

'The day school that every bright girl in the Midlands wants to attend', head Sarah Evans tells us. Much of KEHS' success is due to her inspirational leadership – she is adored and revered in equal measure. The school shares a 60-acre campus with its boys' counterpart, so these girls avoid the wall-climbing nunneried seclusion of some girls-only institutions but are also spared hormonal distractions. Naturally, pupils routinely emerge with four or five As at A-level but KEHS is emphatically not an exam factory. In their first three years, girls do non-examined 'creative living' courses in useful subjects like food studies and textiles, and less useful but possibly more fun ones like video technology and ceramics. Life here is wonderfully chilled – no head girl, no prefects, no houses, no great hierarchy among pupils. And (joy, oh joy) no sports day. Which isn't to say they're not sporty; they jolly well are, regularly competing at county and national level. Independent, confident and highly motivated, these girls are among the shiniest stars in the educational firmament.