



The King Edmund School

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KES NEWS

SCHOOL MUSICAL A ROCKING SUCCESS



Students from all year groups starred in an adapted version of 'We Will Rock You', by Ben Elton, for the annual school musical. Local primary schools, parents, staff, and friends from the local community heard classic rock songs such as 'Radio GaGa' and 'Killer Queen' performed by the stars of the show.

The Year 12 Performing Arts students have been learning about the business side of the industry by organising the production and administrative elements of the show. The students all took on the responsibilities of specific job roles including: costume and lighting design, advertising and marketing, and front of house management. Each of the responsibilities required students to plan in order to meet deadlines, negotiate with others and organise their own team of staff and resources. All their hard work contributed to the success of the production and will count towards the AS Performing Arts qualification.

All the students and staff involved in the production worked extremely hard to create a fantastic show. Their creativity, enthusiasm and commitment were outstanding.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE



Jonathan Osborn, Headteacher

By the time you receive this issue of KES News we may well have received the report from our recent Ofsted Inspection, which took place on Tuesday 30 April and Wednesday 1 May. I would like to thank those parents who contributed to the inspection by completing the online Parent View survey. Your views are important and it was excellent that nearly 90 parents responded – this is a large amount for a school! Once we have received the report, I will be sending it out to parents so that you are able to read the findings of the inspection team.

Thank you also to those parents who attended one of the presentations about the school's Vision and Values. It was great to see so many of you and the range of questions and comments were challenging, but helpful.

All parents will receive a booklet that explains more about the work we have done in this area. In fact, you will see one aspect of it on the front of this issue of KES News. We have redesigned the logo that we will use on the letter heading and other school documents (NOT on the school blazer) to incorporate our vision statement 'In Pursuit of Excellence'. We believe that this statement captures the true sense of what KES is about - of always wanting to do a little better and improve on what has already been achieved. It sums up my vision for students and staff - for them to always look to achieve their 'Personal Best' in every aspect of school life.

Finally, this month I want to wish every student in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 the best of luck during their examinations. I have been hugely impressed with the attitude and perseverance that they have shown as they prepare for the next few weeks. We have every confidence that they will make good use of these final few days and look forward to sharing their exam results with them in August.



Sue Nichol, Deputy Head, Pastoral and day-to-day

If any parents have items of school uniform that their youngsters have grown out of, but which still have some life left in them, we would love to take them off your hands. We are regularly asked about second-hand uniform and in the current economic climate, parents of incoming Year 7 are already asking if they can buy second-hand blazers and PE kit. Should you have any uniform that you no longer have a use for and would be prepared to donate to the school, please send it in to the school office - I will most certainly be able to find it a new home.

We were remiss in the last KES News for not congratulating Mr Cannon on his marriage over the Easter holiday. We wish him and his new wife Megan a very happy life together. We said farewell to Miss Berridge earlier this term. Miss Berridge is taking a break from teaching and our best wishes go with her as she embarks on a new path in life.

Parents are reminded that Half Term is the week beginning Monday 27 May.



Martin Haynes, Deputy Head, Curriculum

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students the best of luck in their examinations. Hopefully they are not actually relying on luck, but have worked hard to ensure they are fully prepared. I know that many staff have invited students into school during study leave in order to help them with their final revision, I urge students to take advantage of this. I would also like to remind our Year 11 students to make use of GCSEPod so they can revise on the move.

As far as I am concerned the Year 9 option process is over. Students have been allocated to the subjects of their choice and I am pleased to report that only a very small minority had to make modifications.

Congratulations to all those students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have received Enterprise Awards this year. The response has been brilliant and I would encourage students to continue working towards the bronze, silver, gold and platinum badges. The champion tutor groups in each year group are 7CE, 8CS and 9AK.

Business and Enterprise Week, Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 July, is rapidly approaching. As usual faculty areas have gone all out to give the students a wide range of exciting and interesting experiences in order to develop their enterprise skills. A concerted effort has been made to give our Sixth Form students a meaningful experience; they are really spoilt for choice! A detailed programme of events will be placed on the school website within the next few weeks.

