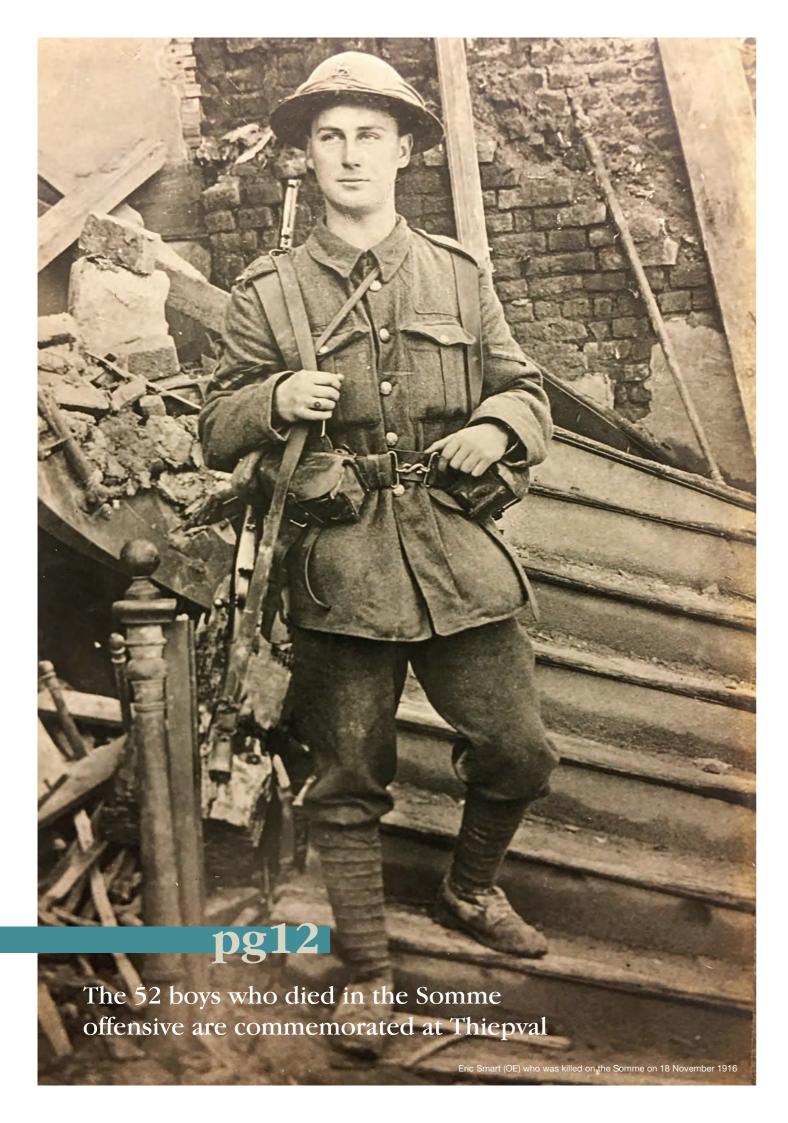


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A message from..



..The Chief Master

So this is it. These are my last words, part triumphalism, part thanks. In *The Times* independent school league tables of Saturday 27 August 2016, King Edward's School was top of the boys' school list, and by a distance. In the *Daily Telegraph* on the same day, we were 7th amongst all independent schools, standing toe-to-toe with those hyper-selective, £20,000 a year schools that benefit from providing education for the global capital's élite, schools like Westminster, Wycombe Abbey, North London Collegiate. We all know that league tables

are incomplete and imperfect. However, we all know that it matters that this school is one of the best schools in this country and we are definitely that. We should all be proud of where we are and how far we have come.

And now for the thanks. I have been fortunate beyond words to have spent the last decade of my teaching career as Chief Master of King Edward's. Since I have had such good fortune, I should thank Stephen Campbell, OE and the Chairman of Governors who appointed me, for giving me the chance. I should thank all of you for the myriad ways in which you have supported the School in my time. I should thank all the staff for their willingness to put up with me. And I want to thank all the boys, from Josh Kimblin, a truly remarkable Head of School in my final year, to Esey Abreham, the brightest boy in my last Latin class, for making this, in my opinion, the best school in the world.

■ John Claughton (1975), Chief Master (2006-2016)



..The Chairman

Well, you did it – every single donor and member of the Development Office should be taking credit. And a year early. What a marvellous thing to have hit the £10m target for AP100 – and all because enough people believe in the School's ability to transform lives.

The results achieved by boys over the last few weeks have been, again, terrific. Dr Fenton's arrival was splendidly timed, just one day before the GCSE results, so he was able to join in their excitement. The photos on the School website show how infectious it was.

Dr Fenton isn't the only new face – Lindsey Mepham joined us earlier this year as Development Director. Both have the whole-hearted support of the Old Edwardians Association as the next stages of the School's story take shape. Thanks to the team in the Development Office, alumni will hear and read about developments and school activities, be invited to participate in a range of events, be able to catch up online whenever they feel like it, and stay in touch with each other.

In this issue, you will read about our first IB cohort from 2012, about the almost miraculous science of Stephen Hawking's new communication system, thoughtful reflections upon those we must never forget from the First World War, and the colourful panoply of School life. It makes you want to ensure the School continues to be a 'wondrous place', as John Claughton called it in the *Insight Gazette* a year ago.

So thank you, John, and a very warm welcome to Mark Fenton whose passion for the best, most rounded education we can already read about.

■ James Martin (1979), Chairman of the OEA

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Jim Grant (1973) and John Claughton in front of the AP100 Campaign totaliser.

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The Insight interview:

Joe Osborne (2003)

Joe Osborne (2003) talks about getting started in software engineering, working with artificial intelligence, and developing a communication system for Stephen Hawking.

When did your interest in software engineering begin?

I first started programming sitting on my dad's knee when I was about five or six and slowly learnt more and more about it. At school, particularly at KES, I carried on delving into new programming languages and technologies, before heading on to study Computer Science at Cambridge.

Were there any particular teachers from school who influenced you?

The two that stand out were probably Tim Cross - Head of Maths, madcap pianist, and my form tutor for Sixth Form - and Colin Howard, who was Head of Design and Technology and my form tutor across the GCSE years. Both of them had a wonderful educational style and a calm willingness to share knowledge and encourage pupils. They both commanded utter respect in a classroom of rowdy teenagers without ever having to really raise their voices, which was wonderful to witness during those very formative years! Also, entirely unrelated to my career, I simply must give a nod to Peter Bridle. I did a huge amount of music while I was at KES and he was simply fantastic.

How did you get started on your career?

During my undergraduate degree I became interested in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning and after graduating I carried on doing research in that field, studying ways in which human body motion might be used to control, or interact with, machines. While doing that research I entered discussions with some video games companies (another passion of mine!) just as technologies such as Xbox Kinect were

coming out – a video game system that makes use of body motion – so obviously that was a nice fit for them and that was my first leap into professional life.

What does SwiftKey do?

SwiftKey technology aims to improve the way people communicate, using machine learning to understand various aspects of the way in which people communicate using technology. Applying AI to understanding natural language, to understanding the user themselves, their own linguistic characteristics and even the ways in which they interact with their device and our technology. The goal is to produce technology which adapts to the user, not the other way around.

