

The King Edmund School  
A Business & Enterprise and  
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# KES NEWS

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## SCHOOL OPEN EVENING A REAL SUCCESS



In September the school held its Open Evening to welcome prospective Year 7 parents and carers to experience what life is like at KES. A large number of people from Rochford and the surrounding areas, as well as Southend, attended the event. In the main hall the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher gave speeches that provided the visitors with information on applying for a place at KES and explained the ethos of the school.

Two Year 7 and two Year 12 students also gave the visitors their perspective on what it is like to be a student at KES through a presentation in their own words, which was very popular with the audience. Students and teachers also carried out demonstrations and activities in the classrooms whilst the school prefects showed the visitors around. The Art faculty gave visitors the opportunity to try their hand at screen printing whilst the English faculty created their very own chocolate factory.

# SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE



*Jonathan Osborn, Headteacher*

It already feels as though a great deal has happened this year, despite only being six weeks into it. On Wednesday 26 September we held our Open Evening to celebrate all the activities and work that goes on at KES and to allow parents an opportunity to see some of it in action. The evening was as busy as it always is and it was lovely to hear visitors talk about how welcoming the school felt and how impressed they were with KES students.

We also recently held our Sixth Form Open Evening for existing KES students and students from other schools. The event provides students with an opportunity to talk to staff and current sixth formers about courses and to get a sense of life in our Sixth Form.

Three of our current students spoke eloquently in the hall about the experiences of life at KES and what they have got from their time here. I would urge any student who has yet to pick up an application form to do so as the deadline for applications is shortly after half-term – Thursday 8 November.

At the moment Mia Whitmore, our Marketing Manager, is arranging meetings for parents who have agreed to be part of a panel to discuss further the results of the recent surveys. I would like to say a big thank you to those parents who have volunteered – your feedback will be very helpful. Once this has taken place, we will collate all findings and communicate them via KES News. Part of this process is to look again at what our aims are as a school and how we go about achieving them. Looking at this with staff will be a key part of our next training day on 5 November. This may well sound quite vague to parents, but in reality having a clear view of all that we are seeking to achieve is fundamental to actually getting there. Again we will communicate progress in this through KES News.

Finally, I want to briefly write about some of the initiatives we are working on at the moment. You may recall from previous issues of KES News and letters home that we are having a strong focus on homework and students doing their very best in lessons. Unfortunately, students sometimes struggle to complete homework and hand it in on time. Sometimes though it is more along the lines of won't do it rather than can't do it. Either way we want students to engage with the process and therefore students know that if they get a detention and miss it for whatever reason, it will be completed the next day. If they do not attend on the second day they will be with a senior member of staff for detention on the third day. The aim is to make it easier to meet the original homework deadline and therefore to cut down a number of students getting detentions.

I would be very grateful if parents could encourage students to complete their work on time and hand it in. We want to get to a point where our focus is on praising all students because they meet their deadlines with high-quality work as this is bound to enable them to reach their potential more effectively.



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

## **Forthcoming calendar events**

<b>29 October - 2 November</b>	Half term
<b>5 November</b>	Staff Training - school closed to students
<b>14 November</b>	Year 12 /13 Parent Consultation Evening
<b>21/22/23 November</b>	Dance Production
<b>28 November</b>	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Further details concerning these events will be sent to parents of the appropriate year groups nearer the time.

## **Mobile phones and 'sick' children**

We are experiencing increasing problems with students contacting their parents because they feel unwell and asking them to come and pick them up. Students who do not feel well should go to Student Reception where Mrs Gibson who is a trained First Aider will assess them. We will always call a parent and ask them to collect their child if they are genuinely unwell. It is very difficult when a parent arrives at school expecting to pick their child up and we know nothing about it because the child has contacted home themselves. Should your child contact you saying they are unwell, please ignore it! If they are feeling so unwell that they clearly need to go home they must go to Student Reception and Mrs Gibson will contact you.

All parents are reminded that mobile phones must remain switched off in school at all times, students will lose the right to carry a phone in school if they are found to be using their phones in school.

# SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE



*Martin Haynes, Deputy Head, Curriculum*

The school does its utmost to support students in their efforts to achieve their maximum potential in public examinations. One aspect of this support is the extensive interventions programme in KS4. Currently a significant number of students are receiving one-to-one tuition in both English and Mathematics. We have employed two teachers to work with individual students helping them develop knowledge, skills and understanding in certain areas they find a challenge. We have already started a Saturday revision club for students taking a linear examination in Mathematics in November. This will be followed by a Saturday revision club for selected English students to help them prepare for their mock examination in December.

GCSEPod is a website where our students can listen to revision podcasts. The podcasts cover a significant number of the GCSE subjects we follow at KES and this type of revision has proved both to be popular and effective for many of our students. It is also possible for students to download the podcasts onto their mp3/mp4 players and onto most smartphones, which allows them to revise whilst on the move! I will be training students in the use of this website over the next few weeks.

As you are probably aware, most subjects at GCSE require students to undertake a controlled assessment. In many cases this assessment can contribute 25% of the final GCSE grade and is therefore very important. We fully expect students to take this aspect of their courses seriously and do their utmost to succeed. I do not think it is unreasonable to expect our students to achieve or exceed their target grade in this form of assessment.

We believe that it is important to develop the enterprise skills of every student and in this respect we have a system (the Enterprise Passport) to reward students who demonstrate such skills, both inside and outside of the classroom. Students can gain bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards (badges) if they are sufficiently enterprising.

Finally we do still have a small minority of students that are still given detentions for poor behaviour, failing to complete homework and for other indiscretions. It is important for any student getting a detention that it is attended first time since failure to attend will result in a catch-up detention the following day or could escalate to a longer detention with a member of the school leadership team or even a Saturday morning detention (3 hours). We will not let students off detentions so it really is best they attend first time or ideally not get the detention in the first place.

## STUDENT COUNCIL YEAR REPRESENTATIVES 2012-13

Student Council hustings assemblies were especially entertaining this year. There were more candidates than previous years and the voting was very close. If ever there was proof needed that every vote counts and that every student's voice is important, there was a first ever dead heat in Year 10. Bethany Orchard and Demi Harris will be sharing the responsibility as Year Representative.

### **Year 7**

Hollie Wakeman  
George Cummings

### **Year 8**

Libby Howe  
Matthew Clayton-Wills

### **Year 9**

Hal Davidge  
Fleur Clarke

### **Year 10**

Bethany Orchard and Demi Harris  
Toby Cotterall

### **Year 11**

Jasmine Zekai  
Robert Clemenson

### **Year 12/13**

Watch this space....

# LATEST NEWS



## Baking for a good cause

The Year 12 and 13 BTEC Hospitality students made and decorated cupcakes for sale during the school's recent Open Evening in aid of the Ryan Tolly Trust. Ryan was a former BTEC Hospitality student who sadly died last year of leukaemia, and a trust has been set up in his name. The students are planning on raising funds for the trust throughout the year, including holding a coffee shop for staff at the end of this term.



## Feeder school students visit KES

Year 6 students from the KES feeder schools came to KES for a Business and Enterprise event held over two days in September. The students were put into mixed teams with children from the other feeder schools. The theme of the day was 'XFactor' and the teams had to find a new act to enter in to the categories. The winning teams received a KES mug. The skills they picked up were team work, marketing and financial skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and they said that the best part was working in a team with new friends.



## Music trip to professional recording studio

AS Music Technology students visited The Broom Cupboard Recording studio in Rayleigh to see how a professional recording studio works. Under the tuition of Rees Broomfield, the students recorded on a live drum kit, a bass guitar and an electric guitar, then worked on several effects such as EQ (equalisation) and 'flipping' tracks to create a perfect listening experience. The students were also able to ask questions and watch demonstrations on how microphone placement and selection can affect the quality of recording, which will be a useful experience for their own multi track recordings, which are part of their AS coursework. Rees also offered tips on how to record their own multi track selections and how to create an authentic sound for the different instruments they have to record for their coursework. There will also be follow-up sessions in school following this trip.

