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130th Anniversary

Earlier this year, I gave an assembly to the girls. I showed them a picture of me and my KEHS friends during the Lower Sixth; six happy young women, having the time of their lives.

I told the girls about each of my friends, what their dreams had been at 17 and how those plans had developed in the face of time and change. Plans change, people evolve, and that is nothing to be afraid of. They are following in the footsteps of 3,000 exemplary alumnae, and have each gone on to achieve amazing things.

We are now celebrating the 130th anniversary of the Old Edwardian Club and, to mark the occasion, we have taken nominations from the community, seeking to find 130 alumnae who exemplify what it means to be an Old Edwardian.

These women have strived for success, conquered adversity, achieved goals. They have fought for people and the planet. They have been through hell and made it back. They have saved and bettered lives. Big and small, locally and globally, these women have shown us myriad ways to do something amazing.

This publication commemorates just some of the 3,000 amazing women who have attended KEHS.

Adelaide Bailey
Development Director
and Class of 2007





Dr Jean Wilson MBE

Academia

Jean left KEHS to read English Literature at Newnham College, Cambridge. After receiving her MA in 1971, she was named a Fellow of King's College the following year, and then completed her doctorate in 1974. In 1996, she was awarded the Archaeology Book of Year Award at the British Archaeological Awards. In June 2019, she was appointed MBE for services to heritage.

Emma Rees

Academia



Emma Rees is a Professor and Director of the Institute of Gender Studies at the University of Chester. She's written extensively on representations of gender in literature and culture, referencing Shakespeare, Margaret Cavendish, and Led Zeppelin. Her most recent book is *The Vagina: A Literary and Cultural History* (Bloomsbury 2013), and Emma's toured 'Vulvanomics' – a talk based on her work – worldwide, most recently in the States.

Geraldine Brodie (née Jones)

Academia



Geraldine is an Associate Professor in Translation Theory and Theatre Translation at University College London. Publications include *The Translator on Stage* (Bloomsbury 2017) and *Adapting Translation for the Stage* (Routledge 2017), which has been shortlisted for the 2019 Theatre & Performance Research Association Editing Prize. She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

and won a UCL Education Award for outstanding contribution to education at UCL in 2018. Having trained and worked as a Chartered Accountant at KPMG for many years, Geraldine continues to participate in the family business. She is also a Trustee of the Barbican Arts Centre. Her passion for KEHS is still evident: Geraldine is a member of the Independent Schools Governing Body and a proud sponsor of the Assisted Places Programme.



Maria Czepiel

Academia

While a student at KEHS, Maria was chosen as the UK representative on the 2013 Ruta Quetzal BBVA expedition to Panama and Spain, which marked the 500th anniversary of the "discovery" of the Pacific by Vasco Núñez de Balboa. She pursued her love of Hispanic culture by studying Classics and Spanish at Oxford University, graduating with a first class degree in 2018. She has just begun a DPhil, studying the poetry of the Spanish humanist Benito Arias Montano (1527–1598).

Rita Felski

Academia

An academic and critic, Rita holds the William R. Kenan Jr. Professorship of English at the University of Virginia and is a former editor of *New Literary History*. She is also Niels Bohr Professor at the University of Southern Denmark (2016–2021). She is a prominent scholar in the fields of aesthetics and literary theory, feminist theory, modernity and postmodernity, and cultural studies. Her recent book, *The Limits of Critique* (Chicago UP 2015), was very widely reviewed and she has just completed a new book called *Hooked: Art and Attachment*, on how and why we get 'stuck' to works of art.



Sophie Cheng

Academia



Since leaving KEHS in 2013, Sophie has completed a Classics degree at Oxford University and now works there as an Admissions Coordinator. Both in her academic work and daily life Sophie embodies the KEHS ethos; she is a kind,

thoughtful and inspiring person. Sophie faces every challenge with a positive and sensible attitude. She is also inspiring in her well-rounded nature, having so many hobbies and passions outside her working life. It's hard to put into words what a calming presence Sophie is and how she makes everyone around her smile.