One of the key usages of this kind of tech is in next-gen predictive text. The smartphone app we produced simply to showcase our technology is now used by 40 or 50 million people, and our core technology itself is in use on well over 500 million devices, from Samsung smartphones to in-car systems.

How did you end up working with Stephen Hawking?

Intel, who supply Professor Hawking with the machine that's built into his chair, announced they were doing an overhaul of his system. They made a lot of things a lot easier, like adding shortcuts that allowed him to send emails and add attachments, but the rate at which he could input text into his system was still as slow as it always had been and was actually getting slower over time. We got in touch with them and quite quickly began collaborating and it became clear we could be of use.

Myself and a couple of guys from my team spent a few days with Professor Hawking, understanding his system, observing him using it and speaking to him about particular frustrations he was having – understanding the kinds of error characteristics that he encounters (unsurprisingly different from a smartphone). Our tech is built to be highly adaptable, and so after the initial integration we were able to fairly quickly make significant improvements to his communication.

While SwiftKey technology continuously learns from the user, we kick-started Stephen's experience by training language models on a corpus of his writings, lectures and conversations. So, when we deployed the system with him, right from the get-go it roughly doubled his communication rate, and it will continue to improve and adapt to him over time just like SwiftKey tech everywhere.

What was Stephen Hawking like?

It's hard not to have a hero complex, which we all of course did. Thankfully he and his team are clearly very used to that and put us entirely at ease. He was wonderfully friendly, with some very dry humour – we had a great time with him. Also, it was great to have a user with whom you can have a conversation about the maths behind our Al tech, rather than having to say 'it's magic' as I do to some friends.

What's next for you?

Earlier this year, SwiftKey was acquired by Microsoft, which is a wonderful accolade. One of the reasons Microsoft acquired us was because of our experience in machine learning, particularly as it pertains to language. Microsoft are very hot in this field, being one of the foremost research centres in AI, and are trying to build tech that uses this research to make a real impact on people's everyday lives. I've been aboard the good ship SwiftKey for over five years already, and am really enjoying the new adventures within Microsoft!

Finally, do you have any advice for anyone considering a career in technology or AI?

Al is becoming an increasingly common buzzword, but it's really a very broad and ever-changing set of technologies, and approaches solving problems both large and small. That said, it is all theoretically grounded in mathematics applied through computer science – so definitely invest in those as fundamentals. If you're at school, it would be difficult to guess what Al techniques will be in play by the time you graduate but a firm grounding in the maths and theory will do you well.

If you want to be building products as well as just theorising, then a grounding of software engineering and architecture (which should be taught on all good computer science degrees) will make you indispensable when combined with theoretical knowledge!



Joe working with Professor Stephen Hawking

IB focus: the class of 2012

In this edition three Old Edwardians from the first cohort of the IB Diploma reflect on their IB studies, describe what they are doing currently and tell us about their plans for the future.

Ravin Jain (2012)

Higher Level: Mathematics, Physics and Economics **Standard Level:** Further Mathematics, English and French **IB Diploma score:** 45 points

Degree: BA (Hons) Physics at Merton College, Oxford followed by an integrated MSc in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics

The fact that we had to juggle so many different things during the two years of IB: six subjects, an Extended Essay (EE) and commitments for CAS, was excellent preparation for a busy university schedule. During a typical week of IB, I would have to make time for normal classwork, project work and sporting activities. Furthermore, the ability to learn how to reference and cite correctly during various bits of coursework and my EE was invaluable when completing projects for my degree.

I really enjoyed the IB, though I can see why some people might not. I am the sort of person who always likes learning new things and so to be able to continue studying English and French – subjects that I would not have studied had I done A-levels – was something I am grateful for. This is especially true in hindsight as studying English in particular gave me the opportunity to visit the theatre more whilst at university and appreciate what was on offer. Moreover, in a world where very few people are sure of what they want to do in life, being able to keep as many options open as possible was great.

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Now I have graduated, I have managed to secure a full-time position at Ferrari's F1 team in Italy as a mathematical modelling engineer. This means I will be working on creating the abstract algorithms that help lots of other departments make the car go faster, including aerodynamics, engines and race strategy. During the process of applying to jobs, the fact that I had done the IB was an advantage, especially as one of the people who interviewed me said that he himself had done the IB many years ago and was impressed that I had too.

I'd like to stick around in F1 for the next 5-10 years and this is definitely my focus for now but, as far as the long term goes, I'm not sure! My job at Ferrari involves living and working in Italy for a few years and so I'll take stock after that.





Adrian Wong (2012)

Higher Level: Design & Technology, Art and Philosophy **Standard Level:** English, Italian Ab Initio and Mathematics **IB Diploma score:** 41 points

Degree: BA (Hons) Architecture at Manchester School of Architecture

I found the IB Diploma helped significantly in handling the amount of workload required by my undergraduate course. The structure of the IB course provides rigour to the breadth and depth of knowledge for students and their subjects. It kept me open to understanding a variety of ideas and allowed me to apply my developing skillset to different scenarios in architecture, helping me to adapt to the profession at university.

I think it is widely regarded that studying the IB is tough, but rewarding. As the structure of the course is set out for each student, this is something which can be both beneficial but also challenging. Personally, I found this type of study ideal as it allowed me to engage with a wide spectrum of different interests, both those subjects which I would have explored at A-level anyway and additional subjects, many of which I continue with today.

I am currently finishing a year-long work placement in Manchester with 5plus Architects, following which I will continue my studies with an MArch, Master of Architecture course, at Manchester School of Architecture. I am aiming to qualify as an architect in the UK but my long-term goal is to diversify and work in different countries and continents.

Louis Parsons (2012)

Higher Level: History, Philosophy and English **Standard Level:** Biology, Spanish Ab Initio and Maths Studies

IB Diploma score: 36

Degree: BA (Hons) English Literature and Philosophy at Cardiff University

The IB Diploma prepared me for university in three main ways: through experience of workload management, the development of essay writing skills and the variety of knowledge gained from having studied different subjects.

The IB was a hard two years, but the academic skills it taught me made university much less painful. The sheer amount of work that IB expects makes the workload of the first year easy in comparison, and throughout university I never felt overwhelmed by what was required. Furthermore, the variety of the subjects studied at IB gave me a really broad knowledge base to rely on in essays. The ability to discuss ideas from maths and the sciences as well as humanity sources was a great help and definitely enabled me to distinguish my essays from the A-level students who had mostly specialised in the humanities.

I am now a graduate buyer in Non-Production Purchasing at Jaguar Land Rover, and am part of a team that is working to rebrand our global network of retailers. I plan on continuing at Jaguar Land Rover for a couple of years to improve my business knowledge and commercial skills, while saving enough money to return to university and study a Masters in Philosophy.



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Commemorating our war dead

In each edition of the *Insight Gazette* we are commemorating Old Edwardians who died in the same academic year a century ago. The space here is too short to be able to tell all that we know about the lives of these young men but more can be read at the 'King Edward's School and the Great War' exhibition in the School Chapel.

Second Lieutenant Frederick George Yardley

19 October 1887-17 September 1915

8th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment. Buried in Calais Southern Cemetery, France.

