

# HighProfile

Winter 2005



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## Another excellent year for KEHS!

Every year the girls here at KEHS manage to produce an outstanding set of summer examination results and this year was certainly no exception! In 'The Independent' newspaper KEHS was ranked the top independent school in the country for A levels. Six girls achieved awards for top scores in the country, these were: **Tara Cox** in Religious Studies, **Kathryn Howley** in Latin, **Corinne Ferrie** in Geography, and **Pallavi Reddy, Sheena Sabherwal** and **Lucy Monaghan** in Economics and Business Studies.

The girls in the U5th also achieved an excellent set of results, with 91% of the grades being an A\* or an A. Five girls also achieved 'Top Candidate' awards in modern languages. These were: **Julia Bland, Adelaide Pope** and **Isabel Urquhart** for French, and **Sarah Hindley** and **Julia Bland** for German.

Congratulations to all the girls and their teachers!



Julia Bland and Sarah Hindley

## Business News

Three KEHS pupils, **Clare Harrison, Octavia Neuberger** and **Joanna Shirley**, represented our school on the 4th July 2005 in the Ogden Trust Schools' Business Competition.

The event tested their ability to solve a challenging and creative business problem and to present and defend the answer in front of a panel of judges.

There were six teams competing for a place in the grand final and the KEHS team succeeded in reaching third place in the contest. **Well done!**

## Staff football match

On 9th November 2005, in aid of the Indian Earthquake disaster relief appeal, a group of nineteen teachers from KEHS took part in this year's staff football match.

The match was men v women and the final score was 3-2 to the men. The goals were scored by Mrs. Sangha for the women and Mr. Moore and Mr. Kavanagh for the men.

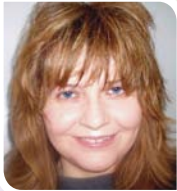
Our congratulations go to Matron who was voted the woman of the match after her amazing skill in the goal mouth.

Many spectators braved the chilly November weather to come and show their support for the appeal as well as the opportunity to see the members of staff in shorts! The football match raised £155 for the earthquake disaster relief appeal.



## New Staff at King Edwards

We would like to welcome all the new staff members and Language Assistants to KEHS and we hope that they fully enjoy and benefit from their time here.



**Ms Pallister** joined KEHS in September as Assistant Headteacher. She is a graduate of Birmingham University and in her new post is largely responsible for curriculum development. She is glad to be back in Birmingham and is certainly looking forward to her new role at KEHS. Her favourite saying is "just keep smiling."



**Mrs. Birchall** has just joined our Modern Languages department, teaching both Spanish and French. Born in Casablanca in Morocco, and brought up in Laudun in France, her vast teaching experience has taught her to "always smile, it makes everything and everybody positive, including yourself." In her spare time she enjoys walking, reading, going to the cinema and being with friends. Her favourite song is "Come What May" by Ewan McGregor and Nicole Kidman.



Although born in Lincolnshire, **Ms. Rawding** grew up in South Holland, and later went on to study Classics at Cambridge University. Her hobbies include yoga and playing the "spoons", although she admits to playing them rather poorly! Her first impression of KEHS is that it is a very friendly, charitable and creative environment. Her favourite saying is "everything in excess."



Birmingham - born **Mr. Hope**, although now an English teacher, previously wrote music for a theatre company in Florida. This creative fellow enjoys playing the piano and guitar, as well as writing poetry and painting. His enthusiasm for the job comes from "seeing the students' eager faces and recognising when you have inspired somebody." He describes KEHS as being a fantastic place to work.



**Mrs. Thompson**, a new addition to the Chemistry department, loves D.I.Y., this includes anything from dressmaking to cooking and gardening; she also enjoys shopping and is a true believer that you can never have too many pairs of black trousers! She has settled into the school very quickly and is really enjoying being here.



**Miss Rance** joined our Geography department in September, and has so far found the school to be "a very friendly and enjoyable environment to work in." She not only teaches Year 13 General Studies, but is also very musically orientated. She plays the flute and recorder and contrastingly her favourite band is Muse.



Coming from our native Birmingham, **Miss White** teaches English with her favourite part of the job being "bringing stories to life and making life a story". She finds KEHS "full of girls who love a challenge" and likes to play the piano and violin in her leisure time. The best advice she has ever been given is "Follow your inner voice and always be true to yourself and others!"



Growing up in Walsall, **Mrs Burnett** now teaches History at our school. Her first impressions of KEHS are: "It is a lively, happy place full of hardworking, eccentric characters (girls and teachers!)." Her many talents include being able to play the trombone and she likes to play in her brother's band as well as helping out with the Living History Society in her spare time!