Susan Stobbs (née Storer)

Academia



After leaving KEHS, Susan went on to study Natural Sciences at Cambridge, specialising in Theoretical Physics and continuing to Part 3 of the Mathematical Tripos. She was the first woman to be awarded the Tyson Medal for Astrophysics in this examination. She was elected to a Fellowship at Newnham, teaching

physics, researching in nanotechnology and being admission tutor. Subsequently she moved to a Fellowship at Pembroke, and was appointed to the newly established University post of Director of Admissions. This involved developing new selection protocols, training programmes and widening access initiatives, and dealing extensively with the media and government.



Lady Sally Fielding (née Harvey)

Academia

Gaining a first degree and PhD at Birmingham University, Sally became a lecturer successively at Cambridge, Leeds and Oxford Universities, publishing on the 11th and 12th century economy and agriculture and the making of the Domesday Book. In her late 30s, she followed her husband on his diplomatic career to Japan and Brussels and had two children, whilst continuing her research. Retiring back in Shropshire, she has planted over 100 trees and produced a new study *Domesday: Book of Judgement* (OUP 2014). It puts the Domesday Book into perspective as military might allied with administrative insight, transforming an insecure conquest into a permanent establishment, and was shortlisted for a history prize.



Amy Marston

Arts & Culture

After a memorable performance playing Anita in *West Side Story* while at KEHS, Amy entered into an industry famed for being hard to make a living in. Amy has achieved her dream of being an actor, working for The National Theatre, West End and regional theatres, including our wonderful REP. She was nominated for Off West End Best Actress for Arthur Miller's *Broken Glass* last year. She has worked in TV, starting out playing the lead part in two series of *The Hello Girls*, (nominated for Best Newcomer at the National TV awards) and most recently seen in BBC's *Summer Of Rockets*.



Anna Clarke (née Lewis)

Arts & Culture

Since leaving school, Anna has set up her own very successful creative wedding photography and film business: 'We are the Clarkes'. Anna initially did this on her own, but now works alongside her husband Simon, and they travel all over the UK and Europe to capture people's special days, and even have their own podcast. She has also managed to fit in having their daughter Eleanor and appearing on *Masterchef* along the way!



Chrystal Ding

Arts & Culture

Chrystal is an Artist, Photographer and Writer, whose works explore the intersection of inner and outer worlds in response to past (trauma) and future (technological advancement). She studied English at the University of Cambridge, Photojournalism & Documentary Photography at the London College of Communication, and worked as a Strategic Innovation Director in a media agency, building innovation models for brands. Chrystal is currently working on a project with Rwandan genocide survivors about recovery, 25 years on from the events of 1994; the work is being created with the support of the Rebecca Vassie Memorial Award 2019.

Constance Maxwell Armfield

Arts & Culture



Constance's life was largely devoted to two causes: public service, in which women's interest largely figured, and her individual activity along literary and dramatic lines. She wrote plays, was a successful writer and illustrator of children's stories, and wrote several novels. Her first serious novel, *Conflict*, appeared in 1907 when she was Secretary of the Lyceum Club, the first London Club for Women. One of the club's most successful early undertakings was their first Arts, Crafts and Picture Exhibition held in Berlin in 1905. Constance also organised the first Music Conference in 1906, when the guests included Dr Vaughan Williams amongst many distinguished others.

Dr Kate Pretty CBE

Arts & Culture

Kate was Principal of Homerton College, Cambridge, and Chair of the Faculty of Human, Social and Political Science. As one of the University's five Pro-Vice-Chancellors, she held special responsibilities for outreach, lifelong learning and international strategy. She retired in September 2013, and Homerton then launched a lecture series in her honour: The Kate Pretty Lecture Series. An archaeologist, Kate was President of the Council for British Archaeology from 2008-2013.



Dr Kathryn Howley

Arts & Culture



Having studied Latin and Greek at KEHS, Kathryn has always been passionate about the ancient world. She is

now an Assistant Professor at New York University teaching Egyptian art and archaeology, and runs her own archaeological project in Sudan, spending every Christmas in the desert supervising an international team of 30 people digging up a temple from c. 675 BC.

