

# 2022 PHOENIX

Handwritten notes on a lined paper, including the name "Phoebe Phoenix" and some illegible text.



- TO DO!!!
1. homework
  2. tidy desk
  3. read Phoenix





# PHOENIX 2022

Phoenix is back in print! After some fun with digital editions, we heard your cries for hard copy and have pushed ourselves to deliver just that.

Ironically enough, we came to our digital theme this year knowing full well that we'd be aiming to print a copy for every student in the school. Back in September, we couldn't have imagined the journey we'd need to go on to produce this edition of the magazine.

We threw around lots of ideas for our theme this year but, to be quite frank, the mobile phone hit early, took root and provided great opportunities for fun pages. The theme embodies the ways in which we were forced to spend our time during the pandemic and communicate but also is relatable to everyone at KEHS (hopefully)!

Thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed towards Phoenix this year: we couldn't have done it without you!

The Phoenix team have worked hard over the last academic year to bring Phoenix back to print, and the result of lots of hard work is now in front of you. We hope you enjoy it!



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**Mr Staite**  
PE Staff

 KEHS Channel  
Mr Staite: Jack Grealish

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LET'S PLAY

**Music Taste?**

Ooh...anything really, I'm a bit - I don't really have a specific genre, like I kind of listen to everything, but -

**Phoenix Team prompt: Favourite song?**

Favourite songgg...I'm a big - um - probably like um Oasis, and people like that. So old school - like Oasis bands and stuff like that, that's really my stuff...

**If you weren't a PE teacher, what would you have become?**

Er, ooh, err, I wouldn't mind being a paramedic. They're quite cool jobs, I was gonna be a paramedic but then I -

**P: Wow, different end of the spectrum!**

Yeah, proper different end but yeah... \*chuckles\*

**Any embarrassing stories?**

Ooh \*giggles\* I've got quite a few. When I was at school, urm, I threw a snowball at my mate - it was the perfect throw, I remember it well. \*Giggles to self\* Unfortunately for me, a trainee PE teacher walked around the corner and it \*pauses\* hit them straight in the face - I got a month's worth of detentions.

**Any hidden talents?**

Erm, not many people know that I play the guitar, I keep that quite quiet. I've been in a band for a few years, not many people know that erm, that's probably about it to be fair. I'm into sport really, that's all.

**Hair / skincare routine?**

Ooh, er, yeah, er \*stutters\* hair's pretty - I'm pretty basic: just get in the shower, wash it...\*obviously\*, condition it, shampoo, and then to keep it back, I have like a headband. So when it dries I have to walk around with my headband in for a few - you know like Jack Grealish and people like that. I - I have a headband, like one of those \*gestures with hands\* and then I have to wear that to keep it slicked back, and then the hairspray if I'm going out, and then...I don't really have a skincare routine. I just wash my face - and then all my friends tell me off - I should have like a skin routine. **(We agree!)**

**So that actually leads perfectly into our final question. We've all been dying to know: are you going for the Jack Grealish vibe with your hair?**

Yeah, yeah \*laughs\* - it was a little - obviously in lockdown when no one could get a haircut, um - my hair just grew long, and then Grealish had one so I was like "I can play that off can't I?" Pretend that I'm...

**(We didn't cut him off, he just stopped there for some reason).**

MESSAGES  
No one:  
Mr Staite: JULY  
"MISSING PE SPEAKER"



**MS LIU**

Mandarin Teacher

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Before coming to KEHS, she taught English in China from 2005-2007 and started teaching in English in the UK in 2009. Most recently, she teaches at King Edward Aston Boys School. Her favourite food is Chinese; she no longer lives in China so really misses the food from her homeland sometimes but also loves Italian and French cuisines. "I really recommend the annual Coventry Godiva Festival because the tickets are only £5. I'll let you know when it's on girls!"

**MRS HEWSON**

SENDCo Teacher

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She is also a trained geography teacher and has been teaching for 15 years with a specialisation in special needs. Her first impressions of KEHS were that it was really friendly and welcoming. She was inspired to get into teaching by her geography teacher at school but also to be an advocate for students with special educational needs.

**MRS GIAQUINTO**

Food Tech Assistant

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Before working here, she did the marketing for Cadbury World (for nearly 10 years!) but had three children so had to find something that worked for her. She used to go to Edgbaston High School.... Some of her favourite recipes are pizza, couscous and stir fry. "What can I say... People don't turn the ovens on. Nothing major. No fires. It's a good start."

**MRS TOURNAY**

Ceramics Specialist Art Teacher

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Mrs Tournay creates and supplies her own ceramics - from lighting to tableware to jewellery. She exhibits in galleries and recently sold at the MAC craft fair. She enjoys the balance of teaching and working in creative industries - "I think it's a good healthy balance to actually practise what you're teaching students so you can give them advice about careers and future opportunities."

**ERICA BUIST**

Journalist in Residence

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Erica is a freelance writer and journalist, who previously was a staff writer at the Guardian, and is currently writing history stories about London which she finds really fun (as well as helping out at KEHS!) Erica's advice for applying for journalism, languages and anything else related: "One of the biggest things is to budget at least two years to get a job because I started to freak out after about three weeks!"

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## MISS HANDS

### French and Spanish Teacher

#### How are you finding KEHS?

Um, very...exciting! It's a lovely school to be a part of; there's definitely a good sense of community, especially among the staff, it doesn't matter what department you're in, we all mix together.

#### What were you doing before you came to KEHS?

So, I've been teaching for four years now. I taught in two schools in London, I'm originally from Solihull. I went to Solihull School - I had friends who came here, so I knew a bit about the school, so it wasn't completely new to me as such. **P: Yeah, the Solihull girls always tend to come**

**together because of the bus.** I've always wondered, if my car breaks down, do I call one of the teachers who I know who lives in Solihull, or do I just get on the school bus - what would the girls think if Miss Hands just randomly walked on the bus?! (Laughter) Yeah, you might see me there one day!

#### So, you teach Spanish and French, what intrigues you about MFL?

To me, it's the culture and people, it's always the thing that makes me want to go back to the country and learn languages.

#### What's your favourite French word?

(extended pause) This is really hard! **P: Ours is 'coucou' - it's just so cute!** Yeah, that's a cute one, like 'mignon' that's really cute. To be honest, I really like the word 'un rond', the word for a circle, just because I really struggle to say it because of the French 'err' sound. That's a really rubbish reason, but it's the first one I can think of right now!

#### Favourite Spanish word?

YEP- 'sacapuntas' - a sharpener. I think I learnt it in year 7 - everyone thought it was really funny and it just stuck, so there you go!

#### Okay, what are you most looking forward to, or most excited for at KEHS?

I'm excited to see karaoke and dance production, obviously they're both to do with dance, but are very different, from my understanding. I have a background in dance, so I'm excited for both of those. Also, my tutor group said they've won three out of four karaokes, so they're quite competitive, so I'm looking forward to cheering them on...

#### Who are your staff room buddies?

So, next to me I have the brilliant Dr Blain, who is the most sarcastic human I've ever met, she's fantastic. I love sitting next to her. Mme Marquette is also next to me, she's also 'Queen of Sarcasm - Queen of French Sarcasm', which I think is even better; she makes me laugh every single day! Who else? Mr Holland! Mr Holland sits behind me, I have good chats with him, we have weird things in common... Miss McKemey - I love having a little chat with her whenever I can.



## MISS MCKEMEY

### Geography Teacher

#### Do you prefer living in the city or the countryside? Birmingham must have been a change.

Yes - I think when I was a child I hated it because the closest town was 15 minutes away and my friends and I went to a school half an hour away. The bus went from the village once an hour too, so I depended on my parents to give me lifts. I was like, "I never want to live in the village when I'm older!" I moved to the city for uni and loved it, it's really fun. I can't say I'll stay forever though, I do appreciate the countryside a lot more, like going round to my parents and stuff like that.

#### Tell us a fun fact about yourself!

Well I had a hip injury so I had to have 12 operations. I had to have botox in my hip too - it's quite fun to tell people, "By the way, I've had botox!" and they're just like, "What?"

#### What's your favourite thing about KEHS so far?

I really like the culture, everyone's 100% in it. Other schools I've been at, it was seen as a bit of a dumb thing to be involved in sport and music - things like that - but I quite like that everyone here (students and staff) are really involved in extracurriculars.

#### So since it wasn't that long ago that you were a teenager like us, do you have any advice for us?

I'm not a million years ahead of you guys actually - I went to an all girls secondary school as well. I think comparison with others is the biggest thing, it was mine - not being able to definitely say "THIS is who I am." Just try and be confident in that - when you get older and go into adulthood we all bring something different. That's something worth celebrating; I wish I'd acknowledged that earlier.



## German Exchange: Hamburg

In late March, over 20 pupils set out for Hamburg in a much-anticipated exchange with the Gymnasium Oldenfelde, after two years of COVID-related cancellations. They were met with a warm welcome as well as several inches of snow! The week consisted of various trips, including a day excursion to Lübeck, to learn about the history of the Hanseatic League and sample the delights of the Niederegger Marzipan, a speciality of the town. A particularly enjoyable aspect of the trip was a tour of Hamburg by their partners and an afternoon of bowling. Despite the weather, they were able to enjoy a harbour tour on a ferry and spend time on the beach. The trip ended with an evening party with delicious catering and pupils presenting their joint projects about German-British friendships.



## Spanish Exchange: Cordoba

In March, 17 Lower Fifth Spanish students went on a trip to Cordoba, Spain. Despite the initial challenges of speaking and listening to another language, the trip had many highlights. The students got to visit La Inmaculada and give presentations to younger children, followed by a trip to a bakery for churros and hot chocolate! They also got to explore the cultural history of Granada and Alhambra. The exchange proved to be a success with long-lasting friendships made.



## L5th: Hadrian's Wall

In February, GCSE Latinists went on a weekend trip to Hadrian's Wall. Despite the storm, they were able to journey along Hadrian's Wall to the Roman Fort, where they learnt all about the lives of Roman soldiers and what they would have experienced first-hand with some much needed hot chocolate afterwards. A visit to the Roman Army Museum included a Latin lesson with a holographic Roman teacher and army recruitment tasks. By exploring the Roman Fort at Vindolanda, they could see the Roman Village and how the soldiers lived together; they were able to stay mostly dry with a trip around the Vindolanda museum, showcasing primary sources of Roman weaponry, the hierarchies, diets and fashion. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed and provided a wonderful opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the Roman world!



## 6th Form: Barcelona

Sixth formers were able to spend a weekend away in Barcelona during the February half term. The weekend began with a busy itinerary of filming a trailer for the (highly anticipated) Salsa night, planning a treasure hunt for the Lower Fourth trip in June, a trip to the beach with tasty traditional food and much-needed retail therapy. They visited La Sagrada Familia - Gaudi's architectural masterpiece that is expected to reach completion in 2026, having been in construction for almost a century. After climbing numerous flights of stairs at Park Guell (another of Gaudi's works) they were rewarded with a beautiful panoramic view of the city. A huge thank you goes out to Señora Atkins, Señora Soldevilla and Mrs Shuker for organising such a wonderful trip!