Frederick had been shot by a stray bullet while superintending trench-digging near Neuve Chapelle in late August and died of his wounds in hospital in Calais.

Second Lieutenant Bertram Gilbert Hill

23 March 1897-25 September 1915

3rd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Brown's Road Military Cemetery, France.

Wounded and went missing, presumably killed, on the first day of the Battle of Loos

Captain John William Collis Tongue

1 February 1892-25 September 1915

10th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

Commemorated on the University of Birmingham

War Memorial and buried in St Mary's ADS

Cemetery, France.

Died on the first day of the Battle of Loos, while attacking over 400 yards of 'No Man's Land'.

Major Philip Granville Mason

1872-26 September 1915

3rd Dragoon Guards. Buried in Vermelles British Cemetery, France.

A career soldier who had distinguished himself with the Legion of Honour and a Distinguished Service Order. Philip was killed in action.

Sergeant John Othic Holroyd

15 April 1887-11 October 1915

7th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Buried in Chocques Military Cemetery, France.

A surveyor, John died from wounds he received on the infamous Hill 70.

Captain William Millner

24 June 1877-13 October 1915

5th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, France.

Killed by a German shell on the final day of the Battle of Loos. William had been an architect, a wine merchant and a skilled marksman.

Captain George Patterson

10 August 1888-13 October 1915

1st North Midlands Field Company of the Royal Engineers. Commemorated on the Loos Memorial, France and on the University of Birmingham

Killed in what was described as 'a gallant rush', during the storming of the Hohenzollern Redoubt. George was an engineer and at school had been an excellent swimmer.

Private William Charles Richards

5 January 1898-13 October 1915

1st/6th South Staffordshire Regiment. Buried at Loos British Cemetery, France.

Killed in action, it is not known how William died but his body was found after the war and re-interred in the Loos British Cemetery.

Midshipman Frank Reginald Allen

14 August 1898-19 October 1915

Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve. Buried in St Giles Churchyard, Rowley Regis.

Died from wounds received on HMS Ebro.

Second Lieutenant Richard Frederick Leacroft

25 June 1893-10 November 1915

2nd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Buried in Cambrin Churchyard Extension, France.

Killed by machine gun fire near La Bassée while occupying a crater created by the explosion of a German mine.

Lieutenant John William Willoughby Hudson

11 June 1895-30 November 1915

1st/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on St Mary's Church Memorial, Moseley and buried in Foncquevillers Military Cemetery, France.

Killed by a sniper at Gommecourt.

Somewhat ironically John had also been a sniper and had been described in the school records as a 'crack shot'.

Lieutenant Ernest Stanley Whitworth

12 July 1891-20 December 1915

10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried at St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, France.

Ernest had been between trenches in charge of a working party of 310 men and four other officers, when a German machine gun opened fire and killed him instantly.

Lieutenant Leslie Harold Bowen

3 November 1888-22 December 1915

1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Buried in Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, France.

On patrol duty, only days after receiving his commission, Leslie had been leading his men towards the German wire when he was hit. His father, John Bowen, built the Hall of Memory in Centenary Square to honour Birmingham's war dead.

Private John Richard Jenkins

7 September 1895-24 January 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in St Sever Cemetery, France.

Severely wounded by shrapnel on 6 January 1916, having had his shattered leg amputated he later died of his wounds. John excelled on the sports field as a boy and won the Battalion's sports competition before leaving for France in November 1915.

Second Lieutenant Harold Godfrey Bache

20 August 1889-16 February 1916

10th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers. Commemorated on the Menin Gate.

Killed by a German sniper while running to assist soldiers wounded in a shell blast near Sanctuary Wood. After graduating from Cambridge, Harold had represented Warwickshire at cricket and West Bromwich Albion at football. Harold's brother, John, set up the Bache Memorial Fund in 1919, providing the cup which is awarded each year to the best KES sportsman.

Lieutenant Donald McBean

19 September 1886-15 March 1916

10th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Commemorate on the Menin Gate.

Little is known of Donald's death.

Donald enjoyed science at KES, winning a Warwickshire Cricket Club Major Scholarship to London University to study chemistry, before becoming a schoolmaster.

Second Lieutenant Norman Blackburn Brearley

17 September 1893-17/19 April 1916

12th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq.

Killed in Mesopotamia. On leaving KES, Norman worked for the Birmingham Electricity Supply Department.

Private Thomas Frederick Proctor Sanders

20 October 1892-20 April 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Habarcq Communal Extension Cemetery, France.

Fred lost his life as a result of an action involving two other OEs, Captain Ehrhardt and Second Lieutenant Jacot. On the night of 17 April 1916, they were out together repairing damaged barbed wire when Fred was hit by a sniper. Captain Ehrhardt went to his assistance, but was also shot. Second Lieut. Jacot and a Sergeant displayed great courage by 'bringing in' the two wounded men. Fred died as a result of infection, Ehrhardt died after Armistice following several operations to remove bullet fragments lodged in his stomach.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Maurice William Hobson

3 April 1889-23 April 1916

Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars (Worcestershire Yeomanry). Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, St Agnes' Church Memorial, St Mary's Church Memorial and Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club Memorial.

Died in Palestine. Maurice was a schoolboy rugby player, later cricketer, representing Moseley Ashfield CC.

Chaplain 4th Class Hatton Bertram St John De Vine

3 July 1881-27 April 1916

10th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders. Buried in Vermelles British Cemetery, France.

Killed by an exploding shell. After school, Hatton qualified as a solicitor before proceeding to Jesus College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1913 and served as Curate at St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, until the outbreak of war.

Captain Leslie Kelham Sands

4 January 1892-28 April 1916

10th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers. Buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Fatally wounded by machine gun fire on the Ypres Salient. Leslie was an academic boy who also excelled on the sports field.

Captain Alexander Basil Crawford

24 May 1891-10 May 1916

17th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment. Buried at St Vaast Post Military Cemetery, France.

Killed in the line by shell burst. Alexander played first class cricket, representing Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire.

Lieutenant Commander Granville Murray-Browne

5 May 1885-31 May 1916

Royal Navy. Commemorated on Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

Killed at the Battle of Jutland, his ship being sunk by the Von der Tann.

Lieutenant John Colin Larkins

22 September 1894-4 June 1916

15th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Commemorated on King Edward's Square Memorial,
Sutton Coldfield and buried in Faubourg D'Amiens
Cemetery, France.

Killed, alongside six other men, whilst sheltering in a dugout in Arras when it was hit by an 11-inch armour-piercing shell.

Second Lieutenant Frank Dudley Evans

3 August 1897-9 June 1916

Royal Flying Corps. Buried in St Mary and St Margaret's Church, Castle Bromwich.

Killed in a flying accident while working towards his Wings. Frank was a classicist at school, winning the Latin and English Prize in July 1914.

Lieutenant Ralph Adams

20 March 1893-1 July 1916

1st/8th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Commemorated at Serre Road Cemetery No. 1,
France and St Augustine's Church. Edgbaston.

Last seen leading his men into the third enemy trench. In January 1916 he was awarded the Military Cross and in September 1916 a bar to his MC.