HEADS OF YEAR

Year 7

Year 7 exams take place the week beginning Monday 3 June and I would encourage all students to revise well. Their subject teachers will guide them in terms of what topic material to revise. Please encourage them to revise well at home using their books. They could also use the BBC 'bitesize' website as additional support for most subjects: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/>

Business and Enterprise week is approaching. Year 7 will be split into different groups and designated a faculty to work with during that time. I would like to remind parents that any reply slips for trips etc should be returned to the faculty they are involved with. This is a fantastic chance for our students to encounter different opportunities and I would like them to make the most of their experience.



Congratulations to Olivia Blower in 7CS. She recently competed in a national diving competition in Plymouth and performed well. On behalf of Year 7 I would like to say a huge 'well done!'.

Natasha Jenkins, Head of Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 students are continuing to excel in all areas of the school curriculum. I was proud to see some of them perform in the recent school production and many participated in the recent round of KES sports. In addition, two students, Cameron Alston in 8BS and Haydn Geary in 8AK, have achieved their platinum Business and Enterprise



awards for their outstanding achievements, both within and outside of school. This is a tremendous effort and I hope to see many more students collecting signatures from their teachers in order to gain the recognition they deserve.

Delia Webster, Head of Year 8

Year 9

We are now fast approaching the end of Year 9 and it won't be long before the students start their GCSE courses. It is important that the students maintain high standards of work and effort in all subjects and not just the subjects they are studying in September.



I would also like to congratulate Chloe and Tayla on receiving The Jack Petchey Achievement Award. This is a fantastic achievement and I look forward to other members receiving this award in the future.

Tom Hickey, Head of Year 9

Year 10

I would like to congratulate the students who have been accepted onto the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. It is a fantastic achievement. I would also like to say well done to the Year 10 students who were involved in 'We Will Rock You', it was an amazing show and the Year 10 students were fantastic.



Next half term we will be looking at appointing our school prefects from Year 10 and I very much look forward to working with, and appointing, prefects from my year group.

Emma Cooke, Head of Year 10

Year 11

As the students approach the end of Year 11, I would like to wish them the best of luck in whatever they choose to do next, whether it is in employment, or continuing in education.

I look forward to seeing many of the year group at the Prom dressed in their finery and am sure this will be a memorable occasion to mark the end of this time at KES.

I have enjoyed being Head of Year 11 and have been lucky to have many excellent students. I am very proud of their achievements. I would also like to thank parents for the support you have given to your child and to the school since your child joined us.



Sarah Stone, Head of Year 11

Sixth Form

As always, we have had a busy time in the Sixth Form, as students approach their exams and final coursework deadlines. Although stress can sometimes be productive, in that it can force students to knuckle down to some revision, too much can clearly be dangerous and we would encourage parents to contact us if they are worried about their sons or daughters. Encouraging regular study habits and ensuring that they have a quiet place in which to work undoubtedly helps, but it is also important that they eat well and sleep enough.

Year 12 A Level students will return to school, after study leave, on 3 June. The following weeks are very important for Year 12 as they begin their A2 courses. Students are expected to attend all their lessons, regardless of whether they intend to continue with subjects in Year 13, so that they have a full range of options once they have received their results.

The school's production of 'We Will Rock You' provided a very welcome contrast to the academic rigours of daily life and we were delighted to see so many Sixth Formers involved, both in starring roles and behind the scenes, working on the technical side, or in costume and make-up. As usual, we are in awe of the breadth of talent on show and congratulate those involved.

Lastly, although it has been lovely to welcome some warmer weather recently, we would like to remind parents that students should not wear shorts or skimpy tops to school. We want to treat Sixth Formers as adult members of our community, so it is important that they dress appropriately.



**Julie Green,
Head of
Year 12**



**Kate Booker,
Head of
Year 13**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Review Day

This year Review Day takes place on Tuesday 2 July. The school will open for parent and student interviews with tutors and Heads of Year to review progress over the past year and determine targets for the next academic year.