Jasmine Gordosi

Arts & Culture



Jasmine has had a very interesting career in performance poetry. She is the current Ledbury Poetry Festival Axis Slam Champion, and former Cheltenham Poetry Festival, Mix It Up Midlands and International Pangaea Poetry Slam winner. A Birmingham Poet Laureate finalist, she has appeared across BBC Radio and on

international platforms, such as Button Poetry. She has completed a residency at the Royal Court Theatre and her debut pamphlet *Hurtz* was released in May by Verve Poetry Press. She leads workshops across the country, including a spoken word poetry club at KEHS.

Lauren Zhang

Arts & Culture

Although Lauren is not officially an Old Edwardian for another six months, she is too amazing to miss out! BBC Young Musician of the Year 2018, Lauren is a critically acclaimed pianist, who won the accolade while performing Prokofiev's 2nd Piano Concerto in G minor, op.16 with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mark Wigglesworth. She was selected as one of "The change-makers – 30 of the planet's most exciting young people" by the Financial Times in 2019. Lauren is now in high demand as a soloist throughout the UK and further afield.



Maya Sondhi

Arts & Culture



It was clear from day one of drama lessons that Maya had a talent. She was creative, focused and witty, and was the obvious choice for Maria in the School's production of *West Side Story*. Whilst still at KEHS, Maya attended the Midlands Arts Centre and National Youth Theatre before going on to study at LAMDA. Today, she

is not only a best loved actress starring in *Citizen Khan* and most recently *Line of Duty*, but an incredible writer. Drama was the perfect choice for Maya – she was destined to perform!

Léonie Adams

Arts & Culture

Léonie is a truly inspirational Old Ed, not just fulfilling her ambition to be a professional cellist but so much more – making classical music accessible to local communities and taking music to less fortunate countries. Léonie performs as a soloist and regularly with orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; she has performed at the BBC Proms, in West End shows and at Buckingham Palace. She set up the Dionysus Ensemble in 2003 which, through her hard work, talent and tenacity, is now the Commonwealth's first ever Ensemble in Residence. They performed in the 2019 Commonwealth Day Service at Westminster Abbey and now have a programme of music education projects planned around the world.



Lindsay Duncan CBE

Arts & Culture



Lindsay is an eminent stage, film and television actress. Her portrayal of Marquise de Merteuil in *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* in 1985 saw her win the Olivier Award for Best Actress, an award she won again in 2001 for her role as Amanda Prynne in *Private Lives*. In 2013, Lindsay was named Best Actress at The Moët British Independent Film Awards. She was

appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the 2009 Birthday Honours for services to drama. In recent years, she has featured in Richard Curtis' *About Time*, Alejandro Iñárritu's *Birdman*, Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* and *Alice through the Looking Glass*, and she is currently appearing in *Hansard* at the National Theatre.

Mary Hill

Arts & Culture



Throughout her life, Mary has always been passionate about music. She was a piano accompanist and opera coach and played with the CBSO while still at school. In 1965, she founded her own opera company, Abbey Opera, which she ran for forty years, putting on countless

innovative productions and performing at various prestigious festivals including Edinburgh. Despite health setbacks within the last few years, she carries on, undeterred and still continues to support her former students in concerts and productions and coaching when she can, as well as cycling around an increasingly busy London!



Natalie Haynes

Arts & Culture

Natalie is Britain's leading Classicist author and broadcaster. She began her career as a comedian, amassing five sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. In 2002, she was the first woman to be nominated as Best Newcomer at the Perrier Comedy Awards. She has her own show on BBC Radio 4, *Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics*, which began its fifth series in 2019. She has also written five books: her most recent novel, *A Thousand Ships* (Pan Macmillan 2019), reimagines the Trojan War from the perspectives of its women. Natalie has appeared on pretty much every Radio Four show you can name, and has written extensively for the broadsheets and national magazines. She has also served on the judging panels of the Booker Prize and Orange Prize, among others.

