



KEHS Review of 2010/2011

KEHS
KING EDWARD VI
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

OUR SUCCESSES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2010-AUGUST 2011

Examination Success
August 2011



A Level Results: August 2011 74.81% of results were at A or A* level and 89.15% were at A* A or B. 50 girls achieved 3 or more A/A*s. GCSE Results: August 2011: 92 per cent of all results were graded at A* and A. An impressive 62 per cent of all exams received an A* grade.

Individual and Team Success: 2010-2011

- KEHS again ranked as the top performing independent school for A levels in 2010.
- Some outstanding individual successes at A level in 2011 placing the girls in the top performing category nationally-one girl achieved 8A*grades, another 6 A*grades and another 5A*s grades.
- Two 6th form girls awarded Nuffield bursaries to carry out independent research projects both of which were ranked in the top 10 out of 550 projects nationally. The girls will both now compete in the Big Bang Fair against participants from across Europe.
- One girl in year 8 wins the national 'Small is' Challenge organised by the Practical Action scheme.
- One girl in year 9 wins the prestigious Bill Bryson Award for Science.
- Two girls from year 7 are selected to develop their design ideas for the Paediatric unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital as part of the 'Hospital in Arts' project.
- One girl in Year 10 scored one of the highest marks nationally in the Biology Challenge.
- Four girls in year 10 win the national 'Extreme Physics' team competition
- The Lower 6th Young Enterprise team have one of their most successful years ever winning a host of awards including the most coveted prize of all- Best Company in the Birmingham South Area.
- For the second year running a team of lower 6th girls wins the West Midlands Inter School Business Competition organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- Two Lower 6th form girls raise over £3000 for Great Ormond Street's 'Theatre For Theatres' appeal by forming their own theatre company and organising, producing, directing and acting in 'High School' musical.
- Two girls in the L5th win the Anglo French Poetry competition organised by the University of Birmingham.
- For the second year in succession, one girl in the Lower 6th is selected by the Spanish Embassy to take part in Ruta Quetzal.
- One girl in year 8 awarded the Beryl Chempin prize for Music for the highest grade 8 award in the West Midlands. She also wins 2 classes in the Worcester Music Festival, including the Recital class which is open to all ages. Wins 3 classes in the Northfield Music Festival, including the Recital class which is open to all ages. Nominated to compete in the North London Festival Emmanuel trophy in March 2012
- One girl in the 6th Form performs at the O2 Arena as part of the cast for the 25th Anniversary concert of Les Miserables.

- One girl sings solo in Romany Wood, a musical extravaganza for children's voices at Birmingham Town Hall in February 2011 involving hundreds of children from many schools around Birmingham.
- One year 7 girl is a member of the National Children's Orchestra
- One girl in year 8 becomes British U14 UK sabre champion in fencing.
- One girl in year 8 becomes world Karate champion in the U13 Kumite section.
- U13 and U15 teams become Birmingham County Hockey Champions.
- U12 and U13 teams become Birmingham County Netball champions.
- In gymnastics the U12 team wins the Birmingham School's competition and another team are awarded first place in the Novices Competition.
- In the Biology Challenge (GCSE) -12 gold, 15 silver and 16 bronze awards were made to girls.
- In the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge-2 girls in the Lower 6th had their work classed as excellent and received silver awards and 7 girls received copper awards.
- In the Chemistry Olympiad (A level)-I gold award was made.
- In the Physics Olympiad for A level students- 1 silver award was made.
- In the Physics Olympiad for GCSE students- 1 gold, 3 silver awards and 3 bronze awards were made to girls.

In the Junior Maths Challenge: there were 15 gold awards, 39 silver awards and 41 bronze awards. One girl was selected to attend the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

In the Intermediate Maths Challenge: there were 16 gold awards, 21 silver awards and 28 bronze awards. Four girls were selected to attend the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad. Seven girls were selected for the Kangaroo event.

In the Senior Maths Challenge: there were 2 gold awards, 7 silver awards and 19 bronze awards. Three girls were selected to attend the British Mathematical Olympiad.

One girl was invited to take part in BM02- the second round of the Olympiad.

14 girls have achieved Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, 11 have achieved Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards and 39 have achieved Bronze awards **(as of July 2011)**

- School rated as 'excellent' and a model of outstanding practice for the training of NQTs in the school's April ISCTip inspection.

KEHS is the only independent school in the country to be awarded teaching school status

King Edward VI High School for Girls is one of only 100 schools in England, and the only independent school in the country, to be granted teaching school status– a new designation entitling it to lead the training and professional development for staff. It was selected by the National College for School Leadership which had about 1,200 expressions of interest in the first recruitment round.