To facilitate this important day, the normal timetable will not operate and students will only come into school with their parents for the meeting with their tutor. Subject teachers for that day will set work to be completed at home.

Further details about the day and how to book an appointment with form tutors and Heads of Year will be issued after half-term.

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom is on Friday 28 June 2013, from 6.30pm to 10.30pm.

Tickets are £5 and available for Year 11 students to buy from Miss Stone at break times.

Attendance at the Prom is dependent upon good behaviour, attendance and punctuality.

If you have any queries around your child attending the Prom, please contact Miss Stone as soon as possible.



Sixth Form bus transport

The deadline for Year 11 and 12 students to book a place as a member of the Sixth Form on the contract buses, for the autumn term 2013, is Monday 10 June 2013. If students have not picked up a letter regarding this they need to see Miss Ramdin in the Sixth Form office as soon as possible.

For any other information on the school's contract bus transport, please speak to Mrs Packer, the School Business Manager.



Library

The library competition for this term is for students to write a book review. The competition is open to Years 7, 8 and 9. The winner will receive a Kindle e-reader with a second prize of a £15 Waterstones voucher, and a third prize of a £10 Waterstones voucher. The entries need to be handed in to the librarian by Friday 7 June.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in tokens for free books from Nestlé cereals, a total of 272 tokens were collected and will enable the library to order about five books. Please carry on collecting the tokens, there is a collection box in front of the library desk.

Please encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes a day and to bring back any overdue library books.

UK Chess Challenge Competition

The overall winner of the first stage of the UK Chess Challenge Competition, which was held in-house, was Callum Shingleton-Smith in 7BE, with Harry Baskett in 7CS and George Johnson in 8AE as runners up. Callum has also been entered into the UK Chess Challenge 'Jackpot Prize' competition, which is an additional competition for any student who has scored seven straight wins (21 points out of 21).



Readathon 2013

The Readathon total this year was £659.28, all raised by Year 7 students. All the money goes to Readathon children's charities in our local area.

FACULTY FOCUS ON CREATIVE ARTS

The summer term is always a thriving time of year for the Creative Arts Faculty. There have been many different activities taking place and fresh new projects commencing. It is also the time of year where exam groups are preparing for their exams and moderation. Well done to all the students that have committed themselves outside of lessons. Hopefully this will pay off come August when we receive all the exam grades.

After the success of the dance production last term our minds turned to the yearly drama production. After deciding to perform the musical 'We Will Rock You', we undertook auditions, casting and then rehearsals. After four months of hard work and many hours of commitment, the show was performed. It was exciting to see such a dynamic and fresh cast of students. I am sure that you will agree that they all did exceptionally well and it was a great performance of a modern day musical.

Business and Enterprise week is now one of our main focuses. We have many exciting activities planned for our Year 10 students which will hopefully give them an insight into the creative arts and its link to the creative industry. We will be taking a number of trips including exploring the Harry Potter London film sets, visiting the London Film Museum and a theatre trip to see 'Woman in Black' in London. We will also have professional dancers coming into school to run dance workshops for the students, plus the development of film illustration and soundtracks. I am sure that it will be an innovative and productive week for all involved.

Another event which is close to our hearts is the Cliffs Pavilion Awards Evening in June. This is an opportunity to showcase all of the different parts of the Creative Arts Faculty and provides an opportunity for the students to display all of their hard work. KES singing group is in full rehearsals for the event. Any students who would like to join the singing group are more than welcome to attend. The rehearsals take place on Tuesdays after school in M3, and this term we are singing songs by The Script, Olly Murs and Pink among others.

It has been a busy term in the Music department with Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 coursework. Students taking part in the AS and A Level Music Technology course have been hard at work in the recording studio recreating their chosen songs as part of their coursework. At GCSE Level there were some excellent performances from the Year 11 students, including some students achieving full marks for this element of the course. The current Year 11 students are very musical and several of the GCSE class have been integral to the Music department extracurricular activities during their time at KES. They include Michael, Michelle, Daniel, Matthew and Timothy.