Professor Margaret Faultless

Arts & Culture



Margaret Faultless performs music from Monteverdi to the present day, but is best known as a specialist in historical performance practice. She is co-leader and frequent director of The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and is frequently invited to guest-lead and direct both period and modern instrument orchestras all over the world. She is Head of Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music, Director of Performance at the Faculty of Music in Cambridge,

a bye-fellow of Girton College, and Musician in Residence at St John's College. As an Honorary Fellow of Birmingham Conservatoire, Elizabeth has been awarded the prestigious Honorary Membership of The Royal Academy of Music, and is a Professor of the University of London.

Professor Emerita Elizabeth Swain

Arts & Culture



Elizabeth is an Actor, Director and Teacher and holds a PhD from the City of New York Graduate Centre. She has taught at Barnard College and Marymount Manhattan College, where she is Professor Emerita. Since her move to Los Angeles in 2008, Elizabeth has become a member of the Antaeus Company where she teaches, directs and acts. She has worked on Broadway and in the provinces, she has also appeared on daytime television.



Mollie Randle MBE

Arts & Culture

Mollie and her husband John were passionate about the theatre. Having set up a successful dramatic touring company, they dreamed of creating a permanent centre. With the help of Councillor Sir Frank Price, they lobbied Birmingham City Council, and knocked on the doors of local businesses and charities to fundraise for the project. In 1962, the Council approved their proposal for the Midlands Arts Centre, donating 8.6 acres of land in Cannon Hill Park. Mollie and John ran it together for many years – John paid, Mollie unpaid. On December 31st 1999, Mollie Randle received her MBE for services to Community Arts.



Natasha Chetiyawardana

Arts & Culture

After graduating from Central Saint Martin's in 2002, Natasha won 'Designer of the Year' at New Designers and exhibited her work internationally. She then worked at leading innovation and design agencies in New York, as well as creating and teaching the first innovation syllabus at the Pratt Institute. She moved back to London in 2009 to co-found the innovation consultancy Bow & Arrow. She is also a big champion of women in leadership and is a dedicated mentor to people across the business. Outside of her work for clients, she has also worked with her mixologist brother, who attended KES, to create a series of cocktail bars, restaurants and products.



Nicola Ralston (née Thomas)

Business & Finance

Nicola is a Director and Co-Founder of PiRho Investment Consulting, which has given advice on more than £20 billion of investments since its creation in 2008. She has forty years' investment experience as an Analyst, Portfolio Manager and Investment Consultant, and in 2009 featured on Dow Jones Europe Financial News' "Veterans of Finance" list. She is also Chairman of Henderson EuroTrust plc and of the British Heart Foundation Investment Committee, and a loyal patron of our own Assisted Places Programme.



Carol Kennedy (née Welch)

Business & Finance



Carol is an Investment Manager, best known as the former Senior Partner at Pantheon, one of the largest European investment firms. In 2007 and 2008, she was listed in the FN 100 Women in Finance, Financial News' ranking of the most influential women across

the financial services industry. In 2008, she was also voted as one of the top 40 most influential women in European private equity by readers of Private Equity News. In 2012, she retired to focus on her charity work, including as a patron of The KEHS Trust, personally sponsoring Assisted Places at KEHS.



Nehal Udeshi

Business & Finance

Nehal is a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, where she has worked for over 13 years. She is based in New York, with her husband and two children. She is an inspiration, showing that women have the potential to go on to senior roles within financial services.

Dame Louise Makin

Business & Finance



Dame Louise Makin is a British businesswoman and former CEO of BTG plc. From November 2004, she successfully led the transformation of BTG from \$150m value to acquisition by Boston Scientific for \$4.2 billion in the Summer of 2019. Louise is also a non-executive director of Intertek plc, a Trustee of the Outward Bound

Trust, Chair of the 1851 Trust, an Honorary Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and a patron of Assisted Places at KEHS. In the 2014 Birthday Honours, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.



Philippa Eddie (née Edwards)

Business & Finance

Having graduated in Engineering and Economics from Trinity College, Cambridge, Philippa started her career in investment banking, specialising in financing essential public infrastructure in the UK. Much later, and after several years as a partner at the professional services firm, Ernst & Young, Philippa joined HM Treasury where she continues her passion for the provision of infrastructure for all. Over the last two years, she has been focusing on the world of electric vehicles and regularly speaks at conferences.



