y7 bowled over with cricketing fun

Over the last few weeks, all forms in Year 7 have been taking part in a Cricket tournament that is being run by Mr Warrilow and a group of Year 10s. Each form has been playing each other, and all have the chance to get to the final, which will take place on the last week before Easter. At the moment the competition is a very closely-fought thing and it is anybody's guess who is going to win.

There have been many great performances from both teams and players including one excellent performance by 7SAL who won by 52 runs in their last game; the biggest win of the competition so far.

With over 70 students having taken part, the competition has been a huge success in introducing new people to the sport. It is hoped that it will inspire them to take up the sport, whether for a club, playing for the school team or just for the fun of it. For anybody who has been inspired to do this, there are training sessions for both Year 7s and 8s on Tuesdays after school, with a coach from Staffordshire Cricket and help again from Year 10s. If you require more information, you can go to Mr Warrilow for more information.

**By Jordan Talbot Y10**

### District Cup Quarter Final Results

U12s KEVI 5 - 2 Walton Priory  
 U16s Sir Graham Balfour 0 - 4 KEVI  
 U13s KEVI 4 - 1 Stafford Grammar  
 U14s KEVI 1 - 0 Alleyne's Academy  
 U15s Alleyne's Academy 0 - 4 KEVI

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## School Clubs see in school or on the school website for more details

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Lunch	ICT Support Homework	ICT Support Homework Maths Help Cookery Club Marketing	ICT Support Homework	ICT Support Homework Dance Club	ICT Support Homework Poi Spinners
After-school	Science Club		Y10 Art Hear4U ICT QT 4 U Sketch Club	GCSE Art ICT QT 4 U Dance Club	GCSE Art

**More clubs to follow after Easter (including PE & Sports)**