# Agony Aunt with Mrs Moule...

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**Need fashion advice ASAP!!!!** Fashion lover! 1h

**Do you have any recommendations on timeless fashion staples? I'm getting so tired of periodically clearing out my wardrobe!**

The best way to do this is to create your own style. Perhaps have a capsule wardrobe of really good quality basics in a good colour – black, navy, grey, etc. Follow only the fashion trends that you like yourself and remember that you choose what you wear (within reason!) – if you don't enjoy redesigning your wardrobe, don't do it. Finally, think about how your fashion choices affect the planet, and the rights and wellbeing of their workers. Reusing and recycling are always good choices. Your clothes should reflect who you are but not define you.

**STRESSED.** Student. 22h

**How should I deal with multiple tests on the same day?**

Plan your revision carefully and try to allow an appropriate amount of time for each subject. Take into account how good you are at each subject and focus on the aspects that you find difficult. Remember that you will probably face more than one exam in a day in every examination period, including GCSE and A level, so learning to manage several demands at the same time is a vital skill useful for life, not just at school. Work out what you need to remember and what you need to understand – not the same thing. A vocab test, for example, may need commitment to memory, some aspects of science will require understanding.

**Lovesick...** Just for fun. 6h

**I have a crush on another girl in my year, and I don't know if I should tell her or not. What do I do?**

The important word here is crush, which suggests an attraction that is essentially superficial and therefore likely to be temporary and very possibly not reciprocal. To announce this may be embarrassing for her, or for you, or both. Tread very carefully and always be ready to back off. If, however, you are genuinely attracted to someone, try to form a friendship, which is always an excellent basis for a relationship. If it goes no further, you will still have made a friend.

**The Student Room** Student. 9h

**Are there any revision techniques that you would recommend?**

Plan your revision according to the time available and work in short bursts – 20 minutes at a time. Work out what you find difficult – go back over previous work, look at topics you misunderstood last time and check that you now understand. Your revision should always be practical. What do you hope to achieve in the 20 minutes? Once you have mastered a technique, move on to something else. Finally, remember what your teachers have said and try to put this into practice.

**Mr Music** Music lover. 7h

**Do you have any music recommendations?**

Music is important to many people, but an interest in music is not compulsory. If you want entertainment, or to relax from stress, you may find that podcasts or audiobooks suit you better. There are no rules and you do not have to please anyone else. You have access to an almost unlimited selection of music, ranging from current popular music to music of different types and from different cultures. You are allowed to enjoy various kinds of music! It is always worth knowing something about the current musical trends and being able to join in with the songs that everyone knows. Enjoy the journey!



**Did you know?**  
Alternative themes for this year's edition were:  
Retro, Travel Guide, Airline Theme

MESSAGES  
Mrs Hall  
Can we start a campaign to get rid of escalators in shops? Menu Search



## Café Six

20 - 22 mins · Breakfast · Lunch · Snacks

Excellent ★★★★★

### About

This year Café Six was introduced to the sixth form common room, and has already become extremely popular. From croissants to pizza, the varied menu, along with the friendly staff, help create a buzzing environment and introduce an element of convenience for sixth formers and teachers alike.

Both Yvette and Nadine work hand in hand to successfully run the upstairs kitchen - we honestly don't know what we'd do without them! Yvette has been working at KEHS for 19 years, "even before you were born!" and says she's loved every minute of it. When we asked about any staff secrets, she replied with, "what happens in the kitchen, stays in the kitchen". However she did tell us about the time a pair of girls asked for the crusts of their bread cut off, in response to which she said, "I am not your mother", followed by endless laughter. Although we don't see what goes on behind the scenes, both ladies do so much for us and we are extremely grateful for their kindness and service.

### Info

Favourites include - Churros, Sweet Potato Fries, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Hash Browns, Waffles Change







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Junior production this year, 'Burn', was a play about stories within stories, beginning with six school children, then turning into villagers saving books from the Nazi book burnings. From there, we followed the stories of six books - *Alice in Wonderland*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Frankenstein*, *Treasure Island*, *The Great Gatsby* and *Don Quixote*. Each part offered a different plot, spanning from romance to adventure, which could be confusing to follow, but each section was threaded together into the overarching story of the children.

The play, written by Miss Proops, Waites, Higgins and McKinley from both schools, did an excellent job of giving a message on the importance of books, but the thing that made the production amazing was the performances from lower school. Every student clearly gave their best effort throughout, with one of our favourite moments being the puppetry in *Frankenstein*, which was so well-done the puppet looked alive. The puppet itself is too disturbing for us to include pictures of, but it also looked incredible. There were stellar performances from students in main roles, with Tina Momtahan, Amy Agadagba and Freya Dowsett forming half of the main student group. Three students played Alice, and managed to deliver all their lines in-sync with each other, which only added to the impressiveness of the performance. The Mad Hatter, played by Arooj Ahmed, provided comedic moments in her appearances, and Daisy from *The Great Gatsby* managed to hold an American accent throughout.

The design elements were just as important to the effectiveness of the overall piece, with the lighting, sound and set, as well as costume, all serving to enrich the experience. We appreciate all the effort put into the play by the cast, crew and directors. It paid off in an amazing show both nights. Given that the morning of the first performance started with a COVID scare, we're thankful the show was able to run!

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**"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want 'of a wife'".**

This satirical and ironic quote by Jane Austen is from her most famous novel, 'Pride and Prejudice' - this year's senior production. The play, expertly adapted to the stage by Miss Proops and Mr Bartlett, combined the best elements of the novel seamlessly with more modern aspects introduced. The use of present-day pop music as well as accompanying dance routines allowed the more comedic aspects of the play to be highlighted and were executed brilliantly by all actors.

Every performance given was incredible, the comedic timing and commitment to the character of Mr Collins, portrayed by Charlie Hubbard, was wonderfully balanced by the serious character of Mr Darcy, skillfully played by Euan Elliott. The roles of the servants were not to be undermined either: Amit Mevorach, Krishan Thakur, Ronav Jain, Shreya Srinivas and Link-I-Ann Reid in particular played impressive parts in the moving of props as well as important narrative voices. Maya Lauren portrayed a quick witted and intelligent Elizabeth Bennet and the audience were all staunchly rooting for her throughout the play. I'm sure we will never forget the resounding screeches of "Mr Bennet!", delivered very passionately by Liya Kenton's Mrs Bennet. As well as the acting, the set design, lighting, sound and costumes were all integral aspects that only accentuated the quality of the overall performance.

Overall, the concept of merging Regency with the 21st century was executed perfectly, allowing for the audience to connect with the characters created by Jane Austen, showing how we can still enjoy classic novels, especially with the addition of Beyonce! Well done to all those involved, your hard work resulted in a performance to be proud of.

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### Mr Brown, Chemistry Department

Head of Chemistry

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#### About

**P: What did you do before you came to KEHS?**

Mr B: Okay, so I worked at Camp Hill for Girls and I was Head of Year there for four years. Before then I was at Swanshurst School as a deputy of science and before that I worked in industry for a little bit.

**P: What was your first impression of KEHS?**

Mr B: Uh, very well-equipped labs... Everyone was very polite and welcoming, both staff and students. Quite a nice vibe around the place - people smiling at each other and saying hello.

**P: Who are your teacher friends?**

Mr B: Here? So, I've known Mrs Rollason for 11 years: I used to work with her a long time ago. It's a bit early for friends yet... I think everyone's been very friendly, especially the Chemistry department...Uh, Dr Kennedy 'cause he's just started as Head of English and has been very helpful in comparing notes.

**P: What is your favorite holiday destination?**

Mr B: So, there's a little island in Scotland called Arran which I am very lucky enough to have a house on. (My wife's family has a house there). It's very very peaceful: there's not many people on the island. I play golf there, go to the beach - that is where I go every year. I love that place. **(Sounds relaxing)** It's lovely.

**P: Do you have any fun facts about yourself?**

Mr B: Um, I ran the London marathon last year, on a torn meniscus as well! Umm...fun facts about myself... nothing I would class as fun! (laughs) I love comic books - I'm a big fan of comic books. I bake a lot, I bake most weeks. Oh, and my guilty pleasure is Strictly Come Dancing.

**(Mr Brown later told Phoenix that he "was once part of a band...long before YouTube was a thing...")**

**P: Would you say that's your favourite TV show?**

Mr B: Um no. My favourite TV show depends on what's on...(thinks) I love Brooklyn 99... I like The Walking Dead a lot. Most Marvel shows, like Wandavasion, I love. Loki - very good... Happy things; I like watching happy things. Especially after what's going on at the moment, don't need more doom and gloom! **(We agree!)**

**P: Worst lesson mishap?**

Mr B: In my first year of teaching I thought the alkali metals given to me were pre-cut for reactions with water (they weren't). I put a piece of potassium in that caught fire, spat and set a wall display on fire causing the fire alarm to go off and the school to be evacuated during an open evening. It was raining.

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### Dr Kennedy, English Department

Head of English

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#### About

**P: What made you want to become an English teacher?**

Dr K: Good question... the real answer is an ex-girlfriend of mine. We were doing our PhD and she was worried I would be unbearable waiting for my viva (university oral exam). So in between submitting my thesis and doing the viva, she was like "Why don't you teach in England?" When I tell the story it sounds like she was trying to get rid of me.

**P: You're obviously from Ireland. What do you miss most about it?**

Dr K: I guess what I miss most is my family and friends, so that's one thing. As much as technology alleviates being totally cut off, it's not quite the same. The other things I miss - turnips. You call them swedes. Apparently turnips are something else.

**P: As you're new to the school, are there any school events you're looking forward to?**

Dr K: I hear a lot about karaoke that's not karaoke. I love a good performance event! We used to do a charity thing in my last school, so I've dressed up in front of kids and sung as Elsa from Frozen. I'm just putting it out there in case I need recruiting into one of these karaoke things!

**P: Funniest moments in class?**

Dr K: There have obviously been some funny zoom moments. Some of my Lower Fifths have been out this

week, and they can draw on the board when I share it. Sometimes you forget that's on and they're drawing something behind you. It's like a ghost in the room. Or you can hear them breathing suddenly and it's like Darth Vader is on the zoom!

**P: What's your favourite book?**

Dr K: I have some pretentious answers ready for that. My favourite book... My favourite 'pretentious' book is by an Irish person - Molloy by Samuel Beckett. People think Beckett is this really existential, 'deep' kind of writer, but if you grew up in rural Ireland like I did, that's just your life. You look out the door and it's like "Yeah, this is just like a Samuel Beckett play."