Lieutenant Trevor Arthur Manning Davies

6 April 1893-1 July 1916

North Midland Divisional Ammunition Column, Royal Field Artillery. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial and the Thiepval Memorial and buried at Gommecourt British Cemetery No. 2.

Killed when acting as artillery liaison to the advancing infantry.

Second Lieutenant Frank Aldridge Fawcett

17 August 1896-1 July 1916

1st/5s Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Moseley
Ashfield Cricket Club Memorial, St Mary's Church
Memorial and St Agnes' Church Memorial.

Missing in action during an attack with his regiment near Gommecourt.

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Lieutenant Harold Egbert Foizey

26 June 1885-1 July 1916

18th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment.
Commemorated at Moseley Ashfield Cricket
Club Memorial and buried at Euston Road
Cemetery, France.

Killed in action.

Lieutenant Robert Quilter Gilson

25 October 1893-1 July 1916

11th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. Buried in Becourt Military Cemetery, France.

Fatally wounded whilst leading his men out of the trenches. Rob, son of Headmaster Robert Cary Gilson, was an undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, when war broke out.

Lance Corporal Keith Forster Graham

25 August 1890-1 July 1916

1st/16th Battalion, London Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed at Gommecourt on the Somme.

Second Lieutenant Hubert Franklin Madders

10 August 1880-1 July 1916

168th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Buried in Bouzincourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Killed in action. Hubert studied at London University and became a solicitor.

Second Lieutenant Reginald Vincent Rose

19 April 1897-1 July 1916

1st/6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed leading his men into battle.

Second Lieutenant William Worthington Sanby

9 August 1895-1 July 1916

20th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and the
Four Oaks War Memorial. Sutton Coldfield.

Killed attacking La Boisselle.

Second Lieutenant Cyril James Tart

14 November 1889-1 July 1916

219th Field Company, Royal Engineers. Buried at Serre Road Cemetery No. 2. France.

Killed by a shell in an attack on the German line.

Captain Ferdinand Eglington

14 March 1885-2 July 1916

1st/5th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed by a bullet when cutting through German barbed wire at Gommecourt.

Second Lieutenant Cyril Vernon Hadley

30 May 1896-3 July 1916

10th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and St Mary's Church Memorial, Moseley.

Killed at Albert

Second Lieutenant Alec John Partridge

11 November 1892-3 July 1916

5th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Commemorated on the Thienval Memorial.

Killed whilst attacking the German lines at Ovillers with C Company.

Captain Henry Lynn Shaw

5 November 1872-3 July 1916

10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried at Bapaume Post Military Cemetery, France.

Killed while leading his men into action at La Boisselle. Henry was promoted to Major but died before he was gazetted.

Second Lieutenant Albert Theodore Vardy

7 August 1888-4 July 1916

2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, France.

Killed at Mametz Wood while helping a wounded officer of his own battalion.

Albert was the son of Reverend AR Vardy, Headmaster (1872-1900).

Private Felix Desmond Macswiney

27 October 1893-6 July 1916

49th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Fatally wounded in the left shoulder by enemy machine gun fire at Ypres.

Lance Corporal Frederick Cecil Franklin

8 December 1897-10 July 1916

2nd/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Rue-du-Bacquerot Cemetery, France.

Killed in a raid for which he had volunteered on the Somme.

Second Lieutenant Isador David Marks

21 March 1896-10 July 1916

11th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Buried in Gordon Dump Cemetery, France.

Killed on the Somme.

Captain Cornelius Vincent Suckling

21 February 1884-17 July 1916

1st/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed during an attack on Ovillers-la-Boisselle. Cornelius was a partner at Robinson and Suckling Solicitors.

Captain Thomas Sidney Wathes

2 November 1887-19 July 1916

2nd/6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belguim.

Killed while leading his men close to the enemy trenches.

Private Leigh Streetley Latham Butler

26 September 1897-21 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed in action. At just 16, Leigh enlisted on the outbreak of war.

Private Frank Isaac Jonas

22 December 1892-21 July 1916

26th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, City of London Regiment. Commemorated on the St Augustine's Church Memorial, Edgbaston and buried at Berks Cemetery Extension, Belgium.

Killed at Ypres. Frank worked as a precious stone dealer in the Jewellery Quarter before enlisting.

Lance Corporal Brian Christopher Power

13 May 1896-21 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Reported missing, presumed killed.

Second Lieutenant Rowland Murray Wilson-Browne

14 February 1897-21 July 1916

12th Squadron, Royal Flying Corps. Commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield War Memorial and buried at Vis-en-Artois British Cemetery, France.

Wounded during a bombing raid and captured by the Germans, dying at a German dressing station.

Lance Corporal Noel Edward Jones

5 January 1893-22 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Declared missing, presumed killed.

Second Lieutenant Jeffrey Wentworth Lythgoe

10 July 1890-22 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery. France.

Killed on the Somme by machine gun fire, alongside almost 500 men from his battalion.

Lieutenant Ralph Stuart Payton

12 March 1894-22 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed leading his men into action.

Private Robert Cecil Treglown

6 January 1887-22/23 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed in action.

Private Sydney Anderton

29 October 1892-23 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Commemorated at Caterpillar Valley Cemetery,
France and on St Mary's Church Memorial, Moseley

Reported missing, presumed killed.

Private Percy Groves Dingley

28 July 1891-23 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on St Augustine's Church Memorial, Edgbaston and buried in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, France.

Killed in action. Percy joined the Battalion in 1914 after undergoing an operation in a private hospital to 'fit him for public acceptance'.

Private Harold Wheale Garratt

17 January 1896-23 July 1916

Killed on the Somme.

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Reported missing at the Battle of the Somme, although his death was not confirmed officially until December of the same year.

Private William Leslie Onions

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

St James's Church Lists, Sutton Coldfield

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and in

27 March 1894-23 July 1916

Private William Ernest Stubbs

24 October 1895-23 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and on
Lloyds Bank War Memorial. Bristol.

Reported missing, presumed killed.
William enlisted in 1914 and spent his entire military career in France.

Lieutenant Arthur Poynting

31 December 1882-25 July 1916

6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in Bapaume Post Military Cemetery, France.

Killed in action near Pozières. France.

Captain William Evelyn Wansbrough

11 November 1893-28 July 1916

3rd Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed by a shell. Evelyn was wounded at the Battle of the Aisne on 11 October 1914 and returned to England, where on 31 December 1914 he married his sweetheart, Gladys. Gladys was in the last months of pregnancy when her husband's death was reported, and their son, also named William Evelyn, was born on 11 October 1916.

Private Howard John Hutchinson

8 October 1895-30 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried in London Cemetery Extension, France.

Killed in France at High Wood.

Private Arthur Edgar Johnson

17 October 1885-30 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Killed in the first wave of the attack on Delville Wood. Prior to the war, Arthur was Director of JB Brooks & Co. Ltd., a leather goods business which, to this day, manufactures leather bicycle saddles and accessories.

Private Frank Joseph Dalton Warwood

9 November 1891-30 July 1916

14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Killed at Delville Wood.

Private Horace John Walker

5 May 1896-4 August 1916

15th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Buried at St Pierre Cemetery, France.

