



OUR SUCCESSES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

JULY 2008-JULY 2009

Examination Success July 2008

We achieved another record-breaking batch of A level results, with 53% of girls gaining at least 4 grade As. The percentage of grades A and B achieved was an outstanding 95.8% (including General Studies), 5% up on last year.

GCSE results were also an improvement on last year with the percentage of A*s rising from 58% to 61.6%. The percentage of A*/A grades also rose from 90.8% in 2007 to 91.5% in 2008. 3 girls who sat the Edexcel Economics and Business Studies exam achieved top 10 places, out of 2401 candidates nationwide. Other students achieved places in the top 5 nationally in subjects including Chemistry, Biology, Music, Religious Studies, Italian and General Studies.

We were also extremely pleased with the results from the AQA Bacc. Out of 31 girls who took part in the pilot scheme 25 received distinctions and 6 girls achieved merits.

KEHS has introduced the AQA Bacc because it enhances A Levels at which the girls do consistently well and enriches the girls' education by including depth and breadth of study, enrichment activities and an independent extended project.



“Year 11 students celebrating their GCSE results”

Individual and Team Success

- One girl wins BBC competition and becomes Radio 2's: Young Chorister of the Year
- One girl named Young Volunteer of the Year by the Cinnamon Trust
- Young Enterprise team win prize for ' Best Presentation' and ' Most Improved Director' for the Birmingham South area
- 3 girls represent England at the Rhythmic Gymnastics Gym Festival
- One year 8 girl selected to represent the U21 British Dressage Team
- One 6th form student secures prestigious national scholarship with internationally acclaimed law firm Herbert Smith LLP
- Team Maths Challenge: Senior and Junior Maths teams both win regional finals
- In the Senior Maths Challenge:6 girls achieved Gold awards, 10 achieved Silver awards and 9 achieved Bronze awards. 2 girls selected to attend the British Mathematical Olympiad
- In the Intermediate Maths Challenge: 4 girls achieved Gold awards, 13 achieved Silver awards and 19 Bronze awards. One girl placed in the top 50 in the whole of the competition.2 girls selected to attend the Intermediate Olympiad and 1 girl for the Kangaroo event.
- In the Junior Maths Challenge: 25 girls achieved Gold awards, 37 achieved Silver awards and there were 31 Bronze awards. 1 girl selected to attend the junior Olympiad
- 5 girls have achieved Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, 13 have achieved Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards and 19 have achieved Bronze awards **(as of July 2009)**
- Under 12 Hockey team win county tournament
- Under 14 Netball team win the Birmingham Schools' Netball tournament
- Under 13 Novice Gymnastics Team wins local competition with one girl winning an overall gold medal in the individual event
- Two Year 7 girls selected for the Warwickshire County cricket squad
- In Hockey: 2 girls have been selected for the U18 County squad, 2 girls for the U15 County squad, 2 girls for the U14 County squad and 7 girls for the U13 County squad
- In Netball: One girl has been selected for the U15 County squad and 3 girls for the County U13 squad
- In Rounders: One girl has been selected for U18 county squad
- One girl wins West Midlands Athletics U20 Javelin event
- KEHS tennis team win the highly competitive Fry Cup
- In the national Physics challenge for GCSE students, 1 girl achieved a Silver award and a further 6 girls achieved a Bronze award
- Physics Olympiad: 1 girl achieved a silver award and 2 girls received Bronze awards
- 3 girls selected to take part in Birmingham CLC's scientific workshop at NASA headquarters USA

- KEHS Economics team selected to take part in the Chartered Accountancy final at Aston Business School
- Miss Buckley awarded best UK secondary school teacher for her use of SMART Technologies

Celebrating the School's 125th Anniversary

- Old Edwardians' lunch and exhibition highlighting 125 years of the school's history
- Commemorative service at Birmingham cathedral
- 125 composition competition with the winning pieces performed by Choral Society
- Republished history of the school with a book launch in January
- Symphony Hall concert, attended by Old Edwardian Lindsay Duncan, with the first performance of a specially commissioned piece to celebrate the school's anniversary and a sensational performance of Grieg's concerto by talented pianist Jinah Shim
- An exhibition of Old Edwardian practising artists to celebrate the school's 125th anniversary
- 125 Anniversary Dinner with guest speaker Lord Digby Jones
- Launch of Project 125 with displays of art work from the whole school community and the unveiling of a new portrait of the school by nationally acclaimed artist Stephen Earl Rogers
- A step back in time: 1883 Day when girls experienced schooling as it would have been 125 years ago ending with a Victorian tea party for parents and invited guests
- Over £28,000 raised for the 125 Bursary Appeal Fund