Good luck to our flourishing Art students that are hoping to develop their artistry skills at university. The KES Art department are so pleased that so many students are furthering their interests at university. Studying Art can be a very rewarding avenue to follow. We are so proud of how the students have worked hard to develop their portfolios and pursue their dream.

The Year 11 GCSE Dance Moderation took place in April. A huge well done goes to all the students who were involved. They behaved with professionalism and performed extremely well. It can be very challenging for a student to perform three practical assessments in one day, but all students dealt with the pressure fantastically.

Well done also goes to the Year 10 GCSE dancers and Year 12 Performing Arts students that took part in the performance choreographed by the Year 11 students. They were committed and performed tremendously.

The Year 11 GCSE Dance students undertook a workshop by a Chief Moderator in April. This workshop allowed them to further develop their 'set dance'. All GCSE Dance students worked very hard and were praised by the guest examiner for their energy, positive work attitude and creativity.



Finally, I'd just like to take the opportunity to wish all the students the best of luck with their Art exams. Sitting an exam over two or three days can be a daunting event. With hard work and preparation it can be an exhilarating experience. The Art team and I wish everyone the best of luck and we can't wait to see the pending masterpieces.

Janine Foakes, Head of Art and Acting Director of Creative Arts Faculty

FACULTY FOCUS ON CREATIVE ARTS

A Level students visit the Saatchi Gallery

Well done to the AS and A2 Level students who organised their own art trip to London during the Easter holidays. Students visited the Saatchi Gallery and viewed its pieces. Despite some of the work being very contemporary and quite unique, students were able to gain a new insight into modern day art and the expanding industry. Students were then able to use their findings in developing their preparatory work for their pending Art exam.



Student talks about his work experience at Essex Media Workshop

“In February I went to Essex Media Workshop (EMW) as part of the work experience scheme that the school sets for Year 10 students every year. Essex Media Workshop is based in Basildon just off the A127 and the workshop is on the Parklands Estate. The company produce lots of films for organisations including primary schools and the Basildon Foster Carers.

Over the two week period I was there, I learnt about the basics of media and how a production firm works. At my time at the workshop I worked in the edit suites where I produced my own video for a place called Lake Como in Italy. I added effects such as movement, music and titles to the shots that I edited. I also went off site to shoot my own film.

At school I’m taking Media Studies, and having this placement gave me a better insight to the media industry and the type of job that I want to do when I leave school. It was a very useful experience and I enjoyed my time there.”

Max, Year 10



Art lessons aren’t just for the classroom

The AS and A2 Level students should be commended for their commitment, not just inside the classroom, but also outside of school. Well done to those students who have attended Friday night life drawing classes at Leigh Community Centre. Once a month students have organised the trips by themselves and committed to extending their learning.



Media Moguls of the month

The following students have been awarded ‘Media Mogul of the month’ because of their excellent work in Media over the past month.

- Jack in Year 13 for his outstanding dedication to succeeding in his coursework.
- Tara in Year 12 for the most improved coursework.
- Kayley in Year 11 for her outstanding dedication to succeeding in her coursework.
- Shannon in Year 10 for excellent skill in combining theory and creativity in her coursework.



Dance theatre visit

Dance and Performing Arts students recently saw the smash hit show ‘Some Like It Hip Hop’ by ZooNation. The show is a complicated comical tale of love, mistaken identity, cross-dressing, gender stereotypes and revolution which are played out in ZooNation’s trademark style of Hip Hop, comedy and physical theatre.



FACULTY FOCUS ON LANGUAGES

Year 7 were recently visited by the Box Clever drama group, who performed scenes from various Shakespearean plays. Their superb drama skills brought the plays to life and entertained the students, ensuring that future generations continue to enjoy his wonderful works.

They were especially entertained and amused by the romantic scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in which four Year 7 students played the roles of 'The Lovers' Lysanda, Demetrius, Helena and Hermia.