**Mrs Timms** attended Birmingham University and now teaches Music to KEHS pupils. The first impressions she has of our school are that it is "warm, wise and wonderful!". The best advice she has ever been given is "Find silence occasionally-everything sounds better afterwards!"



**Mrs Chapman**, who has recently joined our Sports department, was born and brought up in Essex, and before coming to KEHS, taught at Queen Elizabeth School in

Warwickshire. Her first impression of the school was that it had a very professional and friendly atmosphere. In her spare time she enjoys salsa dancing and her favourite song is "Ride on Time" by Black Box. Her ongoing motto is "Never quit-always finish."

**Laurence Bouchery** was born in Oyanax in France and is studying English Literature, History and French. Her first impression of KEHS was how beautiful the school was. She says that she likes everything about the job except doing the photocopying! La Tavanaise by Serge Gainsbourg is her favourite song and she decided to come to England to improve her English.

**Marie Hricovsky** has also joined the French department as a language assistant. She really appreciates England and says she is very happy to be in a "beautiful school with pupils who are eager to learn." Marie was born in Drancy, near to Paris and spent much of her childhood in the Vendée region of France. She likes travelling and going to the cinema as well as listening to pop music including Robbie Williams and Brum's own UB40.

**Mario Franz**, this year's German assistant, was born and bred in a small village near Heidelberg, Germany. His motive for coming to England was to learn more about the English language having studied it at university. However, he is also passionate about sports and music, and his favourite song is 'With or Without You' by U2. Mario is thoroughly enjoying his time here at KEHS.

### AND FINALLY

*These of course are all our new members of staff however we would also like to say a little about **Miss Warne**. She feels very privileged to have taken over from Mrs Bannister as our new Deputy Head and she is greatly enjoying her new role and the variety of challenges and opportunities that it offers. She believes KEHS is a vibrant but caring community and is determined that it will remain so.*

## It must be Fête!

Once again the summer fête was a great success, with this year's main attraction being "Battle of the Bands." The fête was therefore perhaps aptly titled "Grasstonbury," with several new additions, including a tent-pitching event and a 'welly wanging' contest as well as many old favourites.

A magnificent total of £3300 was raised for a plethora of worthy causes such as the farm visit for under privileged children, the Birmingham Settlement Party, and the Children's Christmas Party, as well as donations to a variety of charities. Another great triumph was the charity auction, headed up by Mr. Barrett and Mr. Hopkinson, where bidders had the chance to win prizes including tickets for Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Starlight Express,' vouchers for off road 'Land Rover' racing and a three-course meal for two at the Cophorne Hotel.

The 'Grasstonbury' fever began back in June, when heats were held for entry to the "Battle of the Bands" competition, and the original entry of 18 eager bands was whittled down to just 8.

The '**Argos Disease**' were the final winners having beaten off fierce competition provided by the likes of 'Sooj and the Strippers,' '4 minutes 33,' 'The Educators,' (the teachers' band, fronted by Mr. Gilbert) and 'The Urban Hang Suite.' Many thanks go to all those involved.



## Czech This Out!



In the early Morning of July 14th 2005, twenty-two girls of KEHS set off on a trip to **Prague**. The famous Jewish Quarter was just one of the many sites visited and the trip included beneficial lessons focusing on traditional values and folk tales of the Czech people. Although this was a deeply moving and profound journey, there were plenty of opportunities for amusement along the way. Having visited the religious and architectural sites of this beautiful city in just four days, it can certainly be said that all the girls and the staff returned with newfound knowledge. The trip proved to be a valuable experience full of inspiration and heart aching history.

Many thanks go to **Mr & Mrs Young, Mrs Cummings** and **Miss Oldfield**.

*N.B. Further information and comical accounts regarding the Religious Studies trip will be found in the school magazine 'Phoenix' published at the end of this academic year.*

## Team Mathematics Challenge

Last summer, a team of two L4th (**Alison Hobbs, Rachel Dunstan**) and two U4th pupils (**Claire Wallace, Katie Harrison**) competed in the National Final of the Team Mathematics Challenge organised by the UKMT. Having battled against many other schools, they did extremely well, eventually coming joint 13th overall.



## Junior Schools Challenge

This year, four girls took part in the Junior Schools Challenge 2005.

**Madeline Grant** and **Rachel Dunstan** from the L4th and **Catherine Hodge** and **Elizabeth Mitchell** from the 3rds represented the school for this year's competition.

They all worked extremely well together and their efforts saw them into the national semi-finals. Congratulations to all of the girls who took part this year!