Angela Clayton-Turner (née Rubery)

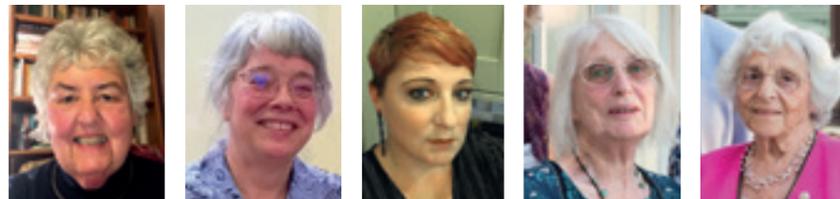
Community Service

Angela worked as a physiotherapist in the 1970s and 1980s in a psychiatric hospital and in community mental health teams. Her knowledge of dementia helped her when she became a carer for her husband, who was diagnosed with dementia. Angela had an award named in her honour in 2018, 'The Clayton Turner Award' which was presented for the first time at the Orpington's Finest Awards 2018 for the Orpington town centre business judged the most dementia friendly. She inspired current KEHS students to become dementia friends and successfully lobbied a well known supermarket chain to make their toilets more dementia friendly.

2016-2018 Trust Club

Community Service

Our Trust Club from 2016–2018 consisted of Asyia Iftikar, Priya Basra, Zahra Asif, Camara Rallmil, Cerian Richmond-Jones, Manvir Dobb, Mehak Kalra and Fiona Connolly.



BGOEC Committee

Community Service

The Birmingham Girls' Old Edwardian Club Committee consists of the following people:

- Annette Duffy (née Glennon)
- Angela Clayton-Turner (née Rubery)
- Anna Emery
- Alice Stanley
- Gabrielle Stanley (née Tully)
- Barbara Davies (née Bayliss)
- Cas Britton
- Jan Smith

- Lois Freedman (née Singer)
- Helen Nixon (née Shedden)
- Sylvia Dicker (née Hallam)
- Molly King (née Jervis)
- Irene Bannister
- Janet Burgess (née Thomas)
- Judy Dyke (née Dyer)

Between them, they have given over 250 years of their lives to best serve the Old Edwardian Club. Their dedication is phenomenal; they are always working hard on an event or publication and are on hand to offer help or guidance whenever required. They are a true asset to King Edward VI High School for Girls.

Not only did they do an amazing job in our annual telethon, raising £45,000 in 2018 from our very generous Old Eds, their great work was also recognised nationally when they won the Fundraising Initiative of the Year at the TES Independent School Awards. The students are both ambassadors for our cause and examples of its impact. They are the living embodiment of the fulfilled potential a KEHS education enables. As adults, many of them remain actively involved in the School or fundraising for other worthy causes.

Hilary Pole

Community Service



Hilary was an inspiration to us all. Despite having Myasthenia Gravis, a condition which left her with movement of just 2mm of her big toe, Hilary achieved so much. After being given a Patient Operated Selector Mechanism (POSM), a communication system for people with significant disabilities, she used a typewriter to write poetry and articles, organised her own medical treatment, listened to books and began acting as a committee

member for POSM. Hilary's writings were featured in the press across the country and she soon became a well-known advocate for disability rights. In 1973, Queen Elizabeth awarded Hilary an MBE for her work. Despite being motionless for so long, Hilary lived a full life, finding the mental strength for contentment, and joy in serving the community – a remarkable Old Edwardian.



Lilian Morgan MBE

Community Service

Lilian is very special to the Old Edwardian Club, as she worked tirelessly over 60 years to bring Old Edwardians together.

She was instrumental in many community initiatives, including taking Birmingham children to see the sea for the first time, and working with refugees and elderly people. Her generosity was never-ending. Miss Morgan was appointed a City Magistrate in 1933 and she always attributed this directly to the Club, maintaining that unless she had worked for the Club when she was young, she would never have been able to take on the bigger jobs when they came along. Modest about herself, she was wonderfully proud of her City and her School. In addition, Lilian was also the first Old Edwardian to become a Justice of the Peace.