Died from wounds he sustained.

Second Lieutenant Rudolph Russell Lawrence

1895-24 August 1916

5th Battalion, The King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Declared missing, presumably killed at Delville Wood on the Somme.

Second Lieutenant Frederic Clifford Alabaster

29 September 1886-25 August 1916

5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Commemorated on the Great War Memorial in St Mary's Church, Moseley and buried in Brandwood End Cemetery, Birmingham.

Severely wounded at Hébuterne on 25 June 1916 and died of his wounds in London. The family jewellery firm, Alabaster & Wilson Ltd., is still a thriving business in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. Clifford was one of five Old Edwardian brothers to serve in the Great War, the rest of whom survived.

Private Beryl James Pretious

15 June 1889-27 August 1916

24th Battalion, Australian Infantry. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial and Villers-Bretonneux

Killed at Pozières after being wounded by a bullet through the head and then being buried by a shell.

Second Lieutenant Malcolm Kevs

21 March 1896-31 August 1916

8th Battalion, 10th Border Regiment. Commemorated on St Mary's Church Memorial, Moseley and buried in Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension. France.

Fatally wounded in action at Thiepval. Keys left school in 1912, and emigrated to Australia. On the outbreak of war, he returned to Britain and obtained a commission.

King Edward's boys at Thiepval, 100 years on

Dawn rose at 5am on Saturday 1 July 1916. Early mist cleared to leave a blue sky and the promise of warm sunshine. Hundreds of thousands of men waited in their trenches for the explosion of monstrous mines and the whistle that would send them over the top at 0730 hours. By the end of the first day of a battle that would last 140 more, 19,240 of those men would not return to their trenches; another 40,000 would be wounded or missing.

One hundred years later at Thiepval, the imposing Lutyens ziggurat stands silent memorial to those whose bodies were never found or identified. Over 72,000 names are carved on its piers – a staggering 76% of the 95,000 British and Empire soldiers who fell at the Somme – and testimony to the power of industrial warfare to obliterate human life. Only their names remain. A damp Friday morning promises rain (and later delivers precisely during Prince Charles's reading) and there is a different hush of anticipation in 2016. A night-long vigil by soldiers has ended and 10,000 guests by invitation or ballot – I am one of the lucky ones – await the start of the commemoration, which is broadcast live to the UK.

Military bands play. There is a symphony orchestra; choirs from Wales and France; musicians from Ireland; readers Charles Dance, Joely Richardson and Jason Isaacs; and descendants of those who fought and fell. Excerpts from Malins' 1916 film *The Battle of the Somme* are screened. British royalty, French and world politicians mingle. There is a buzz of Brexit in the crowd: the red poppies and blue cornflowers fluttering from the Memorial over the graves of British and French soldiers offer mute reproach to our uncertain relationship with Europe.

The Last Post and Reveille are sounded. It is time to step forward to the great stone that bears Kipling's phrase borrowed from Ecclesiasticus, 'Their Name Liveth For Evermore'. There to lay a wreath to the 52 boys of KES who died at the Somme – 20 of them lost boys with no 'bays of battle' or even a known grave, including Leigh Latham, just 18 years old, and Frank Fawcett, Keith Forster, Cyril Hadley and 19-year-old Reginald Rose who fell on the first bloody day. Remember too the sacrifice made by all of the 245 Edwardians who lost their lives in the Great War.

We must remember.

Stephen Cooper (1976)



Development news

New Development Director: Lindsey Mepham

It has been a busy few months since arriving at KES this spring. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with alumni and staff to meet the AP100 Campaign's triumphant target. I have also been overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received from Old Edwardians, staff and pupils, and remain deeply appreciative to all those who have shared stories and insights with me. My first impression remains: this is a very special place with an inclusive and tolerant atmosphere which goes hand in hand with its academic success.

I know first-hand how transformative education can be: the first in my family to attend university, I graduated from the University of Oxford in 2003. Following forays into university outreach and publishing, I spent seven years at Oxford as a major gift fundraiser, raising over £5m towards outreach, bursaries, and scholarships. I



believe that philanthropy plays a vital role in providing educational opportunities and enabling social mobility; there is no finer example of a school which reflects this than King Edward's.

It is clear that KES has played a pivotal role in the lives of its alumni and I am privileged to be a part of the Old Edwardian community, keeping Old Eds connected and honouring the past to inform the future.

Lindsey Mepham

Simon Lerwill awarded IDPE Fellowship

The Development and OEA Office would like to congratulate Simon Lerwill on being awarded an Institute of Development Professionals in Education (IDPE) Fellowship.

The Fellowship was presented to Simon by John Claughton at the annual IDPE conference in June 2016 in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to school development. Simon became Development Director of King Edward's School in 2009, setting up the development function, and left at the end of 2015 to become the Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the University of Birmingham.



New Street clock returned

In spring 2016, a grandfather clock that would have stood in the 1838 school designed by Charles Barry, the architect of the Houses of Parliament, was returned to the School. It was spotted on eBay by Michael Baxter (1970) and kindly donated to the School by the Old Edwardians Association.

The clock has been fully restored and now resides in the Chief Master's study where it chimes on the hour. Its gothic carvings are reminiscent of the work of Augustus Pugin, who designed the fixtures and fittings in the Barry school; we look forward to receiving the verdict of antiques experts as to whether it is a Pugin original.

Forthcoming events

Biennial Dinner, Saturday 15 October 2016

A special black-tie dinner held in Big School. This year's guest speaker will be Worcester Warriors, Leicester Tigers and international rugby player Miles Benjamin (2006).

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Industry Drinks, Wednesday 23 November 2016

Old Edwardians following careers in STEM subjects are invited to share their knowledge and experience with current pupils at this informal networking event.

London Dinner, Monday 28 November 2016

The speaker at this annual black-tie event will be Sir Paul Ruddock (1976), co-founder and former CEO of Landsdowne Partners, Commissioner of the National Infrastructure Commission, Chair of Oxford University Endowment Management, and Trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York

Birmingham Festive Drinks, Friday 16 December 2016

An informal event for Old Edwardians to catch up over a free drink during the festive season.

Careers Day, Friday 13 January 2017

Each year Old Edwardians from a variety of professions are invited to talk about their career paths with our current Fifths.

For more information about all forthcoming events and to book tel: 0121 415 6050, email: oldeds@kes.org.uk or visit: www.oldeds.kes.org.uk/events

Old Edwardians

News in brief

1950s

Roger Farmer (1955)

On 5 August 1954 I first went solo in a Kirby Cadet Mk 3 at RAF Lichfield, organised through the CCF. The flight lasted all of three minutes. I continued gliding off and on until August 1980 when I sold my Foka 5. I returned to big boat sailing because all the family could take part. We travelled far and wide and had a great time. Jump forward to July 2015 I started flying sailplanes again, this time in Spain. I had to get an EASA sailplane pilots licence before they could let me loose. That done I went solo again after a 35 year gap, but this time I stayed up for three hours and one minute. The photo is of the KES Grasshopper which the RAF gave us in 1955.