**P: Do you have any guilty pleasure?**

Dr K: Barbeque flavoured pringles! During the pandemic, I had a real problem because I discovered the horrors of Uber Eats. So at midnight I'd get this craving for pringles, and I'd literally be ordering people to my house just to bring me crisps. When I told my last school's Sixth Formers, some kid was like "Why don't you just order them in bulk and save money?" And I was like "Oh my god, you're a genius! You're my pintmaster on ordering pringles from now on." So when I left that school, they brought me a hamper of about a hundred pringles. Some girl came in late that day - just marched to the front of the class, dug into her bag and planted a pringles can onto the desk!

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MESSAGES

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Mr Bassett

I've just come back from Corfu and now I'm this horrible orange colour. Even my dog's looking at me like 'what's wrong with him?'



# Community Service

Cash Total £7,857

Community Service is at the heart of KEHS. From weekly form charity collections to our annual CS week events, there were various initiatives held this year to raise awareness and money for a variety of causes...



## CS Week

CS Week ran from 6–10th December, in support of charities Fareshare, LoveBrum and Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Trust. The CS Committee raised an impressive £814.45 in total, through a **cake sale**, **Christmas jumper/pyjama day** and other fun events! The highlight of the week was of course the **Students vs Teachers Benchball**, even if the students lost the match. And while **Carpool Karaoke**

can't replace the real thing, it was still a great way to spend a lunchtime and support the charities!

- 3K CoppaFeel! and Dogs Trust
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- 3H Street Paws
- 3S Let's Feed Brum
- L4K Four Paws UK
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- L4H Cancer Research UK
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- U5K Birmingham Children's Hospital
- U5E Parkinson's UK
- U5H WWF
- U5S War Child

## Support for Ukraine

There was a remarkable effort put into supporting the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal involving dancing, cycling, rowing, baking, painting and dressing up, amongst other things, to raise an impressive £1085. The **Bikeathon/Rowathon Challenge** was held over a week, and achieved an outstanding combined distance of over 1200km.



A cake sale was held by the Lower Sixth and Naeima Ahmed (also in Lower Sixth) sold some wonderful art that she had produced. The highly competitive **Teachers' Bake Off** was shown and the Upper Sixth had a very creative day of dress-up. Well done to all those who have contributed and donated in any form!



# Which teacher are you?

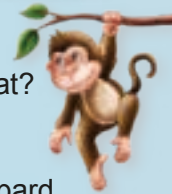
Take this quiz to find out which teacher you're most similar to!

1. Pick one food to eat for the rest of your life:

- a) can't choose
- b) tortellini
- c) roast dinner
- d) paella

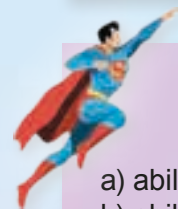
2. Spirit Animal?

- a) what's that?
- b) elephant
- c) sloth
- d) snow leopard



3. Choose a superpower:

- a) ability to sleep on demand
- b) ability to fly
- c) laser eyes
- d) telekinesis



4. Choose the word that best describes yourself:

- a) nerd
- b) historian
- c) chaotic
- d) quirky

5. Pick a karaoke night song:

- a) Big Bang Theory theme tune
- b) Eye of the Tiger - Survivor
- c) Africa - Toto
- d) Gold - Spandau Ballet

6. Ideal Night (Out)?

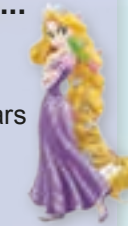
- a) pub quiz
- b) Northern Lights tour in Iceland
- c) champagne bar
- d) board games

7. What would you do if you met the Queen? *(like right now)*

- a) talk to her politely
- b) say "Look, it's the Queen!"
- c) greet her and move on
- d) tell her how much you admire her

8. Choose a Disney movie...

- a) Tangled
- b) Star Wars (Rogue One: A Star Wars Story - *specifically*)
- c) Bambi
- d) The Lion King



9. Fashion accessory you can't go without:

- a) underwear
- b) glasses
- c) black clothes
- d) watch

10. Which one scares you the most?

- a) going down escalators
- b) heights
- c) spiders
- d) needles

11. If your house was on fire, what item would you take?

- a) handbag
- b) people come first
- c) tortoise and snake (i.e. pets)
- d) PC

Mostly A's



You got: Mrs Hall

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Mostly B's



You got: Dr Limm

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Mostly C's



You got: Miss Nightingale

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Mostly D's



You got: Mr Holland

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This year's House Captains have been imperative to the smooth reintroduction of the House system; without their endless encouragement and dedication, this year would have been nowhere near as exciting and wonderful as it was. The Phoenix Team caught up with our current and future Captains for you to get to know them better. Here's how it went...

## Seymour House



### What's your aesthetic?

Muntaha: I'm obsessed with dark academia.  
Rabiah: Oh, that's such a good one.  
Erin: Some days I wanna dress like 70s flower power and some days I wanna dress like a spy.  
Tia: For me, it's a balance of minimalism and more interesting pieces. But it's all about balancing what looks good online and what suits you.

### Favourite part of being House Captain?

M: Because of Covid, we didn't really get to know the year below or above. So it was nice to see the cute younger kids and meet some great personalities.  
E: Yeah, they're so funny. You'll walk in on their conversations and they'll be talking about Communism or something.  
R: I'm excited to meet new people! It sounds like you two had lots of fun with it.

### Star signs?

E: Cancer. I remember when we went to watch Jane Eyre and everyone was talking about how somebody had cried at the end. I was sitting there like, "Oh."  
M: I'm a Scorpio.



R I'm a Scorpio too. But I don't believe in that stuff.  
M: Me neither. I remember when we were younger I loved following those astrology snapchat pages, though.  
T: Oh yeah—that started my shameful addiction to the sun. I'm a Gemini.

## Bordeaux House



### What's your type?

Amelia: I'm very proud of myself for resisting the urge in final assembly to say "Don't date a KES boy." It's good life advice.  
Chloe: No, I'm sorry, because Miss Blanks called me out on that. It came up I had a boyfriend who goes to KES and she was saying, "I thought you hated KES boys?" And I was like, "Oh, but he's different!" He's quiet and I can talk over him, so it's fine.  
Naina: I always think it would be cute if my boyfriend could sing. And we could sing duets like At Last I See the Light from Tangled.  
A: That, I would like to say, was on the House party playlist.

### What's your star sign?

C: I'm a CapriSun.  
Ruby: I'm also a CapriSun!  
N: I'm Aries.  
A: I'm a Leo. I don't know anything about star signs but everyone says Leos suck.  
R: No, I think Leos and Aries have good energy, but the CapriSuns—Capricorns are the most irrelevant. Cold-hearted, ambitious, work too hard...  
Phoenix: These are definitely great things to be when talking to younger years.  
C: Yeah guys, Bordeaux is the best because we're all cold-hearted. (laughter)



### Favourite song?

N: I have rubbish music taste. It's literally just Disney and ABBA.  
R: Who told you that was rubbish?  
N: For the Bordeaux party I kept trying to put Disney songs on the playlist, and Mr Rodgers and Amelia were like, "I think that's enough, Naina."  
A: Right, that's because we already had half an hour of Disney music—it was a 40 minute party!

The year kicked off with a football match where it was wonderful to see different year groups come together to support their houses. Following on from this we have seen a vast number of competitions like the Bake Off, quizzes, sports matches and much more. We would like to thank everyone who took part in making the first year back with Houses unforgettable and can't wait to see what next year brings!

## Beaufort House



### What's your star sign?

Carys: Libra, man.  
Michelle: I'm a Capricorn. I always see TikToks where it says, "You're hard-working." But then another one's like, "You're really bossy." Then I decide I don't believe in them.  
Claudia: Me and Grace are Sagittarus. Free-spirited, fun, fire signs.

### Have any pets?

CL: I have a dog. He's called Dennis, he's a puggle and he's clinically obese. He's really cute, though. He's also a Sagittarius.  
CA: My dog Lola is really overweight too. No one sticks to the diet—we had roast beef yesterday so we just fed her the leftovers. I also have a cat called Maggie.  
Grace: I have a tortoise called Christiano, because my brother really likes football. He's so cute, but he only eats Florrette's lettuce.  
M: I used to have a goldfish called Crusher... I don't wanna talk about it.

### Favourite book?

CA: Hands down, One Day by David Nicholls. It made me cry.  
M: Probably Circe by Madeline Miller. You know when you read about a character and you're like, "I just want to give you a hug." That was me with Circe.



G: I read Kite Runner recently. What's the other one by him? A Thousand Suns? That's my favourite book.  
CL: I really like Of Mice and Men. I remember this one girl ruined it though. The whole class was about to start crying 'cause we didn't know what happened and she pulled us in and went, "REDACTED dies."

## Tudor House



### Favourite social media platform?

Rachel: TikTok.  
Ellie: TikTok is dangerous.  
R: And it's addictive.  
E: Yeah, you're like, "I'll watch one more video." But then you just keep scrolling.  
Olivia: You know what the scary thing is? When you try to remember the last five videos you watched and you can't.

### What's your typical day in the Common Room?

O: Our year gets told off loads compared to L6 because their common room is pristine. We treat ours like a locker room. But everyone has their own spot, so I'm usually sitting with my friends. Eating bread. I like a good brioche.  
R: Our common room just got moved around and I love my friends but we're literally sitting on top of each other at the moment. Our area is a mess—you can't get people to put their stuff away.  
E: You know those packets with crepes in them? I don't like to get up early, so I just bring them to school and eat them in the common room. I do that every day.

