



Estelle Morris visits students

The former Education Secretary, Estelle Morris, has visited King Edward VI High School to support Year 10 students in their GCSE studies. The Right Honourable Baroness Morris of Yardley, as she is now known, listened to the campaigns of several students as part of their GCSE Citizenship Controlled Assessments.

Lady Morris, who was Secretary of State for Education and Skills in the Labour Government of Tony Blair, watched and listened as students pitched their campaign ideas to make a change in society, ranging from issues such as Child Slavery in Africa and Drug Addiction in Young People to Reducing the School Leaving Age to 16 and School Uniform.

Students from the school's newsletter, *The Edwardian*, were also given

the opportunity to interview Lady Morris about her career in politics (now as a member of the House of Lords) as well as her memories of teaching in secondary schools for 20 years.

In speaking to reporters, Jordan Talbot and Gemma Stewart, Lady Morris talked about the importance of Citizenship Studies in school, saying it "empowers students" and teaches us "how as citizens we can solve problems". She added, "I am delighted that some good schools are still nurturing Citizenship and glad that at King Edward's it has remained an important part of the curriculum". "We [the Labour Government] made it part of the National Curriculum so young people could understand the role they can play as citizens."

Lady Morris stressed how it was



"important to look beyond the 5 A*-C GCSEs to ensure a broad education for our young people."

Headteacher, Mr. Christey, said it "was a fantastic opportunity for students to pitch their ideas to a former Education Secretary."



Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to our second edition of *The Edwardian*, and thank you again to our Student News Team for compiling such an interesting array of news stories. It has been another busy Half Term and as we look forward to a week of rest for some, I would like to reflect on some of the pupils' many achievements. Well done to all our students who have participated in events in and outside of school and to our older students who have worked so hard to prepare for their exams. It was a real pleasure to welcome Lady Morris to our school at the beginning of the month and a joy to watch our football teams in the District Cup finals. This newsletter is just a taste of these many great events.

Mr J Christey
Headteacher



The Year 11 Football Team who end their 5-year career with two impressive wins

KEVI wins County Cup

On Tuesday 8th April the Under 16s Boys' football team retained their Staffordshire County Cup title with an impressive 2-0 victory over a strong Sir Thomas Boughey School side. "A truly well-deserved victory against a team that had qualified for the National ESFA semi-finals. All the players were excellent on the day. Man of the Match was given to Keenan Powell" said PE teacher and coach, Mr. Warrilow.

The Year 11 boys, who have gone from strength to strength over their 5-year career, will be going out on a high, retaining their County Cup title as well as scoring victory in May in the District Cup final.

Headteacher, Mr. Christey, congratulated the team on their outstanding win. "The school is very proud of the team's achievements on retaining the County Cup title. They have worked hard and have demonstrated their extraordinary talent and skill over the years. They are a credit to the school. Mr. Abel, the PE Department and the whole school join me in congratulating the team on their well-deserved win".

The news comes as 4 out of our 5 football teams all reached the District Cup finals which were played in May at Wellbeing Park, home of Stone Dominoes FC.

Similarly the school's rugby team reached the finals of the Rugby County Cup narrowly missing out on the title by 17-22 to Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall.

Mr. Christey praised the school's sports teams for their "drive, determination and team effort", adding "these teams are a credit to the school community and have all worked so hard".

Go to www.kevi.org.uk/news for more details and match reports.

Report by Jordan Talbot Y10

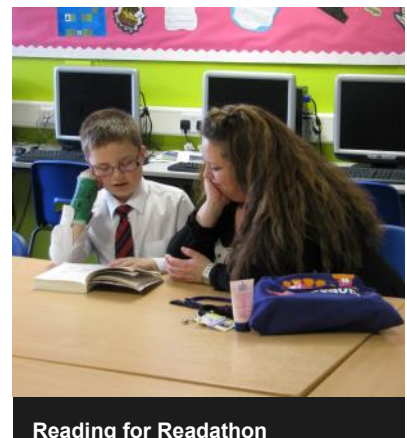
Edwardians raise £1000 for charity

Thank you to everyone who took part in Readathon this year! It was a great success, as we raised £1028.60. This money is going towards CLIC Sargent, a leading cancer charity that helps children and young people who have cancer, and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

The coffee mornings and afternoons that were held in the library, for Year 7 and 8, hopefully helped more of the children in this school to read with their parents and raise money for Readathon. We would also like to thank Mrs Brough and Miss Lambe for holding the assemblies over the Readathon week that encouraged us and made us aware of Readathon.