Michael Stuart Green (1959)

My first etching was made in 1958 in the KES art room. It was an ad hoc arrangement, the result of which should not have been encouraging. But that experiment, though a failure, did lead me to other printmaking methods. These sustained me until 1970 when I bought a redundant church near Montrose. There I set up house and co-founded, with my first wife, a workshop specialising in both relief and intaglio printmaking. The etching processes we used were totally traditional, using strong mordants together with varnishes now known to be highly carcinogenic. Fast forward 46 years: I'm still making intaglio prints, but in more modest surroundings and using electricity, rather than acids, to etch metal plates. So, almost 50 years on, the experiment prompted by Bruce Hurn continues.

1960s

Richard Butler (1961)

Awarded the UNWTO Ulysses Prize for Excellence in the Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge. The prize honours outstanding members of the academia for their significant contribution to the development of tourism education and research.

Stephen Cockle (1964)

Pax Christi Chorale, my choir in Toronto, Canada, recently completed a memorable tour in southern England, including a concert at The Ruddock PAC on Wednesday 27 July 2016. Later in the tour, the choir's visit to Gloucester to sing Choral Evensong in the cathedral was the occasion for a get-together with Nick Collins and Andrew Turrall, two other 1964 OEs who had come along to hear us. Nick lives in Vancouver, but is on an extended visit to Bristol, while Andrew lives near Gloucester. We're all now enjoying our retirement.



Richard Reeve (1966)

32 former 70th Birmingham (KES) Scouts who left KES between 1960 and 1972, plus 13 wives, held a 50 year reunion in July 2016. With attendees from as far afield as Singapore, Serbia and across the UK from Edinburgh to Devon, Co Durham to Pembroke and Lincoln to Bristol, all came together one beautifully sunny day in a picturesque village in Lancashire. A huge thank you to everyone who came, their presence was what made the whole event the success it was. Read a full write up of the event at: www.oldeds.kes.org.uk/scoutsreunion.



Nigel Gilbert (1967)

I was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June this year for services to engineering and the social sciences.

John Wheatley (1969)

Neil Burton (1972) and I have recently come back from our 16th consecutive annual trip on our motorbikes to the Vosges Mountains in France. It was torrential rain for three of the six days we were away but we saw the new memorial museum at Verdun and witnessed the most amazing firework display alongside the river at Verdun on Bastille Day.

1970s

Richard Harris (1970)

I would like to add my brief story to those reported by Jim Wainwright (1951) and Ian Turner (1956) in the March 2016 issue. All three of us, it seems, were inspired by WL Whalley and 'Ben' Benett to go on to read geography at Selwyn College, Cambridge. I then went on to do postgraduate work in North America, and taught urban geography at the universities of British Columbia and Toronto before settling, in 1988, at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. I retain a love of history, acquired at KES from David Ganderton, and for many years combined the two ways of seeing the world in doing research on the modern history of North American cities. In January 2017 I will become the first geographer to be President of the (American) Urban History Association.

Martin Robinson (1970)

In April I took part in a three week trip to Nepal when I did the Makalu Base Camp hike. The base camp is at 4,780 metres but we reached about 4,900 metres before descending into the valley where the base camp is located.

Mark Arends (1979)

Professor of Pathology (Head of Division of Pathology) at University of Edinburgh Medical School. I have recently set up the UK's only Centre for Comparative Pathology that combines human and animal pathology research.

1980s

Jonathan Masters (1983)

I work as a consultant urologist in Auckland, New Zealand and have been there for 17 years now. Mandy my wife (also a doctor) and I have three kids. Tom (24) is married and about to qualify as a doctor. Abigail (21) is studying law and Luke (18) is on a gap year and will return to New Zealand to start medical school next year. One of the joys of New Zealand is that I can take a sabbatical period and so I am currently in Zambia for one month teaching some urology surgery before heading to England in September for a month and then Samoa for a month. If anyone from my era at KES is in Birmingham in September it would be great to catch up for a drink!



Matin Durrani (1985)

A new popular-science book I've written is due out in October. Furry Logic: the Physics of Animal Life looks at the many ways animals use physics in their daily battle to eat, drink, mate and generally avoid being killed.



Trevor Addenbrooke (1987)

After seven rewarding years as Head of Pastoral Care at Ibstock Place School in South West London, I have crossed the Channel to take up the post of Head of Mathematics at Elizabeth College, Guernsey. My wife, Sarah, son, Felix (9) and I look forward to the open-air life, sea swimming, and teaching our dog to surf.

Phil Henrick (1987)

I am now Head of European Sales for The London Taxi Company, part of the Geely Group. In late 2017 we launch our brandnew, zero-emission capable electric taxi which will open up new markets in cities around the world for this global icon.

1990s

Steve Hoey (1992)

The organisation that I run (Canopy), in partnership with an organisation in Hull, has just won the World Habitat Award, which is for innovation, sustainability and transfer in housing. I'll be off to the UN conference 'Habitat III' in October in Quito, Ecuador, to collect the award.

Christian Holloway (1992)

As well as running my own Safepad business and delivering a range of IT training courses through Worcestershire County Council, I am now working as a contractor for Capita/Service Birmingham and looking forward to spending some time back in Birmingham. Interested in meeting up with any other OEs from the 1992 year group; if you are around please do get in touch.

James Barraclough (1996)

I became a Consultant Rhinologist, Facial Plastics and ENT Surgeon last year having spent a year in New Zealand completing my specialist training. I work in Wolverhampton and Dudley Hospitals and live with my wife and two boys in a village near Bridgnorth.

David Hingley (1996)

I've just returned to England from three years in New York, where I managed to visit 40 states on various road trips, but more importantly wrote my first novel *Birthright*. Set in the Restoration era and linking London and New York, *Birthright* came out in hardback and ebook in July. The first in a historical crime series, the second book will be published in January.

Anurag Sharma (1997)

I am currently a Partner at the global investment banking and asset management firm, William Blair & Company, where I head-up our San Francisco Office. In December of last year my wife Lindsay and I welcomed our baby girl, Arya.



Mohammed Ali (2000)

Aid Works Founding Director, Mo Ali, has won the Young Consultant of the Year award at the British Expertise International Awards. Mo was recognised for his impact on health systems in a variety of fragile states. From influencing the strategic direction of USAID's health portfolio in South Sudan, to supporting the UN reform process through an evaluation of WHO's presence in Uganda, Kyrgyzstan and Sudan, to training community and government health workers on health information systems.

Mark Colman (2002)

I am currently working as an Assistant Principal at a state secondary school in Doncaster. Very busy job but I enjoy the challenge!

Bhavesh Patel (2002)

I moved to the Cayman Islands in April this year on a transfer with my law firm (Forbes Hare). My wife is currently pregnant and will move early next year after the baby is born in November.

Mark Heath (2009)

I moved to California this week, to continue my work as a strategy consultant with The Boston Consulting Group, focusing on their media and entertainment practice out here on the West Coast. It's been a change of pace (and weather!) from London!