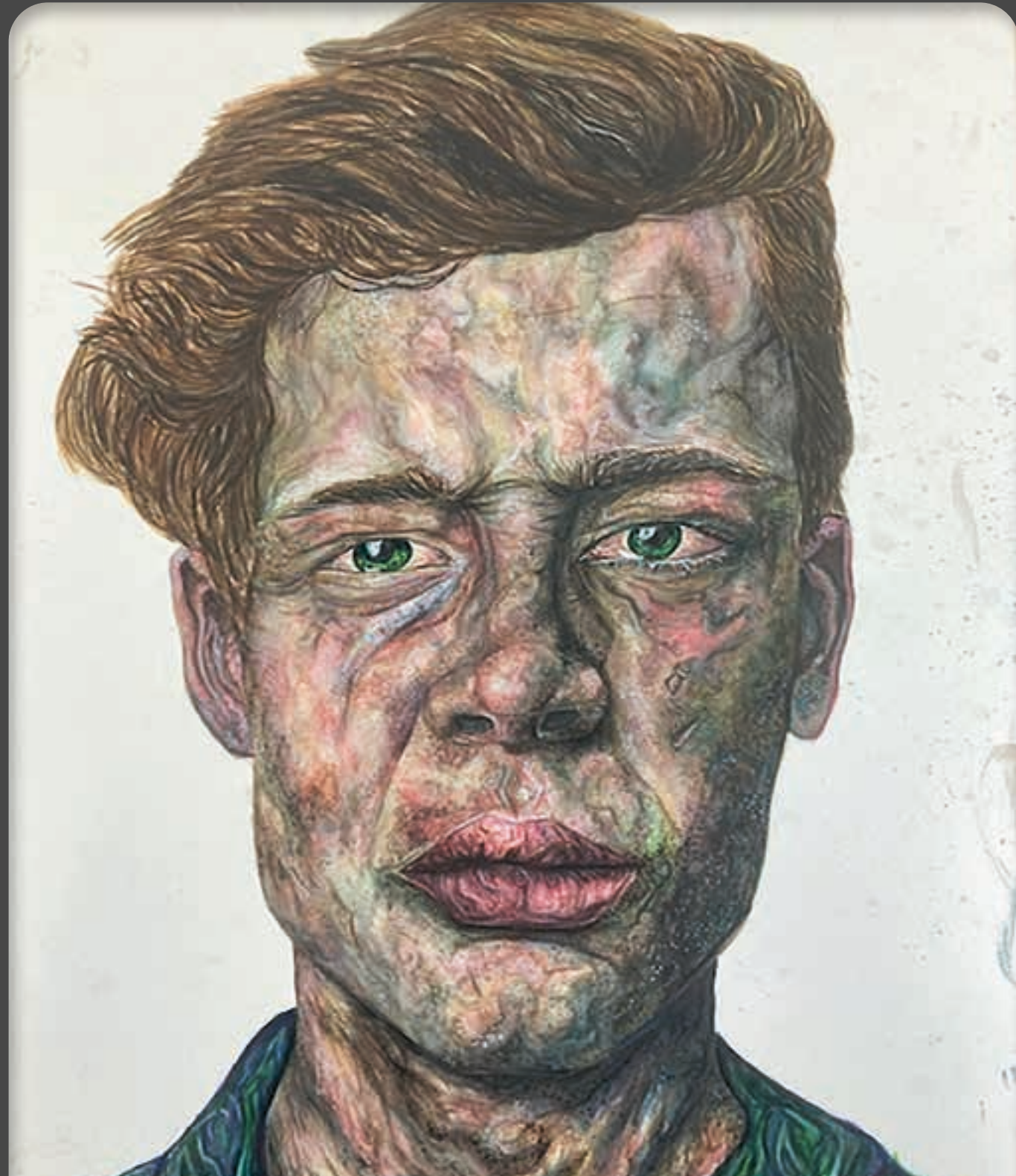
### Star signs?

R: Mine is Taurus. I love star signs—there was one time where there was a joke about a new one and I literally cried because I wasn't gonna be a Taurus anymore.



O: My birthday's on the 20th of January, so I'm between Capricorn and Aquarius. I don't really know what I'm talking about but I think the dates shift. So I just kinda choose whichever one I like.  
E: I'm a Gemini. Whenever I tell someone they're like, "Oh..."





Mary Bridgeman  
Upper Sixth

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I have one gecko - she's called Gertrude. I adopted her. She's gorgeous!



Lauren Gu  
Upper Sixth

Here are just a few of the amazing artworks produced by our very own students here at KEHS. Enjoy!



Hannah Bradley  
Upper Sixth



Hannah Bradley  
Upper Sixth



Meganne Woodroffe-Southall  
Upper Sixth





Mr Heather

No, no I'm not going to be involved with Phoenix. You've got Mr Ridges? Well there you go then, you've got the better version...



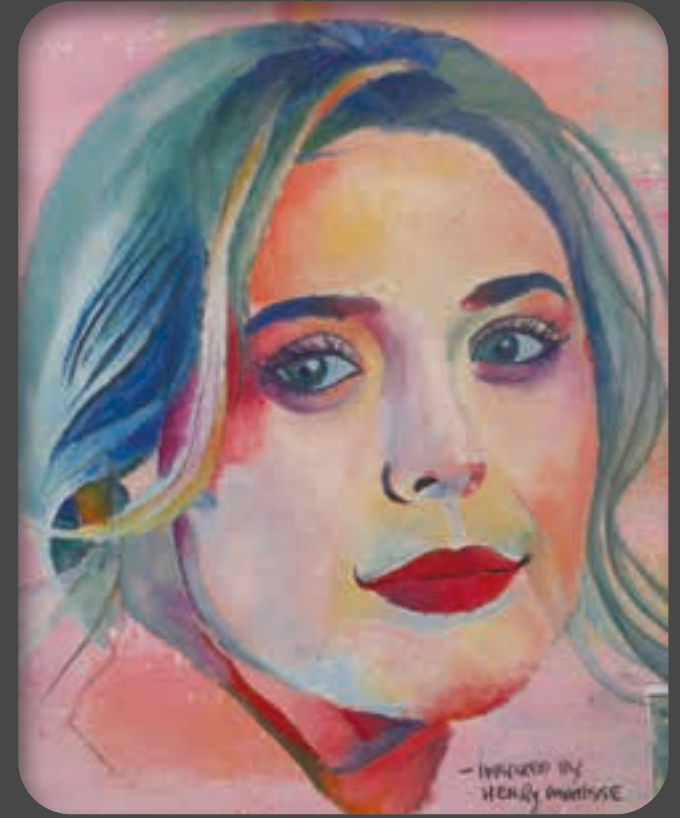
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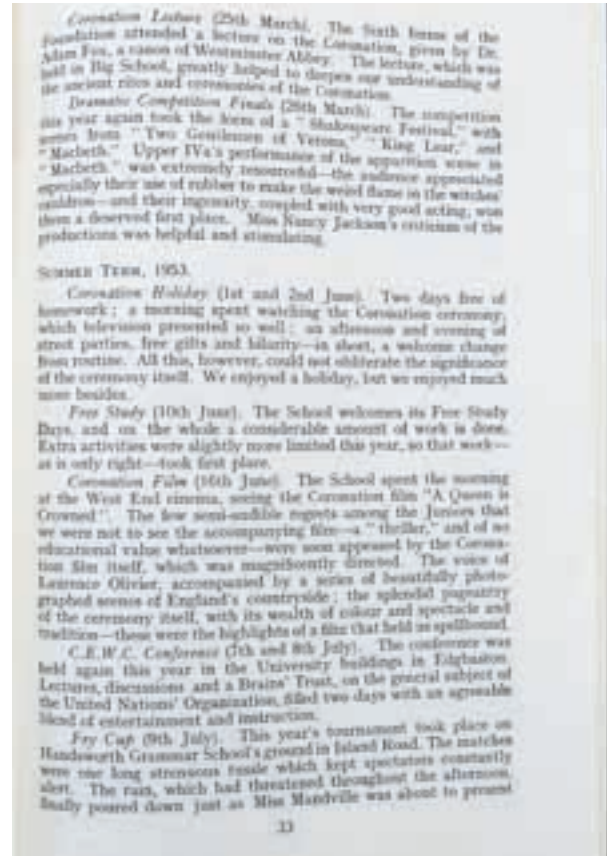




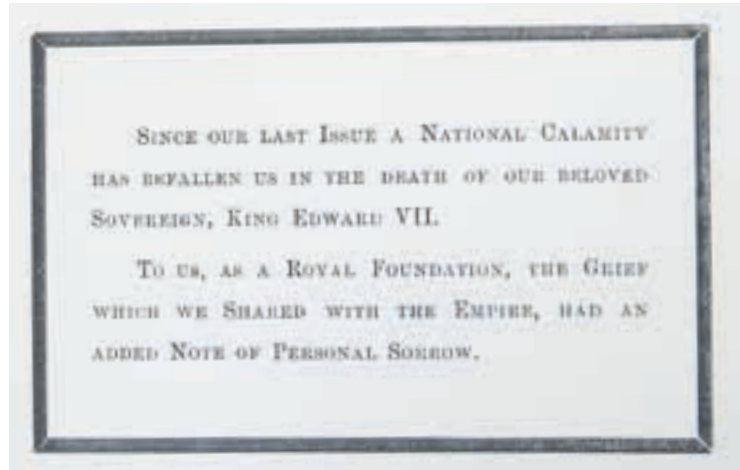
# Phoenix and the Monarchy

From Phoenix, the KEHS encyclopedia

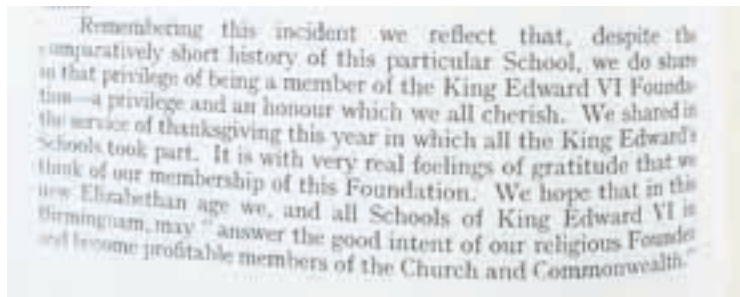
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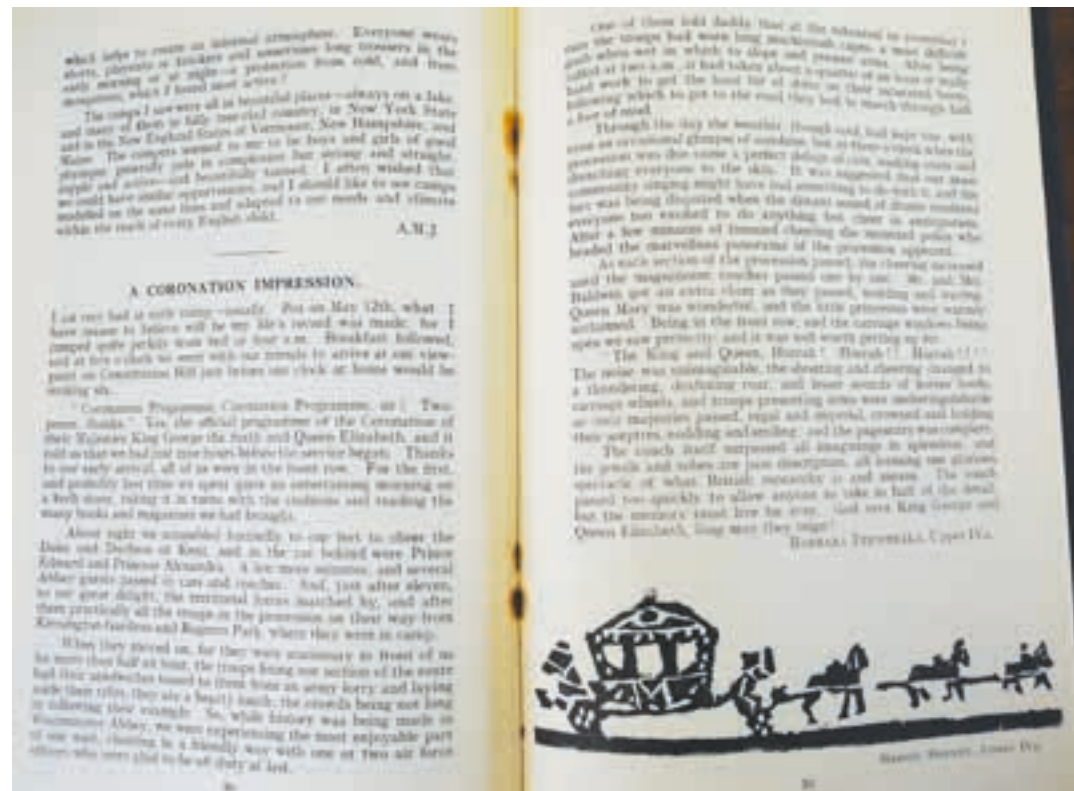
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Mention of a new "Elizabethan age", *KEGHS Chronicle*



Coronation of George VI, *KEGHS Chronicle (1937)*



# "THE COLOUR OF SPRING/SUMMER 2022 IS PLATINUM"

- EDWARD ENNINFUL -



From street parties to parades and exhibitions, the summer began with a bank holiday of Platinum Jubilee celebrations across the UK, Commonwealth and beyond. They began with the annual 'Trooping the Colour' and included a 'Platinum Pudding Competition' as well the 'Jubilee Pageant' which celebrated Her Majesty through a combination of street art, theatre, music, circus, carnival and costume. Our very own Fatma Mohiuddin in Lower Fifth (Birmingham's Young Poet Laureate 2022) was commissioned to write the lyrics for 'Lighting Our Way' (the region's anthem for the Platinum Jubilee) which was performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The cherry trees planted for the reintroduction of the house system at KEHS were also part of 'The Queen's Green Canopy' (an initiative to enhance the environment by planting trees for the Jubilee).