Aarti Sehdev

Community Service

Aarti has been nominated for being an 'environmental influencer,' educating people on how to live a less-plastic-inundated life, using social media and by simple role-modelling. She is making people think, and not just within her generation. In addition, Aarti is the only Sehdev sister to move abroad to continue her studies after her UCL Integrated Masters degree. She is now on the road to obtaining her PhD from the IMPRS in Konstanz, Germany, where she is participating in breakthrough research about insect olfaction.



Isla Atay

Community Service



Isla recently won Manchester University's Student Volunteer of the Year Award for conducting the Leonard Cheshire's Christmas Choir for a fundraising performance at Arley Hall. The choir brought together young and older members of the community, people

with traumatic brain injuries, hearing and visual impairments, behavioural difficulties, autism, Asperger's and learning difficulties. The choir was based at the Oakwoods Acquired Brain Injury Service in Stockport. For residents, it brought the outside world in to them on a weekly basis, helping to support their recovery.



Louise Gore

Community Service

After initially going to Durham University to study Physics, Louise began training as a patent attorney with a Birmingham law firm. Although enjoyable in many ways, Louise realised it wasn't the career for her, and felt challenged to leave before she got too used to the monetary rewards. After a complete change of career and a move to the charity sector, Louise now works for The Jericho Foundation in Balsall Heath, which helps break down barriers in society and supports disadvantaged people to become fulfilled, skilled and employed. She currently manages their work, supporting survivors of modern slavery to recover and rebuild a life after exploitation. Jericho recently won an 'Outstanding Contribution' award for this work.

Mary Taylor

Community Service

Mary was a generous and caring lady who had a sheer joy for life. At 19 she joined the WRNS, stationed in Davenport for the duration of the war and developed a deep affection for the service. Following her time in service, she joined Plymouth Marine Laboratories. Any visitor to Mary would be given a tour of the aquarium, and was encouraged to share her passion for the natural world. On retirement, Mary began volunteering for the National Trust and did so for 25 years. Just months before her passing in 2018, Mary became the oldest donor to the KEHS Trust.



Margaret Pugh

Community Service



Margaret was a fervent supporter of the suffrage movement and a teacher of adult education for women. Margaret was the second woman ever to be elected to serve on Birmingham City Council. As local government handled the issues that affected the day-to-day lives of the people, running for election was the natural progression

for female political and social activists. Margaret's first attempt at election saw her defeated by 59 votes, but undeterred, she stood again and was elected to the North Erdington seat on 22nd November 1911 by a triumphant majority of 790.

Philomena Lip

Community Service

Philomena currently works as Strategy Associate to the COO of iwoca, a FinTech startup in London, but up until recently was an M&A analyst at Rothschild & Co. Whilst at Rothschild, she led



the formation of Balance & Inclusion committees to promote better work life balance and diversity, an initiative for which she was recognised by McKinsey as one of 100 'Next Generation Women Leaders' across Europe, Middle East and Africa.



The Reverend Susannah Brasier (née Rudge)

Community Service



Susannah is Rector of St Laurence Church in Upminster, in the London Borough of Havering. She read her first degree at Oxford and her second at Cambridge. In 2010, she was the youngest person to be ordained in the Diocese of Birmingham. Prior to ordination, she served at Liverpool Parish Church, and has since worked in Birmingham (St Francis, Bournville) and now Upminster. She has been involved with the Taizé Community over some years and embodies its mission for inclusiveness and care for others. She possesses the gentleness of spirit that can be powerfully transformative. She has also been involved in RS lessons at KEHS, explaining her ministry and encouraging respect and understanding across diverse faith traditions.



The Venerable Mary Stallard

Community Service

Mary studied at Cambridge and was one of the very first women to be ordained in the Church of Wales. Awaiting the Archbishop's blessing at her ordination, she sat with her baby on her knee! She has gone on to blaze a trail for women in the Church. She regularly features on Radio 4's *Prayer for the Day*, leads the daily service and *A Thought for the Day*. She stands for the kind of values that are dear to King Edward's and its ethos – service and changing the world for the better.