The milestone marks a shift towards school-centred training and development. Teaching schools will be responsible for leading a group of schools, working with other partners including at least one university, to deliver high quality support for teachers and leaders at all stages in their career.

Principal Sarah Evans said: “We have long worked with other schools in both the state and independent sectors believing in the huge benefits to everyone in sharing ideas and practice. We have been able to put together a very strong group of partners with whom we shall enjoy working to deliver the teaching school objectives.”

The National College has responsibility for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme, working closely with the Department for Education (DfE) and Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) as the national network grows to 500 teaching schools by 2014.

Steve Munby, Chief Executive of the National College, said: “To take on this role, teaching schools like King Edward VI High School for Girls need to be among the best in the country - outstanding in their own performance and have a track record of raising standards through school-to-school support.

“Over time teaching schools will harness the finest teaching talent in the profession to drive school improvement, and bring real benefits to pupils. Trainees will learn from the best teachers in action and those who want to step up to more senior leadership positions will be exposed to excellent practice within and beyond their immediate school.”

The first year of the programme will be a design and development phase. As they develop, teaching schools working with other schools and universities will help to provide a strong supply of new teachers, develop leaders and the next generation of heads, and support schools in challenging circumstances.



Serving the Community and Charity Work

- During 2010-2011 the school has raised over £10,000 for charity.
- Parents' Association organises the donation of old woollen blazers to a small independent school in Zimbabwe. See the Headmaster's comment below:

"I am finally writing to thank you so very much for all the wonderful donations that you made for Wildene School. I cannot begin to tell you how grateful the school is for all your kindness. The Blazers found very grateful homes with all the prefects wearing the small to medium ones and the teachers the larger sizes. They all looked so smart and so proud. In fact one of the teachers said they used to get teased for not looking smart enough and now they know there would be no more teasing!"

- Old Edwardian comes into school and gives a moving assembly about her forthcoming charity work in Ghana and writes an article in the Winter edition of High Profile about her experiences.

Links with the Wider Community

- Girls have attended three Comenius workshops-one in France, one in Greece and the other hosted by KEHS.
- The Living History Society continues its fantastic work delivering workshops to primary and secondary schools throughout the West Midlands.
- In the final year of the school's ISSP partnership there have been a range of joint activities with students from Great Barr and Arthur Terry Schools:

In October 2010 U4th girls joined students from Arthur Terry and Great Barr Schools at a Space Academy Forum in Leicester; six students from our partner schools joined us for our Oxbridge preparation seminar in October. Maths Master Classes have continued to be attended by students from Arthur Terry and Great Barr schools. There was a joint STEM conference for year 8 students at the ThinkTank, a combined scientific expedition to Honduras, a combined 6th Form visit to Montpellier as well as the final joint NASA space expedition.



New Developments in 2010-2011

- Several new extra-curricular activities have been introduced; most of them have been organised by the girls and have involved older girls mentoring or working with younger students- e.g. Origami Club, Maths Breakfast Club, The Very Dead Poet's Society, Junior Politics Society and Junior Philosophy Club.
- New intellectual curiosity and scholarship initiative introduced for girls in the Lower 5th.
- Very successful intellectual enrichment day for girls in the U4th.
- Excellent 'Celebrate RE' day.
- KEHS girls help to trial new teaching materials for RE Today.
- NATRE films girls in RS for new teaching video.
- Successful 'Democracy Week' .
- Over 50 primary school pupils from the Walsall area attend an English and Chemistry Gifted and Talented Workshop based on the theme of 'colour'.
- Extensive parental survey undertaken on all aspects of school life.
- Governor and staff surveys also undertaken as part of the school's Self Evaluation process .
- Spanish GCSE now being offered every year as a GCSE option subject .
- Lovely opening ceremony for the Living History's Medieval herb garden.
- Living History girls visit local special school extending their outreach work.
- Excellent new materials produced for the Prospectus - 'Meet the Parents' written by 6th form and Lower 5th girls.
- School hosts a very successful Comenius workshop.
- New Saturday morning cross phase Photography workshop delivered by internationally renowned photographer-Tom Doyle.
- Further updates to the website with new flash images and two new school blogs (one for the Principal and one for the Vice Principal-Academic).
- New branding and design for the half termly school newsletter.
- Increased use of Twitter to connect with a wider audience.
- New researcher in residence in Biology.
- Two new STEM conferences-one for girls in year 8 and the other for girls in year 9.
- Lovely Bookbinding exhibition.