However, the Jubilee comes at a time of turbulence with regard to the Royal Family, following the out-of-court settlement between Prince Andrew, Duke of York (who has been stripped of all military affiliations and royal patronages) and Virginia Giuffre. Meanwhile, Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex is set to publish a memoir, having recently spoken about a cycle of "pain and suffering" involved in royal upbringing. The public relationship with the monarchy is, to put it lightly, complicated. For some, the celebrations can be seen as unnecessary during a cost-of-living crisis; for others, the connotations of the institution highlight a history of suffering and exploitation. Whilst it is important to acknowledge the controversial history of the monarchy, the Jubilee and the Queen present an ancient institution that is trying to adapt to modern times. Former colonies

are becoming republics and the institution is embarking upon a programme of change through various initiatives aimed to develop and support less developed parts of the Commonwealth; the contributions made by minorities in developing the society we know today are being acknowledged through the annual programme of Investitures and other various receptions.

As the health of the Queen is becoming increasingly subject to speculation (more so following the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh last year) the significance of her Platinum Jubilee increases. Over recent years we have seen a decline in the Queen's involvement in official events, with other senior royals stepping in. However, by missing the State Opening of Parliament (which she has only missed twice before when she was pregnant) because of mobility issues and the news of her contracting COVID-19, the Jubilee was undoubtedly shadowed by questions of if, and when, we will see a new figure on the throne.

Ironically, 70 years of a reign full of ups and downs and tremendous change has come to embody stability: no-one under the age of 70 can remember another. The Queen is an undeniable constant in the world we recognise today, having been present to significant political and societal shifts. She holds a symbolic unifying role as the sovereign of 14 additional countries alongside being the Head of the Commonwealth (a voluntary association of 54 independent countries) to which the then Princess Elizabeth said on her 21st birthday in a speech on the radio from Cape Town: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."

With links to over 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations, her patronages cover a wide range of issues from the preservation of wildlife to increasing opportunities for young people; she has clearly fulfilled her promise.

It is undeniable therefore that, following the Platinum Jubilee, Queen Elizabeth II is a monarch unlike any other. She has undoubtedly provided 70 years of service to the fullest, in a time where monarchs are seemingly becoming outdated. With questions about whether the Commonwealth has a future increasing and the divided public opinion on the Royal Family, the future of the monarchy is very uncertain. However, change is inevitable, as the Queen's reign highlights, and so as we end a momentous year, for the Queen and KEHS, we celebrate 70 years of remarkable history and progression.







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Mrs Hall (when asked what superpower she would like)

You mean apart from being psychic? Because we are. All teachers are ✨ psychic ✨. We know what you're thinking.

COMPILATION

# Music

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Music at KEHS made a wonderful comeback this year in typical KEHS fashion. The Music Department showcased many distinguished musicians in our school able to perform to live audiences again, with over 100 pupils involved in Instrumental Evenings, Lunchtime Recital and Performers' Platforms alone!

From the very beginning of the Autumn term, the music calendar spared no time to waste and preparation for the Christmas concerts began with haste. As always, the PAC saw audiences filled with festive spirit after the tireless work of students and staff involved in various bands, orchestras and choirs certainly paid off in the concerts on 5 December and 6 December.

One of the many highlights of this year's musical endeavours was the trip to Cleobury Mortimer from 4 March to 6 March. After a one-year hiatus, musicians from Choral Society and Symphony Orchestra returned to the land of day-long rehearsals. Despite the many, many gruelling hours led by Dr Leigh and Mr Monks, the weekend was filled with fun for all, especially during the barn dances and bouncy castle activities! Following tradition, the Upper Sixth and their creativity continued to bring joy to the otherwise dull Sunday mornings. This year, their prank featured elaborate displays of Dr Leigh as Dracula and other musical staff as his coven, alongside hilarious memes plastered all around. The trip culminated in the Choral and Orchestral concerts on 13 March and 14 March. Awe-inspiring renditions of Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Mahler's Symphony no. 4 and Prokofiev's Violin Concerto no. 2 were received by much-deserved standing ovations for breathtaking solos from Samantha Burley (violin), Bronagh Lee (violin), Alisha Narendran (voice) and Naina Reddy (voice).

30 March marked musicians across all year groups finally returning to the prestigious Symphony Hall after four years. For the final performance of this academic year, a huge thank you is owed to the Massed Choir, Guitar Orchestra, Wind Band, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra, Junior Swing Band, Senior Swing Band, Chamber Choir and Symphony Orchestra, and members of staff from both schools for making this tremendous feat possible.

Well done to everyone who was involved in making 2021-2022 a musical success. We will miss all the very talented musicians that are leaving us greatly, but here's to all the greatness in store next year!

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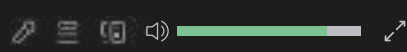
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SETTINGS



# KEHS



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With COVID still lurking around the corner, organising fixtures and tournaments has proved difficult. However, our wonderful PE Department have managed to jump that hurdle and our 22 sports teams have had a very successful year.

Our Hockey teams have played 56 fixtures and six additional tournaments this year, and have overall scored just over 110 goals. The U18s won their Tier 4 county tournament, as well as the U13s coming 3rd in their respective tournament. Our swimming team also entered and competed in four galas and our football team has won four matches.

Hockey (U18 Team)

Netball have had a very busy year, playing in 50 matches and with 27 wins across the 11 teams. We have also played in 15 additional tournaments and the U16 and U18 team competed at their respective Regionals, both coming fourth overall. In total, we have scored 672 goals between all teams - so a huge congratulations to all our netballers!



In the Summer term, Rounders returned for all years, and with a newfound interest in Cricket, we had a busy term full of fixtures to develop skills - with brilliant results. The U13s cricket team went to their first indoor county tournament, making it to the finals and winning in the last over by three, so a huge well done to all involved.

Netball (U13, U16 and U18 Teams)

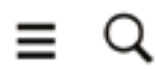


Our badminton and squash teams have been extremely successful, with our KS3 badminton team winning the Birmingham Schools Tournament undefeated and well done to our KS4 squash team on their tremendous efforts in the National Squash Championship. Well done also to Meha in U5th for being part of the winning England team at the Mixed U17 European Squash Championships!

A huge 'well done' goes out to all the individual and team players who participated in these sports and to all members of the PE Department who pulled through in such an uncertain time.

Squash (KS4 Team)





# NEWS

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The Rangoli workshop was one of the most popular events during Culture Week

## Culture Week returns for a second year - with even more flair than the first

By Phoebe Phoenix

KEHS News

52 minutes ago



Rangoli: an array of colours all harmonising to create one spectacular design. A Hindu folk art primarily traced on the floor using a fine powder of various colours seen as a way of welcoming festivities. Rangoli was just one of the workshops that was enjoyed by all during Culture Week 2022: an initiative that started just a year ago with the aim of engaging with the rich diversity of our school and a refreshing way of connecting with the beauty of culture.

This year, we decided to pick a charity close to home to send all proceeds to: the Race Equality Foundation - a national charity tackling racial inequality to improve the lives of Black, Asian and ethnic minority communities to provide everyone with the opportunities to achieve, bringing attention to the grave inequality that people all over England face on a daily basis.

Upon discovering the ethos of this charity, we strove to create a week of fun activities that incorporated cultural elements from around the world. The Rangoli workshop presented a lunch time of laughter and glittered chaos: students creating meticulous designs with an abundance of PVA glue and explosions of colour in tow. Our sixth form artists worked up a sweat in their efforts to appease the henna hungry crowd, beautifully mastering the art form.

As well as embracing the celebration of what culture can be, it was equally important to educate everyone on the issues surrounding culture and ethnicity in the world of work. Leila Rashid, an Old Edwardian, gave an enlightening talk on the creative field, particularly the publishing industry, and the efforts being made to diversify the people involved with it, with an emphasis on making art that reflected the real world demographic.

Friday brought a showcase racked with talent: a lunch time of culture infused dances and songs performed by some talented pupils. This was happily accompanied by a food sale displaying delicious treats bringing together the community to share and enjoy what Culture Week offered in line with what we aimed to achieve - bringing together the KEHS community to appreciate culture, and encourage a mindset of awareness and curiosity.



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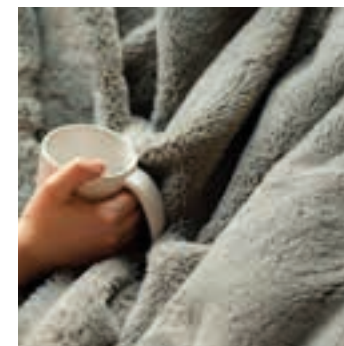
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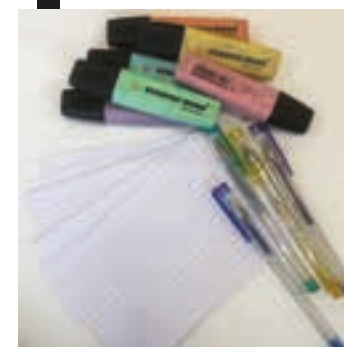


#### Sixth Form Basics

★★★★★ 100

£20<sup>22</sup>

Available only to sixth formers. Comes with a blanket perfect for taking naps in the common room with (and for hiding under to pretend you're asleep when someone wants to find you!) as well as a mug to satisfy your caffeine addiction.