## Geography field trips

Seventy Year 11 students visited Walton on the Naze to collect data on coastal management for their Geography controlled assessment. They had the opportunity to go up the Naze tower and see the amazing views of the coastline.



A level Year 13 students visited Tilbury Power Station to find out how it operates for a unit of work on Energy Security. They got the opportunity to tour the station and stand inside a furnace. They also learnt about sustainability and how the station is attempting to improve its efficiency.



# LATEST NEWS



## Soldier welcomed home after tour of duty in Afghanistan

Ex KES student Ryan Johnson has returned to Rochford after serving his first tour of duty in Afghanistan. Ryan joined the army when he left KES at fifteen as he had always known that he wanted to be in the army when he left school. He will now spend some time based in the UK using the skills and experience he has acquired to help new recruits. His sister Ellise Johnson in Year 9 is very happy he is home safe and sound.



## Former KES student becomes a Royal Marine

Peter Harries, a twenty year old ex student of KES, has become a Royal Marine after his initial training. He will be posted in Plymouth and carry out general duties in his new role. His aim is to be a Corporal within two years and one day be a part of the SBS (Special Boat Service).



## Former KES student passes out in the British Army

Daniel Sheldon, a former student of KES, has recently had his passing out parade for the Royal Engineers in the British Army. He was also awarded a medal on the day for the best Physical Fitness overall of all of his Platoon. His younger brother Samuel Law is currently in Year 12 and is very proud of his big brother.



## Business Brain of the month



September's winners of Business Brain of the month were Zara in KS4 and Rebecca in KS5.

Peter said 'The careers advice that I received at KES played a big part in helping me to decide to go into the Royal Marines. Compared to others who joined the Marines at the same time as me, I had received a lot more information from my school about what it was really like which really helped me in my decision.'

## KES provides support to the local community

KES works hard to create close links with the local community and has recently been working with the St Marks Hall Community Project. The project has been created to help keep young people off the streets and stay safe. It provides them with a place they can be themselves and gives them an opportunity to make new friends from different backgrounds. There is also information and advice available to them if they have a problem.

Through the school's donations of a variety of games, a Wii console and a TV and DVD player, the children that come to the hall have benefited greatly by having this wide variety of resources to keep them busy. The children have also been able to use KES's hall and facilities to stage their recent shows, and their performances raised £1019.61 for the Help for the Heroes charity.

Jackie Pope, who runs the project at St Marks, said: "I am so grateful to The King Edmund School, not only have they helped the community but they have also helped me. I was someone that did not like school, however working with KES has changed my opinion, as they are such a great school and they truly believe that every child matters. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mr Osborn and the staff at KES for making the children at St Marks, my volunteers and I, feel like we matter."



# SPORTS HEADLINES

## GIRLS RESULTS

### NETBALL

#### Year 7

**27 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
LOST 4-18**

*Player of the match: Charlotte Brooks*

**2 OCTOBER - KES V GREENSWARD  
WON 3-2**

*Player of the match: Shannon Leiper*

#### Year 8

**27 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
WON 22-5**

*Player of the match: Amy Kellett*

### HOCKEY

#### Year 10 and 11

**27 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
WON 2-0**

*Player of the match: Annabel Matthews-Smith*

### FOOTBALL

#### Year 7

**8 OCTOBER - GREENSWARD V KES  
WON 8-1**

*Player of the match: Neve Barr*

#### Year 8 and 9

### ESSEX CUP

**26 SEPTEMBER - WILLIAM EDWARDS V KES  
WON 6-4**

*Player of the match: Abbie Rex*

**9 OCTOBER - WANSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL V KES  
WON 4-1**

*Player of the match: Emily White*

## Cross country competition

Some of the girls from the school cross country team went to Southend High School to compete in a warm up cross country competition in September. The course was 2.7km and included two long inclines. The competitors were top runners from very good cross country teams in Southend. The KES girls came 3rd overall, a brilliant effort, particularly considering some girls had never run in a cross country race before. Special mention to Year 7 girls Georgia Goble and Charlotte Brooks who came 3rd and 8th respectively. Rebecca Mead in Year 8 who came 8th in her race and in Year 9, Mia Key who came 12th. Well done to all the girls who ran on the day.