Year 7 can also look forward to the brilliant opportunity of visiting the Warner Bros. Studio Tour to experience the making of the Harry Potter films. This will be an amazing opportunity for them to improve their media knowledge, awareness of links with literature, and indulge their 'Potter Passion'.

Year 10 recently completed their first formal speaking and listening exam in which they had to describe their work experience. Students successfully completed this and are now looking forward to their next controlled assessment, which will be based on creative writing skills.

Year 11 Literature students recently received their grades for their January exam. The results showed that almost all students were awarded a grade B – A*, with many students achieving above their target grade; a huge congratulations to them.

Two clubs have recently been introduced in English; on Tuesdays there will be a support club for Year 7, 8 and 9 students to help with homework, basic skills and general support in the subject. There is also a grade raising club on Thursdays for Years 10 and 11. This will focus on exam skills, basic skills and general support in the warm up to final exams and controlled assessments. We look forward to seeing as many students there as possible.



KES also runs a craft club, where students use old books to make new and exciting decorations. It hasn't been running for long and it would be great if more students joined and fed their creativity. It is run on a monthly basis with Miss Edwards. This month students were 'up-cycling' old dictionaries to make beautiful bunting. Some made them to decorate their bedrooms, whilst others made the items as gifts for family... even their pets!



Some students have received a postcard thanking them for their hard work in English this month and congratulations goes to them. One name from each band in each year group was selected at random to receive a English Expert Certificate. These are the names of the winners for April: Ria, Callum, Rachael in Year 7, Jasmine, Jordyn, Bryony in Year 8, and Joseph, Francesca, Ryan in Year 9.

Finally, I'd just like to mention that I achieved a Master's degree in Education with Leadership and Management during the Easter break, and congratulations goes to Mrs Jacob for earning her degree in English Literature.

Tim Morgan, Director of English

FACULTY FOCUS ON LANGUAGES

The next two months are exciting times for the Modern Languages department, with the Year 7 day trip to Boulogne, and the residential trip to Paris for Years 8 and 9. Students and staff are looking forward to immersing themselves in the French culture and being able to practise their speaking skills during both trips.

Could the parents of those students attending either trip please check their son or daughter's passport and EHIC card in advance, in preparation for the trip.

Parents of those students attending the residential trip to Paris will be invited to a meeting at the school one week prior to the trip to go through the arrangements, to collect in the passports and EHIC cards, and to answer any questions that you may have.

Parents of those students attending the day trip to Boulogne will be provided with a letter to outline the arrangements of the trip and when their son or daughter's passport and EHIC card will be collected.



Thank you to all parents involved for their support with both trips. They always prove to be a worthwhile experience for students.

Matthew Williams, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

A Level work experience visit to France

A Year 12 English student, Iona, recently visited France as part of her A Level work experience. She gives her account of her trip below.

"In the Easter holidays I spent a week in the Northern city of Lille where I did some work experience at a creche. I learned so much about the culture, the language, and the French people. Even though the work experience was tiring and difficult to understand at times, I felt it was really beneficial for me to improve my French. I met some really amazing people whilst I was there, some of whom I'd like to keep in contact with for a long time. Overall it was an extremely worthwhile experience and I would definitely go back if I had the chance."



LATEST NEWS

Visit to Cedar Hall School

Four Year 13 Child Development students visited Cedar Hall School in Thundersley to give them an insight into working at a special needs school.

The reason behind the visit was to gain knowledge and understanding for their CACHE assignment working with children with special needs. The students will be able to draw on the knowledge they gained by the visit, and one student has now expressed an interest in working with special needs because of the trip.

Billie, one of the students, said *“We have realised that working with children with special needs is both challenging and rewarding at the same time”*.



The Jack Petchey Achievement Award

Congratulations go to the following students for being awarded this March and April's award.

Chloe in Year 9 had some of her hair cut off and she donated it to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children that have had cancer.

Tayla, also in Year 9, has made outstanding effort and achievements in her personal development this year.