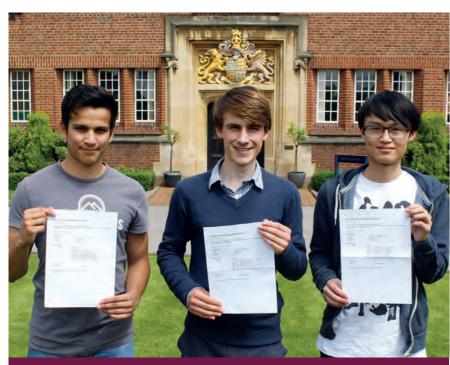


Tell us your news

Thanks to all OEs who have sent us their news. Unfortunately, we cannot print everything we receive but all OE news is published on the website below. There wil be a full register of all births, marriages and deaths as well as some detailed obituaries in the next *Gazette* due out in March 2017.

Email: editor@kes.org.uk or visit: www.oldeds.kes.org.uk/your-news

Academic & school news



Sam Shah, Joshua Kimblin and Alex Fung: three of the five boys who achieved 45 points

Another year of outstanding IB results

The fifth year of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma at King Edward's School has produced another set of outstanding results.

The average score is 39.2 points, nine points above the global average and the second highest point score achieved by the School. The maximum score of 45 points was gained by five boys, Alex Fung, Rishikesh Gandhewar, Joshua Kimblin, Sam Shah and Bill Wang, a score achieved by only 146 students worldwide out of almost 150,000 IB students in total. A further six scored 44 points and 54% of the cohort attained scores of 40 points or above: 40 points is the equivalent of more than four A*s at A-level. Over 92% of boys have been accepted by their first choice universities, 25 boys will be taking up places at Oxford and Cambridge and 26 boys will study medicine.

On 27 August 2016, King Edward's School was listed top of *The Times* boys' A-level league table and 7th overall in *The Telegraph* league table. The following table provides a comparison of our Higher Level IB results to equivalent A-level grades:

Higher Level IB grade	Equivalent A-level grade	% of grades achieved
7	A*	48.9%
7/6	A*/A	85.6%
7/6/5	A*/A/B	96.4%



The KES Team of: (L-R) Dougle Dolleymore, Vidy Reddy, Jeremy Ho and Daniel Yue

Perfect score wins in maths for second year

For the second year running a team of four KES boys jointly won the National Final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge with a perfect score.

Over 1,000 school teams from across the UK took part in the competition and 86 went through to the National Finals, which were held at the Royal Horticultural Halls, London in February 2016.

The team of Jeremy Ho and Vidy Reddy in Sixths, who also competed in and won the competition last year, and Daniel Yue and Dougie Dolleymore in Fifths scored full marks to win the competition jointly with two other teams, from Ruthin School and Westminster School.



First class GCSE results

Out of a year group of 123, 26 boys achieved 10 A*s, a further 16 achieved 9 A*s and 72 boys achieved only A*s and As. Overall, the percentage of A* grades attained was 61% and 87% A*/A

Exhibition commemorates Battle of the Somme

In May 2016, King Edward's School officially opened the second phase of its First World War exhibition, originally opened in 2014, to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

On the evening of the exhibition opening, Sir Hew Strachan, the world's most eminent historian of the First World War, spoke about the Battle of the Somme at the School's Tolkien Lecture. This was preceded by the first showing of a film, produced by Elliot (2006) and Zander Weaver (2009), on the life and letters of Robert Quilter Gilson, son of Headmaster Robert Cary Gilson, who died on the first day of the Battle.

Over 1,400 Old Edwardians served in the First World War and 245 lost their lives, 52 of which during the Somme campaign of 1916. The new exhibition explores the Somme campaign in greater detail and tells the individual stories of Old Edwardians who fought and died in the campaign.

To find out more about the exhibition, view the film about Robert Quilter Gilson, or book to attend the exhibition, visit: www.kes.org.uk/great-war





John Claughton, Ronald Naylor (1931) and Jim Grant (1973) at the AP100 Celebration event

£10m campaign for Assisted Places is completed

In one of the most successful fundraising campaigns ever run by an independent day school, King Edward's School achieved its goal of raising $\mathfrak{L}10m$ for Assisted Places.

The Assisted Places 100 (AP100) Campaign has raised over £10m in the last six years and will fund 100 Assisted Places in the School, doubling the number of Assisted Places available and making King Edward's one of the most accessible independent schools in the country.

The School celebrated the completion of the AP100 Campaign with a special event on Saturday 11 June hosted by Jim Grant (1973), better known as bestselling author, Lee Child.

Awards 'hat-trick'

This academic year, King Edward's School won three prestigious national awards.

The first award came in September, with John Claughton being crowned the 'Best Head of Public School' at the Tatler Schools Awards 2016. In November *The Sunday Times* awarded King Edward's the 'International Baccalaureate School of the Year' for its outstanding performance in the IB Diploma in 2015. Finally, also in November, the School was awarded the 'Best Independent-Maintained School Collaboration' award at the 2015 TES Independent School Awards in recognition of the School's extensive outreach programme.



um Cheetham, Divisional Director of TTS Group, John Claughton, and ichael Portillo who hosted the TES awards

Sport



Pitch perfect for new Pavilion

A new £2.5m pavilion and astro hockey pitch was officially opened on Saturday, 29 August 2015.

The new development, called the Southall Pavilion, has been substantially funded by Stuart Southall (1976), who is co-founder of the Punter Southall Group and was a keen hockey player when at school. The project has also been supported with funds from the Old Edwardians Association.

Guests at the opening enjoyed a round robin hockey tournament between the School's 1st XI hockey team and three teams of Old Edwardians from different generations prior to a drinks reception in the new Pavilion.



Water polo report

Once again, water polo has had a strong year with the U18 team being placed 3rd in the ESSA National Finals. The U18 team also came 4th in the medley and freestyle relays at the International Swimming Relay Gala at Bromsgrove School.

Congratulations to Matt Madden who was selected to represent Great Britain at the European Games qualifying round in Antalya, Turkey.



Rugby report

It's been another good year for the School's rugby teams. The U16A team have been on terrific form and reached the semi-final of the North Midlands Cup. Other successes include 1st XV wins over Bablake, John Cleveland College, Princethorpe College and Warwick 2nd XV among others.

The Rugby Sevens also played remarkably well: the U16 team succumbed to eventual winners Denstone in the Adams' Grammar School invitational sevens, while the U14 team made it to the prestigious Solihull Sevens semi-final having defeated Bromsgrove by six tries to two en route. During the Bromsgrove U14 Sevens Tournament, Mr Weaver's U14 side lost narrowly to the hosts 12-7, but went on to record several comprehensive victories on their way to winning the final of the Plate Competition 40-5 against King Edward's Five Ways.

Congratulations to Alex Bartley who has been selected to play for Worcester Warriors U18s and Josh Dowdeswell on selection for the Warwickshire U18 Playing Squad for the 2016/2017 season.

1st XV Scorecard



Cricket report

KES has been extremely lucky to secure a fine replacement for the retired Dave Collins. Nathan Round, who started in September 2015, is from the 'Black Country' and spent his formative years in the Worcestershire CCC system ending up on the professional staff from 2001-2004. He has coached and played in South Africa for five seasons and spent the last 10 years of his career in the Birmingham Premier League with Walsall CC, Old Hill CC and, presently, Kidderminster CC.

