



OUR SUCCESSES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

JULY 2007- JULY 2008

Exam Success

- Top performing independent school in the country for A Levels in August 2007.

Our 2007 A level results exceeded expectations with a 100 per cent overall pass rate and 90.5 per cent at grades A and B. The number of girls achieving four or more grade A's rose from 42 per cent in 2006, to over half in 2007.

- Our 2007 results at A level demonstrate how girls are excelling at an increasingly broad sixth form programme that both universities and employers believe is the key to success beyond school.
- Three of our scientists achieved their offers from Cambridge to read Veterinary Science, a notoriously competitive area.
- Our 2007 GCSE results were also most impressive, 90.8% of grades were awarded an A*/A grade
- 62% of girls achieved A/A*s in all of their subjects in 2007



"Students from Year 13 celebrating exam success in August 2007"

Individual and Team Success

- Junior Choir: Winners of the Cheltenham Music Festival
- Birmingham U13 Netball champions
- One student has been selected to take part in the National Mathematics Summer School as one of the UK's most talented young mathematicians.
- First prize awarded to Lower 6th Form student in Birmingham University's French poetry reading competition
- One girl has won a national contest organised by the Spanish study magazine "La Cometa".
- Two girls have won a place in the violin section of the National Youth Orchestra. This really is an incredible achievement to become part of such a prestigious orchestra.
- 13 students have achieved Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, 5 have been awarded Silver certificates and a further 27 students have achieved Bronze awards
- Young Enterprise group win local award
- In the Senior Maths Challenge 3 students achieved gold awards, 5 achieved silver and there were 11 students awarded bronze awards; in the Intermediate Maths challenge 6 students achieved gold awards, 26 achieved silver awards and 29 students were awarded bronze certificates; in the Junior Maths challenge 22 girls were awarded gold certificates, 33 achieved silver awards and there were 29 bronze certificates
- One year 7 student becomes UK chess champion
- 2 students win national Religious Studies competition
- One sixth form student wins local Art award in the Kodak/RBSA Competition
- Miss Evans, Head Teacher, receives Institute of Directors' Leadership Award for education



What have pupils told us about the school?

We carried out our second pupil survey this year and were generally pleased with the pupil feedback which we received. 96% of girls told us they were pleased to be educated at KEHS. 92% of girls said that the school encouraged them to take on additional responsibilities and 96% of girls stated that the quality of teaching in the school allowed them to learn effectively and to make progress in specific subject areas.



Concerts and Productions

- Superb Town Hall concert
- Acclaimed production of Romeo and Juliet
- New music event – jazz evening with recently formed girls' group Chorus
- New event for Senior Creative Writing group at RBSA
- Wonderful dance production
- Two new Theatre Studies productions
- Exciting junior production combining ballet, dance and drama
- KEHS Junior Choir invited to participate as a childrens' chorus in the Berlioz piece by Birmingham University at Symphony Hall
- KEHS Radio Broadcasting set up delivering high quality podcasts via the school website



Visits and Expeditions

- First visit from Russian girls and staff, coming from Arkhangel
- Successful visit from two New Zealand girls from Rangi Ruru Girls' School
- We were very pleased to welcome pupils from our partner school IES Fuente Juncal, Huelva in Spain
- Students from the Upper 4th have participated in exchange visits to Australia and New Zealand
- In addition there have been staff exchanges between our partner schools in Australia and New Zealand
- Diverse range of visits including those to Lyon, Normandy, Montpellier and Africa.

What activities are available to pupils?



We have continued to operate a very full programme of over 40 extra-curricular activities enabling girls to experience new activities and ideas as well as develop talents and skills. There have been a range of sports activities including: Hockey, Netball, Tennis, Swimming, Rounders, Life Saving, Football, Dance Workshops and Fives. Musical activities and drama workshops have continued to flourish. Girls have participated in a wide variety of fund raising events for charity and other community service activities. Junior and Senior quiz teams have been involved in inter-school competitions. Writers' and Artists' workshops have all contributed to the exciting range of extra-curricular opportunities for girls at KEHS.

Serving the Community

Awareness Raising

Assemblies: Operation Christmas Child, Lepra, Harvest Festival, World Aids Day, sixth form charities, many form charities.

Community events

Christmas and Spring parties for elderly visitors,.
Farm visit for children.
Christmas party for the same children.
Harvest festival collection of food for the elderly.
Operation Christmas Child.



Fund Raising

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Lepra (3rd forms)
Charity card sales and bazaars
British Legion poppies
World Aids Day
Non uniform days
Lower Sixth charity week
Karaoke
Valentine roses in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer
Upper Sixth charity week
Summer Charity Fete. Record total of almost £4000 raised.
Lots and lots of cake sales.
Total raised for form charities **£7800 – a record.**



Help in the community (Sixth form)

Helping in nurseries, infant schools, junior schools, school for children with disabilities, home for the elderly.

Celebrating The School's 125th Anniversary

The first of a series of celebratory events have taken place to mark the school's 125th anniversary.

- 200 Old Edwardians attended school reunion lunch
- Old Edwardians' Exhibition in the school library to celebrate the 125 year history of the school
- Launch of the 125th Anniversary Appeal to increase bursary support for students attending KEHS

Working with Parents and the Wider Community:



The Parents' Association has continued to play an active role in supporting the school running a number of very successful social events. They presented the Chemistry department with a beautiful Periodic table during the course of the current academic year. We are always looking to extend opportunities for parental involvement with the school.

This year saw KEHS awarded a DCSF grant to establish a 3 year 'Independent State School Partnership' with Great Barr School. This exciting development will enhance and widen participation in the school's summer school initiative, allow teacher exchanges to occur, will see the development of master classes in maths, science and modern languages as well as ground breaking use of the internet and joint pupil research projects.

Building Bridges
Independent and State School Partnerships



The 6th Form at KEHS

This year we have undertaken a comprehensive review of the 6th form curriculum at KEHS. This involved reviewing the merits of the Cambridge Pre-U, the International Baccalaureate and the new revised A levels. We believe that the new A levels, which will be introduced in September 2008, will offer appropriate stretch and challenge for all of our pupils. We also believe that the AQA Bacc, which we are offering to girls in the senior part of the school, is an excellent opportunity for our students to extend and develop their independent learning skills so favoured by HE institutions.