## BOYS RESULTS

### FOOTBALL

#### Year 7

**17 SEPTEMBER - KES V KING JOHN  
LOST 4-7**

**18 SEPTEMBER - KES V CASTLEVIEW  
LOST 1-3**

**27 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
DRAW 3-3**

**3 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
WON 6-2**

#### Year 8

**20 SEPTEMBER - KES V KING JOHN  
LOST 2-4**

**18 SEPTEMBER - KES V CASTLEVIEW  
WON 3-1**

**27 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
DRAW 1-1**

**4 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
LOST 1-3**

#### Year 9

**24 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
LOST 2-3**

**3 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
WON 1-0**

**9 OCTOBER - KES V CASTLEVIEW  
WON 1-0**

#### Year 10

**20 SEPTEMBER - KES V KING JOHN  
WON 4-3**

**1 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
WON 3-1**

**9 OCTOBER - KES V CASTLEVIEW  
LOST 2-4**

#### Year 11

**17 SEPTEMBER - KES V KING JOHN  
WON 3-0**

**28 SEPTEMBER - KES V CORNELIUS  
LOST 1-2**

**2 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
LOST 1-3**

**4 OCTOBER - KES V DEANES  
LOST 0-3**

# HEADS OF YEAR

## Year 7

I'm pleased to say that I am being inundated with requests from students to receive pastoral credits. I'm hoping that soon I will be in a position to hand out lots of credit certificates in assembly as well. Our year group is starting to show they have lots of talents, and the attendance to afterschool clubs from Year 7 students is great.



*Natasha Jenkins, Head of Year 7*

## Year 8

Year 8 students have made a good start to the school year and have achieved success in a variety of sporting and academic areas. In addition, following on from the success of the Enterprise Passport Scheme last year, Mr Haynes has recently launched a new platinum award. My challenge to the year group is for every student to achieve their silver badge by the end of Year 8, while some will be focussing on their gold and platinum badges.



I was also particularly pleased with the way the Year 8 girls conducted themselves during their first HPV vaccination recently. The next dates are on 14 November 2012 and 27 March 2013.

*Delia Webster, Head of Year 8*

## Year 9

I have been very pleased with the number of students who have been attending extra-curricular activities in a range of subjects. It is pleasing to see the success they achieve by giving up their free time after school to commit to these clubs. I would ask all parents/carers to encourage the students to continue to attend clubs as I believe it to be very important in their personal and social development.



*Tom Hickey, Head of Year 9*

## Year 10

I have been really impressed with the attitude that Year 10 have shown to the start of their GCSE courses this term. There is obviously going to be a greater amount of work expected and students need to get used to the increased demands placed onto them. I would ask for your support in ensuring that adequate time is taken on homework and that deadlines are met. It is important that good work ethics are embedded now. Big congratulations to the tutor reps that have been voted in to represent their tutor group on the student council. Year 10 were given the opportunity in assembly to listen to speeches prepared by some of the reps in support of them standing for the whole school council. I was very proud of them all and I look forward to hearing the results.



*Emma Cooke, Head of Year 10*

## Year 11

I hope the students have started to get into their routine of revising at home already. It is important they are organised and motivated when doing this from now. Ironing out any issues or confusions before October half term is crucial in ensuring they are on track to achieving their full potential.



*Sarah Stone, Head of Year 11*

## Sixth Form

It seems that the first weeks of the new academic year have passed very quickly and we are delighted that our new Year 12 students have settled into the sixth form routine easily. Those students that joined us from other schools have been made very welcome and (with new friends and confidently finding their way around) are now indistinguishable from the rest. As part of the Sixth Form Induction Programme, Year 12 students attended the Roadster event, held at Belchamps and supported by the Fire and Rescue Service, Essex Police and Pass 4 You driving school amongst others. Although the weather was extremely wet, this did not dampen the students' enthusiasm and they enjoyed the day, especially their first experience of driving a car.