They are now deciding how they would like to spend their £200 within school. Staff and students are now nominating for the last round of awards for May and June.



Teacher gets 'stripped' for London Marathon

Mr Willens, Director of Key Stage 3, thrilled some Sixth Form students by allowing them to wax his legs for the London Marathon. Mr Willens took part in the race to raise money for Havens Hospices.

The two students, Samuel and Liam, donated £10 each for the privilege of tearing the wax strips off. Other students also donated money to watch the spectacle.

After the waxing Mr Willens said: *“The pain was quite intense, and was made more excruciating because so many students came to watch, but it was worth it as we managed to raise over £100.”*



LATEST NEWS



Young Firefighters Course

Following a very successful week last year on Firebreak at Hawkwell Fire Station, Connie, a Year 11 KEWT, was selected by Essex County Fire and Rescue to follow the 'Young Firefighters Course' at Southend Fire Station.

Connie attended the course once a week for seventeen weeks and her pass out parade was in March at Southend Fire Station where the Young Firefighter crew performed drills on the yard, met the Mayor of Southend, and received their certificates for successfully completing the course.

During the course the young firefighters went through basic training within the fire service, including using the hoses and equipment from the appliance, rescuing casualties, using ladders, first aid, team work, using initiative, leadership and enhancing communication skills.

Throughout the course and at the pass out parade Connie was an absolute credit to the school, leading her watch through drills and working with everyone maturely and professionally. Hopefully she will look to pursue a career in the fire service as this is clearly an occupation she would be great at. Well done Connie.



Sociologist of the half-term

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the accolade of 'Sociologist of the half-term'. These students have worked extremely hard and given 100% effort.

Year 10: Charlie Smith; Year 11: Chloe Long; Year 12: Amber Bray; Year 13: Sam Kershaw

Asian night

Year 12 BTEC Hospitality students recently held an Asian night for staff, family and friends. They enjoyed a three course buffet starting with a selection of Chinese and Indian mixed hors d'oeuvres, followed by chicken korma, prawn stir fry, sweet and sour chicken, special fried rice and saag aloo. The meal finished with a choice of dessert; mango sorbet, fruit platter or banana filo and ice cream. The students would like to thank everyone who supported the event and look forward to the next one.



Year 11 students get a taste of life as a trainee chef

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students recently carried out their controlled practical assessments. They were set the task of pretending to be a trainee chef at a local hotel that was holding an 'International Week'. They were then asked to prepare a two course meal from a country of their choice. The quality of their chosen meals were excellent.



Student interviews professional footballer

Thomas, a Year 9 student, recently had the opportunity to interview Paul Benson, a professional football player from Swindon Town, currently on loan to Cheltenham Town.



Thomas: Which team have you always wanted to play for?

Paul: Being born in Southend I've always wanted to play for Southend United, I played in the youth team when I was growing up but never got to play for the first team.

Thomas: Who was your idol growing up and why?

Paul: Growing up I admired the players that played in my position (striker) so players like Alan Shearer, Ian Wright and Gary Lineker were my favourites, I also used to like Paul Gascoigne.

Thomas: What team did you support growing up?

Paul: I supported Southend United when I was growing up, I used to have a season ticket and never used to miss a home game.

Thomas: What player would you most like to play alongside and why?

Paul: I'd love to play alongside David Beckham, I think with his crossing ability I'd get lots of chances to score goals! He's also a great role model and I admire how well he's done in his career.

Thomas: Who's the best centre back you've played against and why?

Paul: The best centre back I've played against is probably Michael Dawson. He was very strong, had good pace, and was good in the air, everything that makes a good defender. I'm not surprised he's in the England squad.

Thomas: Who do you think is the greatest manager and why?

Paul: The greatest manager in my opinion, certainly from my era, is Sir Alex Ferguson. He has achieved everything a manager can achieve and keeps producing great teams. He has built about five or six different sides in his time at United and every one has achieved success. There have been great managers in the past like Bill Shankly, Matt Busby, Brian Clough and I think future managers like Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola will have great careers, but I don't think anyone will win as many trophies as Ferguson has for a very long time, if ever.