Once again, the 2016 season proved a success and a frustration with the English weather. In all, 53 school matches fell foul of the weather which is a staggering figure in a term of only 11 weeks! But, on the pitch the results showed that the hard work of the winter training programme, under the supervision of Nathan Round, had been successful.

The U15A team were joint winners of the prestigious Magdalen College Festival. The U14B team won the Ernest Troop County Trophy. The 1st XI had a fine run in the middle part of the summer to record a very creditable eight victories and if it was not for that weather again could have pulled off a rare win against the MCC.

1st XI Scorecard

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Sport Outreach

Sport Outreach is a chance for primary schools without access to pitches, courts and open spaces to experience new sports alongside free coaching from our resident KES and KEHS experts.

In the spring term, 275 KS2 children from primary schools around the city used our facilities at Eastern Road where they played sports such as netball, rugby and hockey. They even took part in a Sports Relief charity event. During the summer term, the sports offered to the children were swimming, athletics and cricket.

The first Primary Teachers Netball Training day took place in May, which was attended by schools from the Midlands and beyond. The course kept teachers moving to get first-hand experience of how to teach netball in their schools. We also ran a similarly successful cricket course for the second time, which provided teachers with plenty of batting and bowling ideas to take back to their pupils.



Hockey report

This has been an incredible season for hockey with the U16 team in particular performing exceptionally well. Not only did they retain their county championship title after winning all four matches at the Warwickshire Championships, but they also gained the runners-up spot in the England Hockey National Finals.

Congratulations to Saihej Mangat, Fin Geelan and Ellis Owen who were selected for England Hockey's High Performance Training Centres.

1st XI Scorecard

P17 W13 L3 D1 F57 A22

Performing Arts













Wuthering Heights

The timeless love story of Catherine Earnshaw and the dark, vengeful Heathcliff was always going to be difficult to adapt to stage, but to tell 40 years and 300 pages of story in under three hours, was even harder.

Combining unique movement sequences and music inspired by both Frantic Assembly and the beautiful poems of Emily Brontë, the result was a riveting and moving spectacle that encapsulated the essence of the original novel. The show was also beautifully staged, with a set that truly brought a chunk of the Yorkshire moors to the Ruddock Hall.

This wonderful production would not have been possible without the perseverance and creativity of Mr Bartlett and Miss Proops, or the incredible support team of Pete Wheller, Richard Jones, Sarah Baghdadi and Mrs Babb, and also the firm hand of Mrs Higgins.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Visitors to the Drama Studio were magically transported to Narnia for this year's Junior Production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.*

With a large cast playing squirrels, beavers, tree-spies and wolves, rarely has the Performing Arts Centre echoed with such wildlife!

Mrs Higgins's first production at the School was an undoubted triumph. Exciting, frightening and hilarious in turns (with the cutest squirrel chorus you could hope to see), cast, crew and audience alike had a fantastic time from beginning to end. Bravo to all involved!

Medea

It would not have been right to let John Claughton depart the School without some exploration of Greek drama, and so the Senior Dramatic Society turned their attention with trepidation to Euripides' bloody tragedy *Medea*.

Telling the story of Medea, the wife of Jason (of 'and the Argonauts' fame) who is cruelly jilted for a younger, richer woman and seeks the bloodiest and most hideous of revenges, was a tough challenge for the group. Using some of the ideas of theatre practitioner Steven Berkoff, they aimed for an intense and physical drama that catapulted the audience into the frightening reality of the heroine's horrific situation – and even worse solution.

Praise particularly to Immy Brown for her remarkable central performance – but with sterling and memorable support from Seamus Dunleavy as Jason, Raheem Humphreys and Omar Haroun.

Choral and Orchestral Concerts

The annual KES/KEHS Choral and Orchestral Concerts in March commemorated the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

Choral Society sang Karl Jenkins's *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*. This popular work draws on a range of texts and musical traditions. Mr Monks and Mr Fern created a unique interpretation, bringing together Jenkins's music with the historical, social, and cultural contexts of the two schools in 1916.

Adelaide Yue was the soloist in Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, and the Symphony Orchestra performed Brahms's Fourth Symphony.

Romany Wood

As part of our Outreach Programme, over 600 children from primary schools across the city sang together in a special concert to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The children were accompanied by the KES and KEHS Symphony Orchestra in a performance of *Romany Wood* at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Friday, 24 June 2016.

Romany Wood is a 45-minute musical for children's voices, narrator (played by Chief Master, John Claughton) and orchestra, and is aimed at introducing classical music to young people. Over 120 rehearsals took place across the city, and for many of the children involved it was their first opportunity to take part in such a large concert.

Summer Concert

All of the KES and KEHS ensembles performed at this year's Summer Concert in Symphony Hall. With the repertoire including works by Lauridsen, Karl Jenkins, and Beethoven it was an evening of variety and excitement.

Highlights included the return of Joe Thompson (1982), as soloist in Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and Adam Phillips (2014) and Roberto Ruisi (2014), soloists in Bach's *Concerto for Violin and Oboe*. The KES and KEHS Symphony Orchestra ended a memorable evening with *Danzón No.2* by Márquez.



House Shout!

Congratulations to Cary Gilson who won this year's House Shout with their rendition of *Hold On, We're Going Home* by Drake.

A grand total of £544 was raised for Cot Fund from collections on the door of the event.

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Extra-curricular

From being active in societies and fundraising to supporting outreach activities and taking advantage of a range of trips, there's always something that boys are involved in outside of their academic studies. Below is a snapshot of some of the activities boys have participated in during this academic year.



Boys from Divisions spent a week in Palma, Mallorca to learn more about the city's history, culture and people.



The Senior Rugby Squad embarked on the 2015 Rugby Tour to Ontario, Canada where they enjoyed magnificent sightseeing, catching up with Old Edwardians, coaching children and playing matches.

The Living History
Group bombarded
numerous sites with
cabbages including
Tretower Court and
Castle, Kenilworth
Castle and
Chepstow Castle.





Shell and Rem Bookworms read the six books shortlisted for the Warwickshire Secondary Book Award 2016 and met the authors at the results ceremony.



their German exchange partners and explore the city.



As part of the biennial Geography trip to Iceland, 36 boys and staff enjoyed a magical trip where they swam in the Blue Lagoon, went on a Glacier Walk and watched the Northern Lights.



13 boys, parents and teachers cycled from KES to Hampton Court Palace, London. They raised over £1,600 for charity Breast Cancer Now in memory of Dr Lindsay MacDonald, a former teacher who died last year.



Fourth year
CCF cadets
took part in
the KES Scuba
Programme
in preparation
for two Open
Water Diver
courses and
a trip to Gozo
in the Maltese
Islands.



Mentoring Society is now the School's largest society and has over 107 Senior mentors working with boys from Shells to Fifths.



Boys visited the University of Birmingham to view the Qur'an exhibition and learn how the manuscript was put together.



49 boys and six staff members travelled to Switzerland for a week o skiing in the resorts of Wengen and Grindlewald.

Old Edwardians Merchandise

A range of gifts are available as a souvenir of your time at King Edward's. Visit the Old Edwardians shop at: www.oldeds.kes.org.uk/oe-shop to view the full range and order items, or contact the OEA office on tel: 0121 415 6050 to place your order. All prices listed include UK postage.







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