Our Year 13 students are putting the final touches to their UCAS application forms and are focusing their attention on their future career ambitions. There is much support available to them through this process and they are urged to ask for further guidance should they need it.

The school year passes very quickly and it is important that all sixth form students use their time effectively by concentrating on their studies but there are also many opportunities for them to become involved in other activities and to have an impact on the wider school community. Such involvements enable them to develop into well-rounded and confident individuals and look impressive on UCAS forms and job applications alike. We are very pleased that students are already running clubs, including a Manga club, doing voluntary work at a local primary school and supporting our sports teams.

The recent Year 12 versus Year 13 football match was the cause of much excitement and entertainment for the spectators. Despite amazing effort by the Year 12 students, the Year 13s were the victors, with a score of 6-3. Year 12s are keen to arrange a rematch! Many thanks go to Mr Lilleker and Mr Halle who gave up their time to referee the event and to all the supporters who turned out to cheer the players on.

At this time of year, our attentions turn to our Year 11s as we start the application process for next year. Parents or students who have any concerns or questions regarding the Sixth Form should contact us at the Sixth Form office, where we will be delighted to help. Sixth Form applications should be received by 8th November 2012 and interviews will be conducted early in the New Year.



*Julie Green, Head of Year 12*



*Kate Booker, Head of Year 13*

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

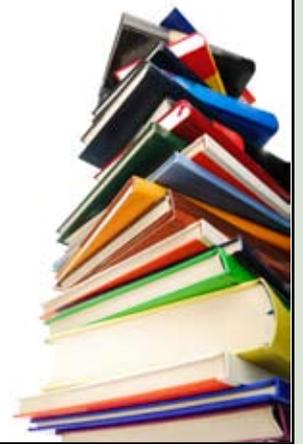
## Library

Thank you to everyone for sending in the box tops from Nestlé Cereals, we have received six new books through the promotion. Please carry on sending in the tokens - there is a collection box in the library.

The library competition, 'A Letter Home', in celebration of Roald Dahl Day, is still running. The closing date is Friday 23 November. Students can either write a letter or illustrate about any antics/adventures that they may have had during the summer break, whether it be fact or fiction.

On Wednesday 7 November Reading Renaissance have arranged for Year 8 to meet Marcus Alexander, author of the series 'Keeper of the Realms', letters will be sent home with more information.

Please continue to support and encourage your child with their reading as this will help them with all of their other subjects.



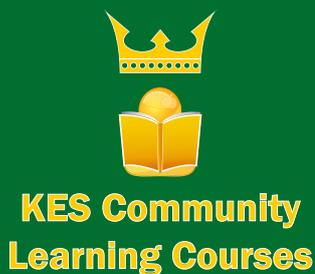
## Lost Property

Could all parents please ensure that students' possessions are clearly labelled, including PE bags, as well as their actual kit.

There has been an increase in labelled items going to lost property, which has been great as it makes it so much easier to reunite a student with their possessions.

At the end of each half term, due to storage limitations, any unclaimed lost property is bagged up and sent to local charity shops.

Students should see Mrs Zekai in the Lost Property Office situated in the gym corridor to recover any lost items. The office is open during 1st break, Monday to Thursday.



After a busy summer of enrolments, we are pleased to announce that our classes have now started. Classes range from Computers for beginners to advanced, Yoga, Art, Sign Language and much more. The classes are held in a relaxed environment with friendly and professional tutors.

Our Book Club has had the first meeting of the year, and all thirteen members continue to attend with a couple of hours of lively discussions over a cup of tea.

The autumn is a great time to learn a new hobby. If you or a family member would like to gain an IT qualification, please contact Jayn Warner or Claire Elliott on 01702 545771 ext 3272/3237 for more information.

Do you know of anyone that would be willing to help run a Bridge Club or Community choir? Please contact Jayn Warner or Claire Elliott on the numbers above.

## Appeal for help

The Sixth Form Child Development students are planning an activity session for Year 2 students and we need good quality magazines. The magazines will be folded up to make Christmas trees and we need approximately 150 magazines in varying shapes and sizes. If you have any magazines going spare please can you ask your child to hand them in to room V45 at school.