Thomas: What's the best football stadium you've played at?

Paul: Wembley is definitely the best stadium I've played at, I've been very lucky to have played there twice. It is arguably the best football ground in the world and to have played, and scored there, makes me feel very proud.

Thomas: Who would you say is the most skilled player that you have played with?

Paul: The most skilled player I have played with is Matt Ritchie. Matt has recently won the League One 'Player of the Year' and is still very young. He has played in the Premier League already when he was at Portsmouth and even though he is in League One now I think in a few years time he will be back in the Premier League playing every week. Paolo Di Canio was also very, very skilful when he used to join in with us at training and I could tell how good he must have been when he used to play.

Thomas: Which of your team mates spends the longest in front of the mirror?

Paul: At Swindon lots of the players spend ages in front of the mirror, and it's probably Matt Ritchie again who spends the longest! He moisturises all the time and then spends ages doing his hair, he probably spends thirty minutes every day after training in front of the mirror!

Thomas: Who's the biggest practical joker on the team?

Paul: Simon Ferry who plays centre midfield is the biggest practical joker, he's always trying to wind someone up and you have to be careful what you wear to training because if he doesn't like it you could end up with it cut up!

Thomas: Who's the best manager you've played under?

Paul: There are a couple of managers that I think are the best I've played under. John Still when I was at Dagenham & Redbridge and Paolo Di Canio at Swindon. John Still was a great motivator and used to be able to get his players up for every game, he could make me feel really confident and I scored loads of goals with him as my manager. Paolo on the other hand always got his tactics right, every team we played against we had the advantage because he used to tell us exactly what we needed to do to beat them. A mixture of the two would make a world class manager!!

Thomas: What job would you do if you weren't a footballer?

Paul: Before I became a footballer I was an accountant and that was my full time job before I turned professional with Dagenham & Redbridge at twenty four. So I suppose if I had never had the chance to turn pro I would still be working as an accountant!



SPORTS NEWS

KES wins District Hockey Rally for the third year

A group of Year 9 students recently won the District Hockey Rally for the third year running. The girls have continued their winning streak in the rally for three years now since they first won it in Year 7.

They won their first match 1-0 against Appleton. In their second match against Sweyne Park, despite dominating the play and numerous shots at goal, they did not score, and finished 0-0. The next match was against King John and they won the game 2-0. In their final match against FitzWimarc the girls won 2-0.

Miss Stone, their hockey teacher said: *"These girls really do have an amazing team spirit, where they understand that to win they must be a cohesive squad who all strive to achieve the same goal. Under pressure they perform brilliantly and always rise to the challenge. They are a pleasure to coach and I was very proud of them".*



KES students played in semi final of Southend under 14 league cup

The football team Junior Bocas recently won the semi final of the Southend under 14 league cup (4-1 against Southend Manor).

Seven of the players are KES students and also play for the school football team.

The team will now play the final at Roots Hall on the 26 May 2013 where they will be treated like professional football players. They will travel to Roots Hall by coach, where all their kit will be hung up ready for them in the changing rooms. They will then get to warm up on the pitch, and when the game commences their names will be put on the screens, and a commentator will announce their names as they go on the pitch.

The KES students are: Taylor Watson, Ali Goodwin, Sean Flicker, Jordon McDonald, Bobby Arthur, Jamie Tamplin, Adam Buckthorpe.

Swimming ace

A Year 8 student, Cameron, was once again successful at a regional swimming gala in March, gaining himself a Silver medal in the 50m freestyle. He also managed to secure two regional times in the 100m freestyle (1:04) and in the 100m Butterfly (1:13) which was also a new 'Personal Best' for Cameron. Well done!



Student achieves a black belt in Karate

A Year 7 student, Ryan, started training in Shotokan Karate at Westwood Karate Academy at the age of seven. On Sunday 21 April, at the age of 11, he undertook his 1st Dan Black Belt grading, which he passed with flying colours. Well done Ryan!