#### KEHS Revision Starter Pack

★★★★★ 300

£20<sup>22</sup>

Comes with multiple packs of flashcards in various colours. Pastel highlighters for essential colour coding. Gel pens only available for Thirds. No guarantee that this will be useful for exam years.



#### "Classic KEHS"

★★★★★ 500

£20<sup>22</sup>

Blazer with multiple, highly functional pockets. Green trim to complement our jumpers. Sleeves can be rolled but take caution when doing so. Available from Thirds - U5th. WARNING: Being caught without one will have consequences!



#### "The Bag"

★★★★★ 300

£20<sup>22</sup>

A bag large enough to carry all your school books, PE kit, lab coat, three pencil cases, violin and library books every day. Multiple zips and pockets with bottle holder on side. Limited availability for older years. We guarantee that this will block corridors. WARNING: Continuous use may be a health hazard.





## THROUGH THE SEASONS

At KEHS we all know that December can mean only one thing - Karaoke! From the sketches to the sing-along, Karaoke is one of the few events in the school year where everyone gets together for some 'friendly' competition. But, as we all know, Karaoke had to be postponed until Easter this year, leaving us all with a Karaoke-sized hole in our hearts at Christmas. Nevertheless, the event proved to be worth the wait; outside on the netball courts, Karaoke took place in support of the DEC Ukraine Appeal (for which we raised over £500) without a grey cloud in sight. As the first outdoor Karaoke KEHS has seen, it proved to be a tremendous success, allowing for a much needed whole-school get-together, involving lots of water and a whole-school conga at one point! We can't wait to see what will happen at the next Karaoke and would like to congratulate everyone who took part and give a huge thank you to the committee and Miss Priest for organising this!



Mr Blue Sky



▶ 20K   ❤️ 22K



Walking on Sunshine



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Chasing the Sun



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## Dance Production



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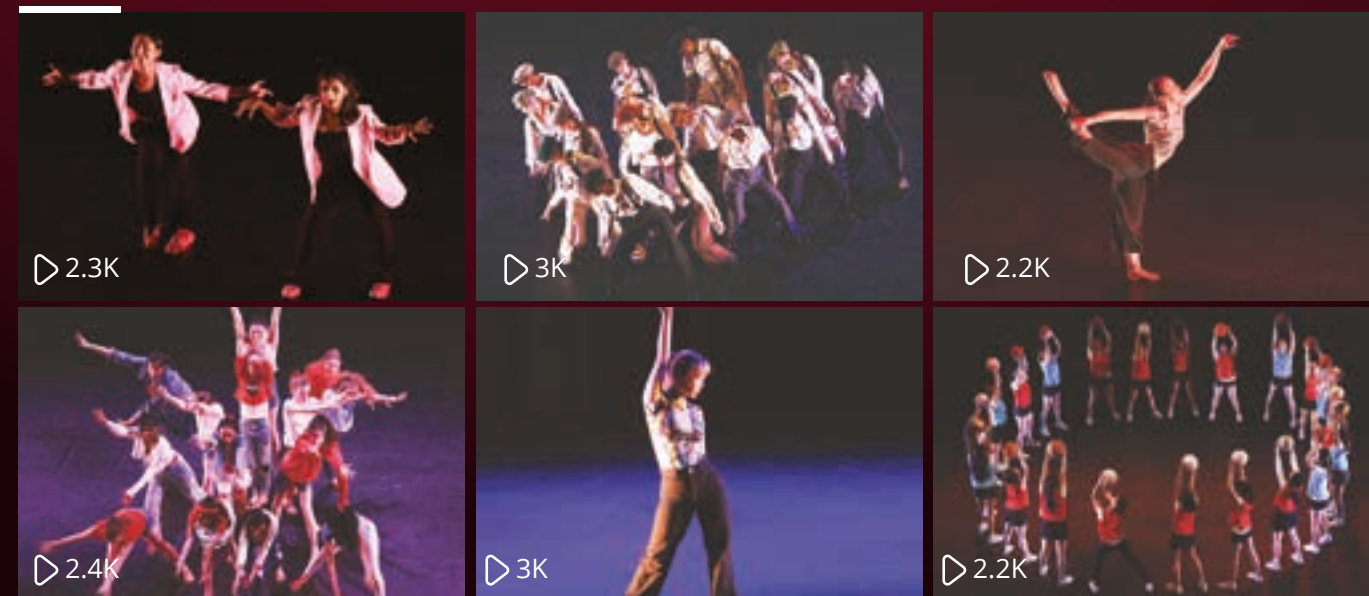
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To say that dance production is magical would be a grave understatement. Magical doesn't even begin to describe the beauty and imagination that cultivates this wonderful, breathtaking show year after year: one that held an even greater place in our hearts because it was Mrs Storer's last year. A force to be reckoned with, Mrs Storer created such a wonderful showcase of talent yet again highlighting 'Snakes and Ladders' where each song reflected the interesting theme. From 'Level Up' to 'Falling' and 'Snakes and Ladders' the wonderful dances performed embodied the spirit of KEHS in rising up from difficulty stronger than ever, especially since last year's 'Blast from the Past' could not be seen in person which made this year's production even more spectacular. Essentially, it was a night full of dancers expressing their passion for art, coming together from all around the world; communities forming from older years passing batons to the years below, inspiring dances created through collaboration, tiring rehearsals and two nights where the dancers were able to share with the school community what was so incredibly special to them. Thank you Mrs Storer for all that you have given to dance production over the years and we wish you the best of luck for the future and thank you to Mrs Soderman for being the reliable, kind organiser of it all!





KEHS NEWS

# Defeating misogyny at KEHS

Phoenix team. Birmingham, UK

When Sarah Everard was first reported missing on March 6th of 2021, we were all thinking the worst. Reading about her disappearance may have reminded you of all the times you'd been made painfully aware of the danger you're in when you're a girl making her way home. Of the times your friends had asked you to text them when you got home. The times you tried to avoid dark alleyways and underpasses, and wore several layers despite 20 degree weather. All of the unspoken rules you follow, the small freedoms you should not have to forgo - and would not if we lived in an ideal world - to avoid male violence. The measures you'd had to take to prevent the horrific story you read under Sarah Everard's name.

And so, it may have shocked you to read the news articles reporting that Sarah did everything 'right'. She called her boyfriend to tell him where she was and when she expected to come home. She took a route through Clapham Common - a park frequented by many at any time of the night - wearing layers befitting of the cold March weather. Details that should not have to be reported, that we should not look for, because they give the impression Sarah is being absolved of blame that should never be placed on her to begin with.

Details that, with the news of her brutal murder three days later, reminded us that no matter how many measures a woman may take, none of them are enough. And while women are constantly told how to get home as safely as possible, men like Sarah Everard's murderer - Wayne Couzens, a former police officer - are rarely held accountable for their disgusting and dangerous behaviour towards women as they do so.

As KEHS, we recognised the rampant misogyny responsible for and surrounding Sarah's death, and how much of this misogyny we experience in our daily lives. To work towards confronting sexism at school, a joint KEHS-KES committee was established in the summer term of 2021. They now meet regularly in the PAC to discuss projects, initiatives and messaging to deliver to both schools.

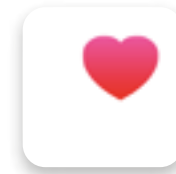
Mrs McMillan, the deputy head at KES, also wrote a speech delivered to all boys in assembly the week following Sarah's murder - an excerpt of which is particularly significant:

*"Everyone in this school has a woman in their life: a friend, a girlfriend, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, an aunt. Some of you will go on to have girlfriends, wives, daughters, most of you will work alongside women. Your attitudes and behaviours towards members of the opposite sex matter. Your values and actions as humans matter."*

If you are still angry, that is justified. But hope, in this case, is justified too; because although we definitely still have a long way to go before women are truly safe in our society, it's small steps like these that get us closer to our goal.

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## King Edward's Home Bank






### About

The King Edward's Home Bank has now run successfully for a second year in a row, all thanks to the new team of determined sixth formers who have ploughed away during their busy lives to contribute to a greater cause. Working with KES across the drive, they've created over a hundred care packages every week, full of hygiene and home-orientated products to distribute to homeless shelters and those experiencing domestic abuse. They also aim to tackle and raise awareness about poverty, with a specific scope surrounding hygiene and home-based poverty.

### Progress

Impressively, they support over 100 individuals, as well as 15 families living in domestic abuse shelters. They receive donations from supermarkets, dental clinics, students and parents alongside external fundraisers to create the care packages that support people living in homeless and domestic abuse shelters. The care packages go into three categories: hygiene products, clothes and toys. After being sorted by the team, the packages are picked up by the charity the team works with, and are driven down to shelters across Birmingham where they're given out to members.



The KEHB originally started as an NCS project but quickly expanded, raising over £5,000 at one point from a walking fundraiser. The 2022 Home Bank awareness week was a great success, with an informative assembly about the bank, accompanied by a yummy cake sale and a well-loved teachers vs students football match. What is more, the initiative to request for hygiene and home-orientated products rather than a monetary donation in exchange for wearing your own clothes worked surprisingly well and hopefully a similar week will take place again next year, so stay tuned! The bank will be running again in the next academic year, in hope of further success by a new team of sixth formers. A huge thanks to those who have brought in toiletries and home-orientated products over the last year or so!



MESSAGES now

**Mr Sheppard**  
I'm trying to capture your hearts as well as your minds with this, is that okay?



**Phoebe Phoenix** [Edit Profile](#)  
**@phoebephoenix22**

160 characters isn't enough to describe how good Phoenix is and why you should follow us!

<https://phoenix.com> KEHS, Edgbaston Joined September 2021  
**20** Following **22K** Followers

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**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 13 Oct 2021  
How my best friend and I spoke to each other when we first met, vs how we speak to each other now:

20 72 22K

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 07 Sept 2021  
Imagine not knowing 'Caecilius est in horto'

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 04 Jan 2022  
Solving wordle in 2 >>>>>>

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 04 Feb 2022  
**When you go to school:** Nothing happens.  
**Absent:** Third sets the school on fire, Mr Symes comes back, Dr Tedd solves the Theory of Everything and Dr Limm is break dancing on the roof.

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 16 Mar 2022

20 20 22K

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 09 May 2022  
...this.

20 2048 22K

**Phoebe Phoenix** @phoebephoenix22 · 10 June 2022  
What is KEHS without them???

20 20M 22K

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when you google one question and find a quiet for the whole topic:

Miss Williams when Mr Bassett forgets to do the register for the billionth time:

**Trends for you**

Chat: "Can"  
Email: "I cannot"  
Essay of 3,000 words: "Henceforth, I am unable to can"

resting	
exercising	
when you see Dr Limm coming round with the phone confiscation box	

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**Dr Limm (during a class discussion about Indian food)**

I'm surprised that no one mentioned that 'Jalebi' song by Jason Derulo.