## Heading for the Hills

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Sixteen girls from the Upper Sixth completed the test expedition for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award this summer from the 30th August - the 3rd September in the Yorkshire Dales. With extreme strength of will and fortitude, these girls struggled through rain and fatigue to finish their journey in high spirits having sung songs until their throats were dry; songs ranging from carols to hymns, and believe it or not, a tribute to the inspirational Mrs Hosty!

### Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Twenty-three girls set off on July 1 in high spirits to the Long Mynd to complete a 30-mile walk. They trudged through rain and mud, battling with cows and barbed wire, and suffering from blisters, determined to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Award. All finished successfully and are to be congratulated on their courageous efforts!



## Hitting the Ball of Success

**Stephanie Burgess**, partnered with **Lucy Monaghan**, came second in the Midland Girls' Lawn Tennis First Couples Tournament 2005. However, **Jessica Lloyd** and **Nicola Hewitt**, went a bit further and won the Midland Girls' Lawn Tennis Second Couples Tournament 2005!

Additionally, along with **Zara Sadiq**, these four tennis enthusiasts were also selected for the squad to play in the Aberdare Cup, the National Schools' Tennis Championship organised by the BSTA (British Schools' Tennis Association). They are to be congratulated on their successful endeavours in these competitions.

## Batting to Win!

This year, **Kaylie J. Smith** in the Upper Sixth was voted North Birmingham Batswoman of the Year 2005 and won the Warwickshire U17 Cadbury's Award for cricket. We wish her every success with her cricket in the future.



## Playing for England

**Mel Etti** of L6Fp was selected in February to go for trials for the England netball potential talent camp. She got through this selection procedure as one of only 25 girls in the West Midlands region. Mel trained for 6 months until July, when she undertook another trial.

Sadly, she was not one of the final five to make the cut but she has been asked to return and take a retriial this year.

Good luck Mel!



## New Additions

Here is a message from Mrs. Shore-Nye following the birth of her son:

*"Frederick Joseph Paul Shore-Nye came into the world on Saturday 24th September at 3.10pm, one day after my maternity leave had begun! Even though he was two weeks early, he weighed in at a healthy 7lb 12oz. Big sister Amelia is very proud of her little brother and seems to have totally forgotten that she originally insisted only a sister would be welcome in the Shore-Nye household. Freddie is a very content baby and is putting on weight nicely. He is ready to get out and about now and hopes to pop into school soon to meet everyone."*

# Bolivia Exped

As you probably know by now, a group of 21 eager adventurers set out apprehensively from school in the early hours of the morning of the 12th of July. We had spent a fragmented night sleeping in the sports hall on crash mats after an emotional parting from our parents the afternoon before.

We flew firstly to Miami and then on to La Paz, the informal capital of Bolivia, our total flight time exceeding 18 hours. The culture shock for most was not too great, as the city did not appear too crowded or dirty, although the people had a very different physical appearance from most Europeans and the streets had a strange odour. Although some suffered from altitude sickness, as La Paz itself is located at 3,650 metres, on the second day the majority of the team set out for a terrifying ascent up the 'Devil's Molar'. This was an eye-opening and challenging experience and definitely prepared us for the remaining part of the expedition.

We then took a breathtaking flight to Rurrenabaque, a town located near to the Amazon Jungle, and Mrs. Hutton momentarily conquered her fear of flying to take some pictures of the rugged Andean mountains. We stayed in stilted huts in the jungle in bunks covered by mosquito nets and enjoyed delights such as beast hunting, night alligator watching, piranha fishing and even swimming in the Yakuma River with endangered pink dolphins.

We then returned to La Paz where the pace of life was very different to the laid-back jungle atmosphere. We did some voluntary work at an orphanage, and performed minor maintenance work but the main highlight was playing with the 100 children, resident in the five houses of the orphanage. The Director of the orphanage was overwhelmed with joy



