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The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide

We are delighted that KES recently topped the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide as the top independent day school for boys in the West Midlands, and that it also topped the regional combined independent and state table for schools for boys.

EVENTS: Biennial Dinner

Thank you to all the alumni who joined us for the 2024 Biennial Dinner. Old Eds had the chance to meet up with friends old and new, as well as the new Chief Master & Principal, Kirsty von Malaisé. Thank you to the School Captain, Aaryan, for his irreverent and hilarious speech, and to lovely alumnus, Alf, for making an impromptu call for additional Assisted Places' support. You can see all the photos from the event [here](#).



NEWS: Junior Production

This year, our junior thespians tackled *Lord of the Flies*, exploring the dark side of human nature, and the importance of reason and intelligence as tools for dealing with the chaos of life. A message that seems especially important now. Our cast also performed an additional matinee for other local schools. [Congratulations](#) to all involved!

ALUMNI: Privacy Notice Updated

In preparation for the launch of our new Members' Area in January, we have updated our Privacy Notice. The change is on page 5. If you choose to utilise the Members' Area, you will create an account on our website, which is hosted by WordPress. They will retain and will share with us the information you give them, which is likely to be your name and email address. This data is stored in WordPress's London data centre. [Click here](#) to review the new Privacy Notice.





GIVING: Engines of Opportunity

Independent schools like ours have been in the press for some months now, as we become the first nation in Europe to tax this kind of education. We are hugely grateful to the alumni who have already been in touch to increase their giving, to help ensure that schools like ours - which have always been engines of opportunity, not engines of privilege - can remain accessible. You can find out more [online here](#).

ALUMNI: Services available to Old Edwardians

Here's a reminder of the many services you can expect as a member of our alumni community:

- **Events:** we run dozens of events through the year, including school concerts, special lectures and community get-togethers like KE Community Christmas.
- **Reunions:** we'll invite you to a special reunion for your cohort once every ten years. These are the Milestones Reunion for 10th, 20th and 30th anniversaries, and the Gemstones Reunion for your 40th, 50th 60th and even 70th anniversaries.
- **Communications:** we'll send you our termly e-newsletter, *Gazette Online*, and our annual magazine, *The Gazette*, to help keep you up-to-date with school and alumni news. We'll also send you email updates.
- **Connections:** we can help you stay in touch with old friends, or even reconnect you with lost ones. Just [contact the office](#).
- **Networking:** join CareersLink to offer careers advice to pupils and other alumni, or to access the advice for yourself.
- **History & Archives:** you can also access our online archive - and search for yourself and your friends - [here](#).



ALUMNI: please check your 'Class'

Your 'Class' is designed to identify you as a member of your cohort. For most people, it would be the year they completed their A Levels or IB. In some cases, your Class will be different to the year you left school. E.g. if you joined in 1970, did your A Levels in 1977 and then left after 'third year sixth' in 1978, you would be Class of 1977. Other alumni may have skipped or repeated a year, effectively making them a member of two cohorts. **We use your Class to work out which reunions to invite you to, so it is important this is correct.** If in doubt, please [contact the office](#) to confirm yours.

ARCHIVES: Can you help us build our archives?

Our fantastic Foundation-wide archivist, Charlotte Gallant, is keen to expand the archive materials we hold for the School. If you have anything you'd be willing to donate or send us a copy of, please do [email us](#) and let us know. We're particularly keen to receive anything from the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.





STAFFING: Congratulations Laura!

We are delighted to announce that Laura Salt has been appointed as Development Director at King Edward's School and KEHS. Laura joined us in 2022 and has made a phenomenal impact on the Development Team. With Development experience at school and university level, in the UK and internationally, Laura brings a wealth of varied experience to the role. She has also been a trustee of British Gymnastics Foundation and is a governor of a local primary school. Of course, this meant saying goodbye to Adelaide Bailey, who had been with us since 2018. We wish her the best in her new role and hope we'll see her at the Former Staff Lunch very soon.

SCHOOL: Christmas Card competition

Congratulations to Khai in the UMs, whose design has won this year's Christmas Card competition. He fought off a very strong pool of entries, with this lovely image of the school bursting from Santa's sack. Thank you to Khai, the Art Department and all of the boys who submitted an entry.



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 24th February - Gemstones Reunion

Are you the class of **1955, 1965, 1975 or 1985**? Then we want to see you at this very special reunion in January to celebrate your Platinum, Diamond, Gold or Ruby anniversary. This is a once in a decade opportunity so do not miss out. [Click here to book your place.](#)

Friday 7th March - Tolkien Lecture: 'An Edwardian Advising Government'

We are delighted to release a date for an Old Edwardian Lecture taking place in March next year. Chris Hodges OBE (OE 1972) will be taking to the stage at The Ruddock Performing Arts Centre. Chris will speak about his work as an advisor, including his work with The Department for Business and Trade's Post Office Horizon Compensation Advisory Board. More information to follow in due course.

Sunday 18th May - Cycle Ride

Join Keith Phillips for a cycle around Worcestershire! More information will follow in due course, but for now please save the date!

Friday 23rd May - Former Staff Lunch

Are you a former member of staff at King Edward's School, Birmingham? Then join us for a special reunion lunch in May where you and a partner are welcome to attend. [Click here to book your place now.](#)

Saturday 21st June - Milestones Reunion

We are holding a very special reunion for the classes of **1995, 2005 and 2015** from both King Edward VI High School for Girls and King Edward's School, Birmingham, in June next year, and we want you to be a part of it! We are also looking for some Year Group Representatives for these year groups, to help get as many of your friends there as possible. If you are interested in this, then please do **get in touch**. If you are not one of the above year groups and still wish to attend, then please do feel free to book as you are more than welcome! Bookings are now open and you can [click here to book your place.](#)