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# A Day In The Life of Mrs Quigley



You probably know Mrs Quigley as being Head of Beaufort House, a Drama teacher, or for her role as Careers Advisor... then again, she's also a form teacher and helps to manage Stage Crew. Either way, it's fair to say we all know Mrs Quigley as a woman of many talents, but just how exactly does she manage it all? Phoenix have once again brought you the answer to all your workload problems by finding Mrs Quigley so you don't have to (you're welcome!).

## A Typical Busy Day (usually Mondays but aren't they all...)

- **SKINCARE**
  - Wash and moisturise ("more than that is an evening thing").
  - "I've got a big birthday coming up and hopefully people will be shocked by that because of my amazingly youthful looks. No but I do love a bit of Olay, and a bit of Body Shop you know, keep it ethical."
- **HAVE BREAKFAST**
  - Single piece of toast.
  - Get organised and maybe have some Special K (Phoenix approves of the ultimate mum cereal!).
  - Some mornings, be prepared for just a sip of water ("Have breakfast guys!" - Mrs Quigley).
- **WALK TO SCHOOL**
  - Have an "eclectic and upbeat playlist."
  - 'All My Life' by the Foo Fighters ("a bit like walking into a boxing ring").
- **GET READY FOR A HEAVY TEACHING LOAD**
  - "Have my lovely form - the first people I usually see in the morning so that's nice."
  - "Teach a bit of drama, maybe a bit of English (but usually drama) and do a bit of careers."
  - "Help loads of sixth formers coming in and seeing me about what on Earth they're gonna do with their lives next." (What would we do without her?)
- **LUNCH ("it really varies")**
  - Dining Hall ("of course") with Mr Rodgers and Mrs Macleod (Head's PA) - "we're a little lunch crew."
  - Chicken zinger burger = "obvious classic."
  - Drama Club / rehearsals and try to have a quick cup of tea with Miss Proops or Ms Waites.
  - "If people are looking for me and I'm not in the careers room, I am in school. I could literally be anywhere; I could be at the PAC, I could be in a maths room doing a maths quiz."
- **GO HOME OR PICK UP DAUGHTER FROM AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS.**
  - Chill...maybe do some work!
  - Read the "absolutely fascinating, amazing book Miss Proops recommended" - 'The Romantic Outlaws'.
- **FAVOURITE TIME OF DAY = BEDTIME ("whatever time that is")**
  - "11 o'clock is when I pass out usually FROM EXHAUSTION and not anything else."
  - Stage Crew on Friday after teaching is also a nice way to end the week.
- **FREE TIME = HOLIDAYS**
  - Read and go to the theatre ("that's kind of a given... I'm going to see 'Hamilton' in July and I'm really excited about it!").
  - Outdoor walks and bike rides with family.

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS QUIGLEY:

"I hate it when people don't have basic manners. You know if you hold the door open for someone and they just walk through without saying thank you. I can't bear that, I hate it. I get really passive aggressive like 'You're welcome'. I've started actually channelling Maui from Moana and start singing it sometimes like 'You're Welcomeeee' because I'm getting really annoyed by it. It's just very basic - say thank you and say please. It's quite basic, I've got a low standard."

+ New Reminder

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# Face App

We edited the faces of some of our teachers...Can you guess who's morphed with who?

## Guess who...



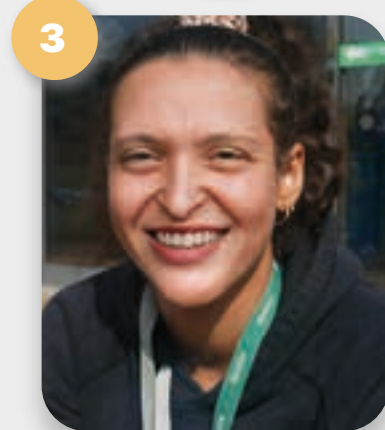
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HINT: Think languages...



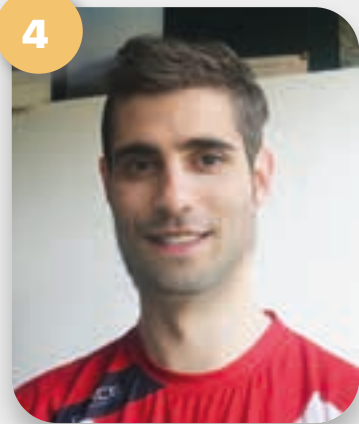
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HINT: Your fave history duo



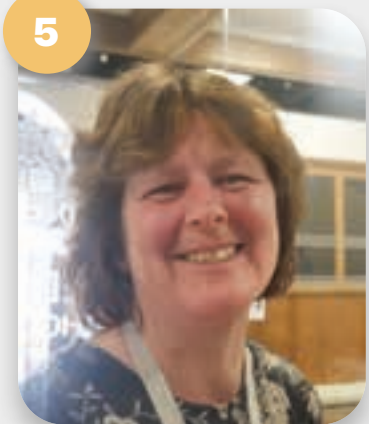
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HINT: Think birds + sports



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HINT: Fashion icon + Frisbee fanatic



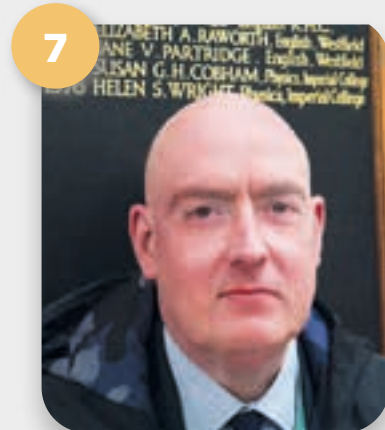
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HINT: Sister Power



6

HINT: Navy suit + iconic beard = dead giveaway



7

HINT: When Scotland meets Liverpool...

### Mrs Hall

Pet Peeve: "Other people's stupidity."

### Dr Limm

Pet Peeves: "Chewing gum (in lessons) and \*obviously\* mobile phones (in corridors)."

1) Madame Franco + Egnus  
2) Mr Haines + Dr Limm  
3) Miss Nightingale + Miss Mckenzie  
4) Miss Sangha + Mr Holland  
5) Mrs Douglas + Miss Buckley  
6) Mr Haines + Mr Holland  
7) Mr Mackinnon + Mr Ridges



# For You

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## Miss Priest (Engagement)



### How did your partner propose?

Unfortunately there's not a romantic story to go with this one! We just 'happened' to be in the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham and 'happened' to have a bit of time before meeting my parents for lunch. I suggested we browse some of the jewellery shops and I tried on a ring that I just didn't want to take off...so it kind of just happened! We took the ring to Simpsons Restaurant in Edgbaston where he proposed officially.

### Were you surprised?

I'm so organised; it's very hard to surprise me!

### Do you know when and where you want to get married?

We are getting married in Herefordshire in Summer 2023.

### Are any of the teachers going to be invited to your wedding?

I haven't finalised the guest list yet, but I 'm lucky to have some wonderful friends among the staff who will definitely be getting an invite.

### Are you changing your last name?

Yes, but I am sure I will respond to both for a while!

### Honeymoon destination?

I think we will be going to Giurona, our favourite city in Spain.



## Mr Ridges



### How did you meet and propose?

I don't know how interesting you're gonna find it. I mean we met at university erm we were together it must have been five years I think and then got engaged. We went on holiday to France to... it was we travelled a bit between Cannes and Nice and there's an island just off the coast of there, where I proposed and obviously she said yes.

### How was the wedding, was it a traditional white wedding etc.?

It was traditional-ish. It was in a hotel outside of Oxford. We were hoping to have it outdoors but the weather forecast was for thunderstorms, so we had it indoors. Fortunately, it was cloudy but it stayed dry all day so we got to go outside for a bit, but it was a traditional ceremony I guess.

### Were there a lot of people invited?

There were about 80 people. We were very lucky actually because it was the summer just gone (2021) so there were all those restrictions from January leading up to summer and the weekend of our wedding was the first weekend where you could have a normal wedding with as many guests as you wanted, you didn't have to wear a mask or socially distance so it was just a normal wedding.

### Were any teachers invited?

I mean there were some teachers there. I mean if you're a teacher you seem to know a lot of teachers. Soooo Mr Holland got an invite, erm Mr Heather got an invite, Miss Priest, Mr Pollard.

### How was the reception?

For the reception we stayed at the same venue, the hotel we were at. We had a band, a cake, the usual stuff for a reception I guess. We did have a first dance and for the song we did the artist was the Arctic Monkeys who've done a cover of the song 'Baby I'm yours'. We could've done like Ed Sheeran and 'Perfect'. But, I don't know, we wanted to do a song by a band we actually listened to, I guess.

### Any exciting or memorable wedding stories?

I wouldn't say there was anything overly scandalous or exciting. Bride was in a white dress, I was in a blue suit.

### Did you manage to have a honeymoon?

There was a honeymoon to an extent, but when we were planning it was in the midst of COVID. We didn't want to plan something that then got cancelled, so we didn't go abroad, we just went to Cornwall for a week. We'll hopefully go somewhere more exotic this summer.



Mr Haines (when asked about his headband)

I'm not going for the Grealish vibe, Grealish is going for the \*Mr Haines vibe\*



## Mr Holland



### How did you meet?

We met at school actually. A bunch of my frisbee team told me that there was a new psychology teacher who wasn't able to get to the staff-room much, and asked if I would sit with her at lunch. The rest, as they say, was history.

### What were your first impressions of each other?

She thought I was a geek, apparently. I'm not sure she's entirely changed her mind. I thought she was really fun, interesting and glamorous. I definitely haven't changed my mind!

### What did you do on your first date?

I took her out for dinner... I think? It was a rushed arrangement; a sixth former trying to get out of detention tried to use a first date proposal as a distraction, so I had to ask quickly and get back to berating them for a late essay.

### How did you know things were getting serious?

When we were still texting each other at 3am? Or when we were shopping for rings? Perhaps somewhere in between? It's quite hard to tell tbh.

### When did you know that you would end up getting married?

Quite early actually. We talked about our values and life hopes in quite a bit of depth, so we were already reassured that we shared a lot of our core values.

### Describe your engagement story.

We were on a trip to Sweden, and I had the plan to propose on the ice on Christmas Day. Unfortunately Lyss was feeling pretty rough that day, and didn't want to go. Eventually she agreed to come ice-skating with me and I managed to just sneak in a bit of time for a proposal before the rink shunted us all off!

### What was something unexpected that happened at your wedding?

Well, our wedding was slap bang in the middle of the pandemic, so I guess the surprising thing was that it happened at all! I think we were the only wedding at that church in the entire calendar year!

### Describe the reception as best as you can.

We had a small reception due to the restrictions at the time - only close family, my best man and Lyss' maid of honour. We had a big sit-down meal at our house, which is pretty close to the church thank goodness!

### What was the most special part of your wedding?

Everything - you can't expect me to pull out a single moment when I'm simply amazed and grateful that the day even happened at all!





1) Which English teacher completed a course with the University of Edinburgh on Astrobiology and the search for extraterrestrial life, despite not having done GCSE Physics?