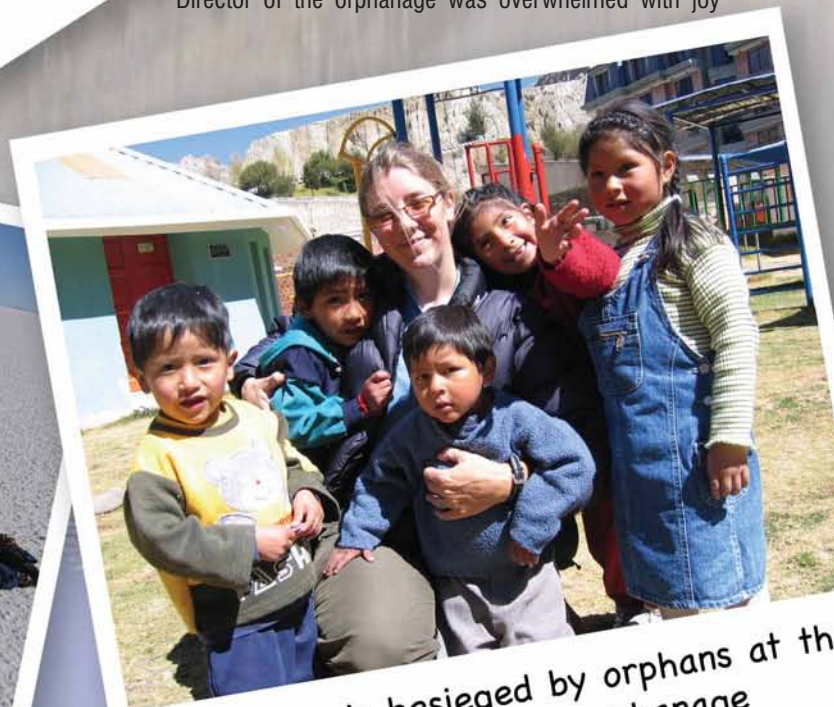
Fredricko, the 'tame' alligator



Letting loose on the Volcano Tunapa



Art work on the salt pans of Salar de Uyuni



Mrs Hutton is besieged by orphans at the Virgen de Fatima orphanage

# Expedition Team 1

when we presented her with over \$1000, which we had fundraised from the sale of Christmas cards and car washing.

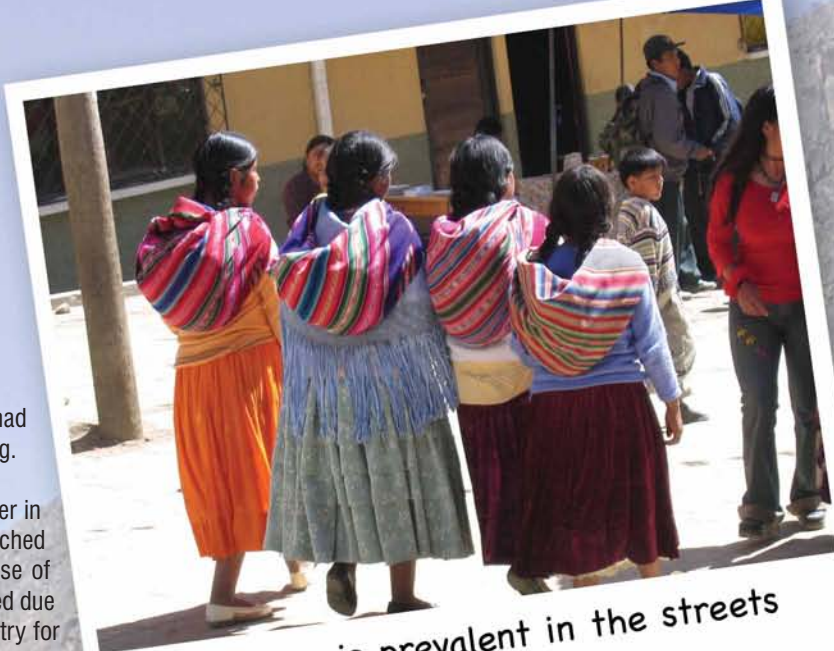
We then prepared for our trekking phase up to Laguna Glacier in Sorata, accompanied by guides and muleteers. We reached altitudes of more than 5,200metres and all felt a great sense of achievement. Our second trek, to Taquesi, was sadly cancelled due to a lack of mules and instead we had to camp in wild country for two nights before returning to La Paz by minibus. However, some of us seized the opportunity to go rock climbing up a glacier and ascend a steep mountain pass.

We then returned to La Paz for our rest and relaxation phase. We first visited the Salar de Uyuni, where we stayed in a freezing lodge but we watched amazing sunsets across the vast salt landscape and saw exotic wildlife such as flamingoes. We also visited Fish Island by jeep, which is an island that used to be submerged under a lake. We then went to Potosi, where we ventured down silver mines and we were terrified by the splatterings of llama blood that were distributed within the mines.

Finally we went to Copacabana where we saw the vast lake Titicaca - the world's largest navigable lake and had our final day on the Isla Del Sol, amongst the magnificent granite mountains.

Overall, we had a month of laughter, excitement, adventure and we made friendships that will last forever. The expedition was well worth the 18 months of fundraising, which preceded it.