The Venerable Sue Field

Community Service

The Venerable Sue Field is the Archdeacon Pastor in the Diocese of Coventry, a role that supports clergy and parishes across Coventry and Warwickshire. Sue was one of the first women to be ordained Deacon in 1987 and then priest in 1994. Since then, she has served as a parish priest and a University Chaplain, as well as holding Diocesan roles in the Diocese of Leicester. Sue is also a Chaplain to HM The Queen, an honorary role which involves preaching in one of the Royal Chapels once a year.

Tina Swani

Community Service



Tina's position as Chief Executive of Birmingham St Mary's Hospice has enabled her to lead an organisation that influences change across a whole system of health and social care. It is rewarding that, through

delivering education, research and forming effective partnerships, hospice care now enables more people, and those closest to them, to live with complex illness over months and years, as well as having better support at the end of their lives.



Dame Marcia Ann Twelftree

(née Daffern)

Education

Marcia was bubbly and mischievous at 11 and seems just the same 50 years later. She has worked in education all her professional life, ultimately working as a Headteacher in two state schools for 16 years. She was particularly interested in Education Business partnerships, served on the Government Implementation Review Unit, the School Food Trust, and other advisory roles, and received her honour in 2010 just after retirement. She continues her interest in schools as an educational consultant and until recently, Regional Director for CfBT.

Asiya Siddiqua

Education



Asiya left KEHS in 2013 to study Maths at Cambridge University and has since become a teacher in a deprived school in Birmingham. Asiya teaches both GCSE and A Levels, and motivates her students to achieve their full potential with her inspirational

and kind manner. Asiya is an amazing person to be around and a true asset to KEHS.



Miss Creak

Education

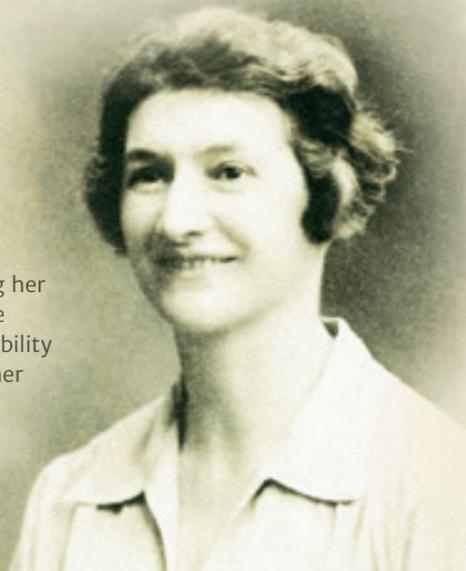
Miss Creak made the School what it is today. She was our first Headmistress, and she believed that women's education should do two things: prepare them to be wives and mothers, and allow them to develop to their highest intellectual potential. She also believed that the two were mutually beneficial, complementing one another through time. She believed in concentrating on all pupils, not the brightest few. Miss Creak emphasised the importance of self-discipline, imposing few rules upon her students. She valued a sense of duty, a love of work for its own sake, honour and independent effort. She embodied these traits herself and was also well known for her determination and spirit. Under her headship, some of the School's earliest clubs and societies were formed, such as Debating and Literature. The early 20th century saw a number of school magazines produced, 'After Many Days', 'The KEGHS Chronicle' and '94' acted as precursors to 'Phoenix' which began in 1910. Her dedication and passion for KEHS is celebrated every year by the Creak Memorial Prize, which is given to the pupil who "by their character and general worth has best served the school".



Miss Jaques

Education

Miss Jaques has been nominated for her sheer dedication to KEHS. During her 39 years at the School, on three separate occasions she stepped up as the School's acting Headmistress. She carried, with calm dignity, the responsibility of the School, and both the staff and the girls owed her a great deal for her guidance during this time. Following her retirement, she continued to be very much involved in School activities, attending both School and Old Edwardian events. She was the epitome of 'keep calm and carry on'.



