



## Event: ACS Conference

On 23 February, the KEHS and KES African and Caribbean Society hosted its first Foundation-wide conference, which 120 students from 12 schools attended. The day was opened by Jodh Dhesi, CEO, and Dr Katy Ricks, Chief Master of KES, discussing the Royal Academy of Arts exhibition, "Entangled Parts". Miss Bréchon-Smith (KES), Miss Dionne McKee (KEHS) and Miss Dominique McKee (KEHS) hosted the remainder of the day, which included numerous special guest speakers:

Stuart Lawrence (the brother of Stephen Lawrence and a public speaker); Hannah Joseph (England Netball and Loughborough Lightning player); Celia Fraser (Asset Management and Camp Hill alumna); Sophia Bréchon-Smith (Social Media Manager for Five Guys and Handsworth alumna); and Garry Stewart (pre- and post-war historian). [Click here](#) to read more.



## Event: Symphony Hall Spring Concert

This year's Spring Concert took place on 18 March. This was a marvellous opportunity for guests and for the impressive 391 boys and girls performing, many of them across multiple pieces. The evening culminated with Stravinsky's infamous *The Rite of Spring* - a notorious modernist piece which the Symphony Orchestra played flawlessly. The piece was accompanied by live illustration by artist James Mayhew.

## Socials: LinkedIn Alumni

We've now enabled the alumni function on the school's LinkedIn page, so why not update your education record and link it to the school? The alumni tab shows a summary of career, education and skills information about our graduates - a really interesting look at our community! Take a look at the 445 people and counting who are taking part [here](#) - and then update the education section of your record to join.



## Podcasts: New Student Philosophy Series

Our students love and value philosophy, and they have a lot to say on the most expansive questions that humans face! Click [here](#) and let them open your mind to these questions and introduce you to the subject they love. Their reflections on a different philosophical theme will be released every month. [Click here](#) to listen or subscribe.

## Assisted Places: Quotes

"My son was at KES until 2010 and I was on the PA committee for 6 years. During that time I saw first hand how much great work the school undertook to help develop the students' academic, sporting and other extra curricular achievements, including some wonderful character-building trips. I became a donor for the AP100 fundraising campaign and still contribute to this day. I feel it is so important through this scheme to allow so many young people from many diverse backgrounds to have the opportunity of developing their talent in so many ways.



My son is proud of his time at King Edward's and has kept in touch with many of his school friends. I have also been proud to follow his journey within such an inspirational environment and in a small way to have helped other students who would not otherwise have had that opportunity." - Clive Poole (Past Parent)

KES is proud to have double the national average proportion of boys on APs - but there are always more boys on our waiting list than we have the funds to support. [Click here](#) to learn more.

## Gazette 2024: Dual Careers

This year's 'Careers Focus' section is about Old Eds with 'Dual Careers' - people who have worked in very different roles as their careers have progressed. Was this a gradual evolution, a new passion or a twist of fate? Would they do it again, or recommend it to others?

If any of the above resonates with you, please do email Debbie Macleod at: [editor@kes.org.uk](mailto:editor@kes.org.uk). She'd love to hear from you!



## Sunday 19th May - [Strava Barnt Green Cycle](#)

Join Mr Phillips for a 35 or 50 mile cycle around Worcestershire before finishing at The Victoria for a pint on us! If you are unable to join us in person, then complete the cycle wherever you are on Strava and share with us afterwards! [You can sign up for the event here.](#)

## Friday 24th May - [Former Staff Lunch](#)

Join us in May for our Former Staff Lunch! Tea and coffee will be served from 11.30 in the Common Room, followed by lunch at 12.30 in the Dining Hall with the event concluding at 14.00. Wine will be served with the main meal, followed by tea and coffee with dessert. [You can book your FREE place here.](#)

## Saturday 8th June - [Milestones Reunion](#)

Did you leave KES in 1984, 1994, 2004 or 2014? Then we want to see you at your special reunion in June! The cost for the evening, including drinks and a two-course buffet, is £43.50. Don't miss out on this once in a decade opportunity! [You can book your place here.](#)

## Saturday 16th November - [Biennial Dinner](#)

We are delighted to announce a date for the Old Edwardian Biennial Dinner, taking place at King Edward's School, Birmingham.

As part of the evening, you will be able to tour the school with some of our current prefects and revisit some of your old haunts. The evening will run from 17.45 and we endeavour to send the booking information out soon and very much hope that you will be able to join us. For now, please put this date in your calendar!



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