Mrs Brough will be announcing who raised the most amount of money very soon.

**Report by
Liberty Busby Y8**



Reading for Readathon

Science is fun at new club!

You don't need a doctorate to have fun in Science with the new Science Club. Mrs. Dolloway will be your guide to the world of science every Monday after school; *The Edwardian* has been to discover more. The club runs from 3.25pm-4.30pm and will be open to all ages including the Sixth Form. KS3 Science Leader, Mrs. Dolloway, said that the club is an extension of science lessons and will allow students to 'do some hands-on science that perhaps they wouldn't necessarily cover in the National Curriculum'. The club will offer some impressive opportunities such as field trips and entering competitions when the club is established and there are frequent members. Club-goers will be able to construct rockets, take part in the 'spaghetti bridge challenge', the 'move an egg challenge' and many more creative and fun activities. Don't worry about repeating science that you've already done in class, this is completely new material providing a new, more hands-on outlook on science. If this appeals to you, the club is open to new members. You can always ask Mrs. Dolloway for more information.

Report by Niles Butler and Kadir Guler Y10

Go to www.kevi.org.uk for a full list of the many School Clubs open to students



Sophie with just some of the moon rock samples

Students given opportunity to see real moon rock in school

Exciting rare samples of moon rocks and a collection of impressive meteorites landed at King Edward's last month for a week's visit. Students were able to enjoy a unique interactive experience of astronomy during their lessons. Highlights included getting up close and personal with some hand-sized meteorites, enabling students to touch a real piece of space. Included in the educational pack was a 1.2 billion year-old piece of Mars and a 4.3 billion year-old nickel meteorite - the oldest object you will ever hold in your hands (our solar system being only 4.6 billion years-old).

The lunar samples, provided by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), were collected in the late 1960s and early 1970s during some of NASA's first manned space missions to the moon. A massive 382kg of lunar material was brought back to Earth - mostly for use by scientists in their studies of the moon, but smaller quantities are used to develop lunar and planetary sciences educational packages like the one offered at King Edward VI.

STFC's Chief Executive Officer, Professor John Womersley, said "This is a great opportunity for young people to be able to see, touch and really experience such important and exciting messengers from space - turning science fiction into science fact. It's an unforgettable experience to be able to hold such an important part of science history that has made such an incredible journey over millions of miles to reach us - and one we hope will inspire the scientists of the future!" Headteacher and Science teacher, Mr. Christey, said "This was an incredible opportunity for our budding young scientists in school and has certainly inspired many of them. The rare chance to see and touch real moon rock was an unforgettable experience for our pupils. The school is committed to making education exciting and interactive for our students to ensure they make good progress."

School to feature on Stafford FM

The school and its students are to take part in a local radio broadcast as part of its feature on “School of the Week”.

Staff and students will be chatting to Stafford FM presenters Stu Haycock and Maxine Mallen on their Breakfast Show about some of the events and achievements from this term and ahead.

Parents and students have been encouraged to listen to the broadcast during Half Term week as the interviews are broadcast each day between 7.00am-10.00am on the week beginning 26th May.

Stafford FM is a community radio station which broadcasts online at www.staffordfm.co.uk or on the TuneIn app.

Shakespeare at the Castle

Pupils from King Edward’s will be visiting Stafford Castle in July to watch this year’s Shakespeare performance as part of the annual Stafford Festival.

Actors will be performing the musical comedy “As You Like It” at the purpose-built theatre, in the open air.

Students have been studying the works of William Shakespeare in class and now have the opportunity to see a Shakespeare play as it was intended, on the open stage.

The visit is being organised by the English Department and stars *Only Fools and Horses* actor John Challis, who played “Boycie” in the BBC TV show, and *Coronation Street* and *Doctor Who* star Eric Potts.

For more information go to www.staffordfestivalshakespeare.co.uk

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

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

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