“David Holmes, Chair of Governors, Sarah Evans, Principal and Lord Digby Jones guest speaker at the 125 Anniversary Dinner”

Serving the Community

The girls throughout the school have taken part in a vast range of activities including:

- Christmas and Spring parties for the elderly
- A farm visit and a Christmas party for local children
- Harvest festival collection of food for the elderly
- Operation Christmas Child
- Lepra Fund raising
- Macmillan coffee morning
- Comic relief day
- World AIDS day
- Selling British Legion poppies
- Non uniform days with funds raised going to local charity Homestart
- Charity fund raising weeks organised by both the Upper and Lower 6th
- Summer charity fete
- Charity card sales and bazaars
- A huge range of cake sales for charity
- The sixth form have continued to help within the local community going into local nurseries, infant and junior schools, homes for the elderly as well as helping in schools for children with disabilities

Working with the Wider Community

As part of the schools ISSP partnership (Birmingham Building Bridges Project):

- “Maths Masterclasses” have been delivered to 6th form AS level students at Great Barr school; Great Barr students have attended Maths extension classes at KEHS with a course tailored to their particular learning needs and focused on raising pupil aspirations
- Great Barr students in Years 9+10 have attended the two most recent KEHS Summer schools participating in language enrichment, physics and robotics courses
- KEHS staff have run a 3 day workshop at Arthur Terry School in Spanish for Beginners as well as a workshop for students from Great Barr and Arthur Terry schools participating in the Operation Wallacea expedition to Honduras in 2010
- Funding made available from the DCSF grant for students from Great Barr school to participate in Oxbridge and HE preparation seminars at KEHS
- Creation of a Building Bridges website with a pupil forum and Learning Gateway to facilitate collaboration between the partner schools and students

The school has continued to offer a programme of Maths Extension classes as part of the Aim Higher Initiative offered to all local schools in Birmingham.

Departments have continued to develop and extend links within the local community, for example, the RS department has extensive links with local religious communities and a vibrant programme of visiting speakers; the PDM department has a similar focus on establishing links with the local community. The Living History society has visited local primary schools to put on presentations and displays and the Classics department has recently established a new link with Shenley Court School.

Visits and Expeditions

The school has continued to extend its provision of trips and visits. There have been over 80 visits/trips during the course of the academic year. New additions this year have included:

- An exciting new outdoor activities programme with weekend excursions and day trips allowing the girls to participate in activities such as caving, abseiling, mountain biking, water sports and walking trips (all local venues)
- A residential visit to Snowdonia
- Junior World Challenge expedition to Croatia
- Senior girls visit to Granada

The school offers a programme of non compulsory extra curricular trips to suit all students and all budgets!

This year we have hosted visits from schools from Spain and Argentina and we have extended our international links programme with exchanges taking place with York House School in Canada.

New activities and developments introduced during 2008-2009

A number of these new developments have been introduced in response to feedback from both girls and parents

- Tuesday Club: an after school meeting at which 6th formers and staff have an opportunity to extend their knowledge of contemporary issues
- After school homework/ prep club introduced for girls from the U4th upwards
- New volleyball club for the Lower and Upper 5th
- One additional Progress Report for girls in the 3rds up to the L5th
- An appointments system introduced for L5th Parents' Evening
- Girls in the U4th have accompanied parents to the At Homes
- New parental focus groups have been set up with Miss Evans extending opportunities for parental involvement in the life of the school
- We have undertaken a number of online surveys with girls in the U5th and parents of girls in the L5th to obtain feedback on the introduction of our new At Homes appointments system and changes to the marking of internal examination scripts in Year 10
- All girls can now access the shared area from home ensuring work can now be more easily uploaded and downloaded
- Enrichment reading lists have been posted on most departmental pages of the school website
- A lovely, new film of the school has been produced
- A new school Blog has been created on the website allowing girls, staff and parents to discuss and debate topical issues
- In the Autumn term a whole week of activities was devoted to environmental issues: "KEHS Girls Go Green"
- 5th Form After School Reading Group with Miss Evans

And Finally: A Reminder of just a small number of some of our fabulous commemorative events in our 125th Celebratory Year:

Portrait of A School: The 125 Project



1883 Day: 29th June 2009



The 125th Anniversary Concert and the 125 Art Exhibition



KEHS "125 years of Excellence"

Portrait of A School: The 125 Project



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The 125 Dinner and the 125th Anniversary Concert