- Mr Holland
- Mrs Shore-Nye
- Dr Kennedy
- Dr Popat-Szabries

2) Which member of staff built a firepit in their garden during lockdown?

- Mr Rodgers
- Mr Pollard
- Mrs Douglas
- Mrs Buckley



3) Miss Williams was not only once locked outside with Dame Mary Beard, Sir Ian McKellen and Sandi Toksvig, but also grew up on a farm. True or false?

- True
- False

4) What advice did Madame Marquette give based off of her uni days?

- Always be prepared for fire!
- Stick by your friends!
- Don't do exams on 2.5 hours sleep!
- Be more confident!

5) Mr Cooper can balance half a pint of beer on his head. True or false?

- True
- False

6) What was Mrs Hargraves' first phone?

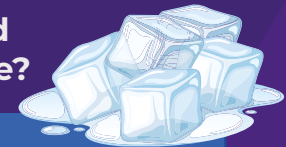
- A big brick from the 90s
- Sony Ericsson
- Blackberry
- Nokia 3210

7) Which app does 'Miss Proops use the most on her phone?

- Whatsapp
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Gmail

8) Mrs Hall once burnt her hand teaching conduction and continued with the lesson holding ice and writing in her left hand. True or false?

- True
- False



9) What is the average screen time of a teacher?

- 3 hours
- 4 hours
- 8+ hours
- 1 hour



10) Which two activities did Dr Bailey say she did during lockdown?

- Parenting!
- Learning to play guitar
- Eating chocolate
- Going on fungal forays



ANSWERS:  
 1) Mrs Shore-Nye  
 2) Mr Rodgers  
 3) True  
 4) Don't do exams on 2.5 hrs sleep (although they were all good advice!)  
 5) False - he can balance a full pint!  
 6) Nokia 3210  
 7) Instagram  
 8) True  
 9) 1 hour  
 10) Eating chocolate and fungal forays



MESSAGES  
**Phoenix**  
 Caecilius rest in horto.

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iOS 22. Mrs Hughes update



Mrs Hughes started at KEHS 17 years ago and was initially in to observe some PE and then was quickly appointed to join the team. Mrs Hughes initially wowed us with her salsa knowledge and experience and she has always been our go to person when it comes to teaching gymnastics. Mrs Hughes 'bricks' have been a staple of gymnastics lessons for a very long time.

A very supportive member of the department, Mrs Hughes has been involved in hockey coaching at school since she started and particularly took the under 12 teams under her wing at the same time as coaching some of the older teams. Mrs Hughes's career highlight was winning the National Rounders competition and she clearly has a huge passion for the sport and the department will miss her annual request for more rounders balls to be ordered!!

Mrs Hughes has been a valued and loyal friend as well as a fantastic colleague to many of us and she will be sorely missed.

iOS 22. Dr Tedd update



So, we bid a fond farewell to Dr Tedd,  
 Of Physics you were the head,  
 With you Ted talks would have been better,  
 But you possessed an extra letter.

Astronomy was also your passion  
 Enthusing all with your exposition.  
 Often a telescope to the heavens did you point  
 And rarely did Venus, Mars or Jupiter disappoint.

To CS activities did you contribute  
 And at the fete at your most astute  
 As auctioneer, straw hat headed, sore throated

Prices bloated,  
 Many a dubious item did you sell, caveat emptor  
 As they used to say in days of yore.

Colourful ties were your fashion statement,  
 Silk, narrow, kipper, polyester, all radiant.

So for 25 years KEHS have you served  
 Your knowledge and dedication well respected

Your joviality well accepted  
 You will be sorely missed

But your legacy will never be eclipsed.  
 - T.O Cooper

iOS 22. Louise Storer update



As the Lower Sixth dance president, I have had the pleasure of working with Louise this year, and I don't think anyone truly appreciates how much time and effort she puts into the show. Even on the last day of the production, when we are all exhausted after a long week of rehearsals, Louise has the energy that keeps us all going, despite her being the busiest of all! She inspires all of us, not only with her incredible dances and choreography, but with her constant kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you, Louise, for all your hard work. We will miss you!

- Lauren Cole, Dance Captain, L6

iOS 22. Rose Link update



Rose Link is retiring this summer after 15 years as the swimming and lifesaving teacher at KEHS. Rose has grown the Lifesaving club to over 50 members which is an amazing achievement. Under her stewardship we have won the KE Foundation swimming gala several times and had individual swimming success in the inter school galas. She has run a joint KEHS/KES prep school gala for many years and most recently has been supporting our local primary schools by teaching their pupils to swim on site at KEHS. Not to mention the hundreds of KEHS pupils she has trained to become fully certified Lifeguards. Rose is a phenomenal person and work colleague, kind and friendly. Nothing is too much trouble for Rose. She has accompanied many school trips abroad, and is excellent at knowing just what to do in challenging circumstances. You just can't beat someone in your team with her life experience. She will be hugely missed by us all!

iOS 22. Miss D'Aquila update



We would like to thank Miss D'Aquila for her work in the Modern Foreign Languages Department, teaching GCSE Italian and enriching the school curriculum! We wish her all the best with her future endeavours!

iOS 22. Mrs Johnston update

We would also like to thank Mrs Johnston for all her work in the Music Department!

P U Z Z L E S



ACROSS:

1. Name of Mr Mackinnon and Dr Chatwin's band.
3. Mrs Shore-Nye's biggest fear.
5. Name of the first headmistress.
6. The song sung at the end of the year that brings everyone to tears.
8. Name the teacher who has been here the longest.
9. Dr Chatwin's star sign

DOWN:

2. Name of the teacher who sold doughnuts in France.
4. Where KEHS was originally located.
7. Type of tree planted for the houses.
7. This teacher is trained to kill.

- Astros
- Atkins
- Bassett
- Beaufort
- Blazer
- Bordeaux
- Caecilius
- Edward
- Formcharity
- Foundation
- Green
- Hockey
- Homebank
- Kahoot
- Karaoke
- KEHS
- PAC
- Rounders
- Seymour
- Spectrum
- Tudor
- Winterbourne



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:  
 1. Daddy Ho  
 2. Duncombe  
 3. Snakes  
 4. New Street  
 5 (across). Creak  
 5 (down). Cherry  
 6. Jerusalem  
 7. Ollis  
 8. Cooper  
 9. Taurus





The Phoenix Team  
In need of summer recommendations?



TODAY

Helena

Book: The Hate U Give (Angie Thomas)  
Album: The Bends - Radiohead  
Movie: She's the Man

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Zayna

Book: Un secret (Philippe Grimbert)  
Song: The Hills - The Weeknd  
Movie: The Conjuring

20:22 ✓

Eeshvar

Book: Between the Acts (Virginia Woolf)  
Song: From the edge of the deep green sea - The Cure  
Movie: But I'm A Cheerleader

20:22 ✓

Ayeshah

Book: The Great Gatsby (F. Scott Fitzgerald)  
Album: Harry's House - Harry Styles  
Movie: La La Land

20:22 ✓

Hinna

Book: The Book Thief (Marcus Zusak)  
Song: Photograph - Ed Sheeran  
Movie: The Fault In Our Stars

20:22 ✓

Kei

Book: On Writing (Stephen King)  
Song: Godlight - Noah Kahan  
TV Show: Arcane

20:22 ✓

Lujain

Book: Normal People (Sally Rooney)  
Song: Moon Song - Phoebe Bridgers  
Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You

20:22 ✓

Shweta

Book: Deception Point (Dan Brown)  
Song: Africa - Toto  
Movie: Interstellar

20:22 ✓

Shreya

Book: Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)  
Album: When It's All Said and Done...Take time - Giveon  
TV Show: The Office

20:22 ✓

Mr Holland

Book: The Night Watch (Terry Pratchett)  
Albums: In Rainbows - Radiohead  
Dark Side of the Moon - Pink Floyd  
Movie: The Matrix

20:22 ✓

Aima

Book: Chainsaw Man (Tatsuki Fujimoto)  
Song: No Blueberries - DPR IAN  
Album: Bunka - Eve  
TV Show: Twenty-Five Twenty-One

20:22 ✓

Sanduni

Book: A Little Life (Hanya Yanagihara)  
Album: The Eraser - Thom Yorke  
Movie: Memoirs of a Geisha

20:22 ✓

Jade

Book: Handa's Surprise (Eileen Browne)  
Song: Fast Car - Tracy Chapman  
Album: Baduizm - Erykah Badu  
Movie: Get Out

20:22 ✓

Daya

Book: Clockwork Angel (Cassandra Clare)  
Song: White Flag - dido  
Movie: Coraline

20:22 ✓

Michelle

Book: The Great Gatsby (F. Scott Fitzgerald)  
Song: I Bet on Losing Dogs - Mitski  
Movie: Chungking Express

20:22 ✓

Liya

Book: Agnes Grey (Anne Brontë)  
Albums: Slipknot-Slipknot/Stop Making Sense-Talking Heads  
TV Show: Mad Men

20:22 ✓



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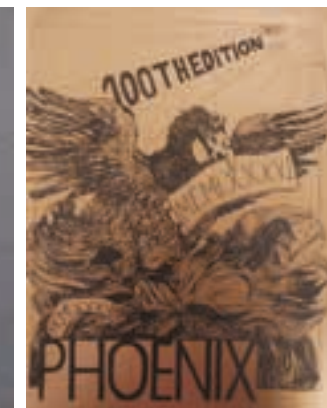
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What will we remember 2021-2022 for? Surely some challenges in this third school year affected by COVID: more masks, more self-isolation, and events postponed or cancelled altogether. But there were some memorable examples of community spirit: the enthusiasm with which the Houses have quickly become fully embedded in school life, some brilliant performances including our biennial concert at Symphony Hall, our splendid Junior and Senior Productions, and our Dance Show. We marked the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planting four cherry trees, representing each of the houses, and we participated in the Commonwealth Games held here in Birmingham through our TuneUp Culture in Common project, enabling a number of schools across the city to have high quality arts activities, and in the process training up many of our own students to become Arts Ambassadors in a new, uniquely accredited scheme. Karaoke actually took place this year, albeit in March and outdoors, and the blue and yellow entrance Hall was filled with exercise bikes and rowing machines as we attempted to travel the distance to Ukraine in a community fundraising initiative. Meanwhile in the Principal's garden, four ducklings managed to fledge: it has certainly been a year of rising up again, like this publication's symbolic name.

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Mr Holland



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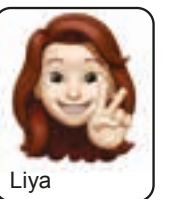
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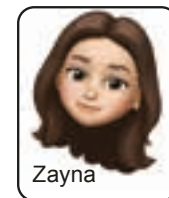
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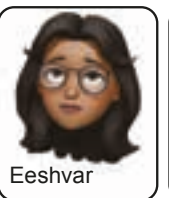
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