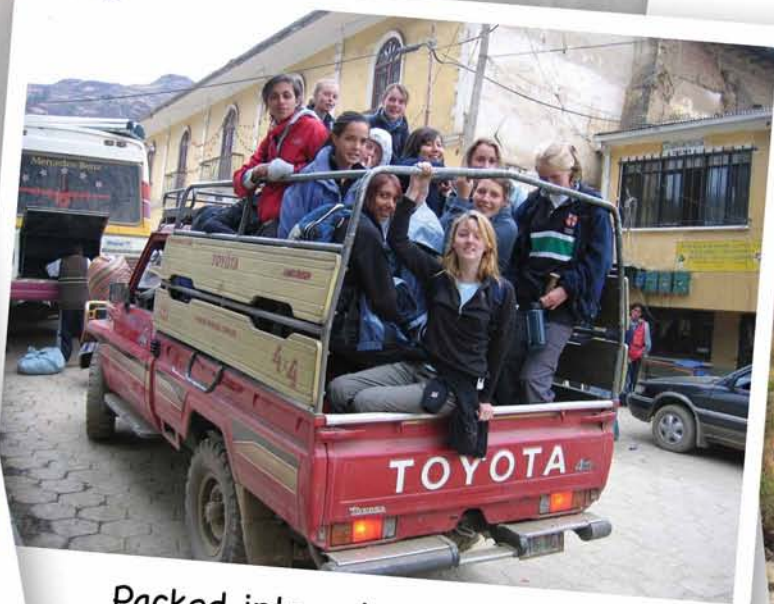
*Read all about Bolivia Expedition Team 2 in the next issue of High Profile.*



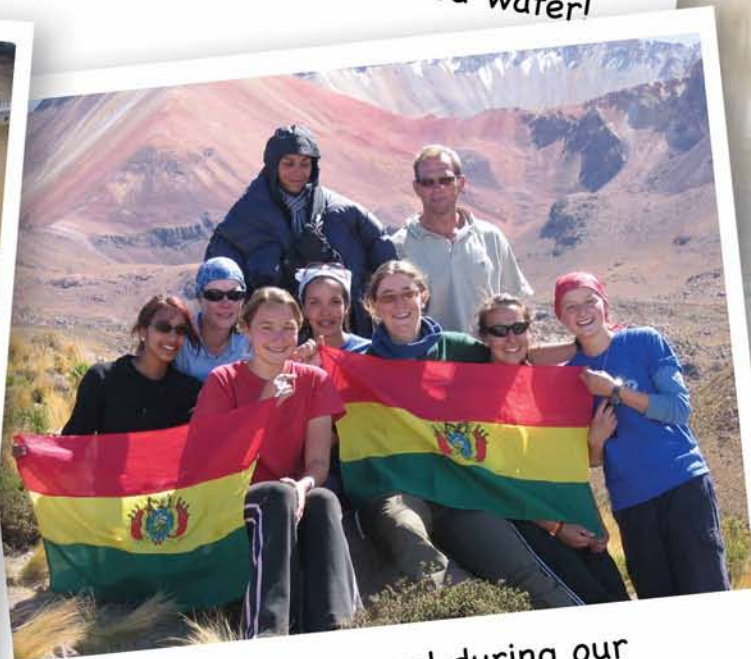
Tradition is prevalent in the streets of Sorata



Swimming in alligator infested water!



Packed into a jeep on the way to Altai Oasis campsite



Smiles all round during our rest and relaxation phase

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## SuDoku Brainteaser

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|  |   |   | 1 |   |   | 9 | 8 |  |
|  | 6 |   | 9 | 8 |   | 3 |   |  |

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through to 9 in any order.
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through to 9 in any order.
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through to 9.

## Music Mayhem

**Mr. Freeman-Powell** Let Me Be Your Bunsen Burner  
**Miss Jackson** Turn Back Time  
**Mrs Hutton** Ain't No Mountain High Enough  
**Mrs Young** Like A Prayer  
**Madame Laurent** Frère Jaques

**Mrs Flint** The Earth Song  
**Mr Mackinnon** Unwritten  
**Mr Hopkinson** When I'm 64  
**Miss Terry** 9 Million Bicycles  
**Mr Barrett** Back to the USSR

## This Issue...

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## Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th February  
 Sunday 5th March  
 Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th March  
 Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th March  
 Friday 10th May  
 Thursday 6th July  
 Wednesday 12th July  
 Thursday 13th July

Senior Play, 'Little Shop of Horrors'  
 Concert, 3.00pm  
 Dance Production  
 Junior Play  
 Summer Concert, 7.30pm  
 Open Evening  
 Syndicate Play  
 Summer Fete