Jean Wilks CBE

Education

Miss Wilks was Headmistress of the School between 1964 and 1977 and during her time, she made a significant impact, including restructuring the school, removing prefects and ensuring the girls were broadly educated. On her retirement in 1977, she was appointed CBE for service to education. During her career, Jean Wilks had served on the education committee for the Royal College of Nursing; been governor and adviser to the Schools' Council; worked to produce the Donnison Report as a member of the Public Schools Commission; and had served as President of the Association of Headmistresses. She was then appointed the first female Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Birmingham. In 1978, Miss Wilks was elected a Fellow of the College of Preceptors, the only honour specifically awarded for teaching.



Dr Sally Bradley

Healthcare



After KEHS, Sally studied medicine in Manchester, going on to pursue a career in public health and latterly hospital clinical management. She served as Director of Public Health for Manchester and Medical Director of Pennine Acute Trust. When she turned 50, she decided to spend the last few years of

her career abroad and moved to Freemantle in West Australia, where she worked as a Medical Director in an acute hospital. Throughout her life, Sally remained principled and hard-working but more importantly great fun and a good friend to so many.

Deborah Pickvance

Healthcare



Deborah spent her working life as a psychotherapist, committed to making talking therapies free and accessible to all. She pioneered the provision of therapy in primary care and was a key figure in setting up a women's therapy service. She was a trainer and supervisor in Psychotherapy, managed an NHS Psychotherapy service and more

recently edited a book on supervising cognitive analytic therapy. In addition, she is a dedicated mother and has been consistently involved in working for progressive causes. Quietly spoken and unegotistical, Deborah embodies the best of Old Edwardian values.



Emeritus Professor Ingrid Lunt

Healthcare

Ingrid went up to Oxford in 1966 to study Classics then Psychology and Philosophy. She has worked as a Psychologist, including as President of British Psychological Society and the European Psychologists Federation. For many years, Ingrid was a Professor of Educational Psychology at London and Oxford universities, and has now retired. A very keen amateur musician, she plays the viola and enjoys singing. She has also penned several books, articles and other publications.

Emma Hounsell (née Ball)

Healthcare

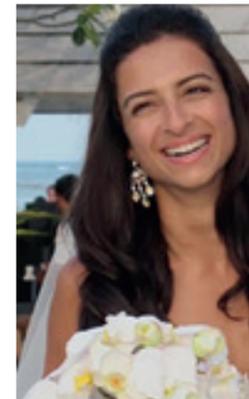
"I'm always right – and the sooner you learn it the better" – Emma would tell her trainee doctors as a matter of fact with a twinkle in her eye. Emma became a trained Paediatric Nephrologist in Australia following her time at KEHS, gaining a fearsome reputation in the process. She was always ready to laugh at herself, and was always up for the latest gossip with staff, parents and patients, always being first port of call for counsel for anyone who needed her. Following her Leukaemia diagnosis, Emma refused to accept conventional wisdom, and could be found whizzing through the streets of Melbourne with her oxygen tank in her basket and two prongs up her nose! On her passing, Emma matched her coffin to her wedding dress – bright red, proclaiming her attitude to life: "Take me as I am, because I'm coming ready or not!"



Beatrice Willmott Dobbie

Healthcare

In 1931, Beatrice was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and soon after became the second woman to hold the position of House Surgeon. In 1935, Beatrice earned a Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrology, developing the interest that would become the basis of her esteemed career: the use of radium as a therapeutic agent. At the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, Beatrice began work as a specialist using radium to treat cervical cancer, becoming a leading expert in the field. She is listed on the Royal Society of Medicine's Wall of Honour.



Juliet Recordon (née Otto)

Healthcare

Juliet was fun-loving, with boundless energy and a lust for life and adventure. An 'all-rounded' KEHS girl you could say. She had many passions including music (teaching and playing the piano and violin with the school orchestra and in recitals), sports (doing crazy things like marathons and triathlons) and travelling the world (saving the mangroves one day, hiking a glacier the next). Whatever she did, she did it with gusto and that big adorable smile on her face. Juliet achieved a first in Genetics and went on to pursue her passion for healthcare setting up her own consulting business in Singapore, where she worked admirably to help patients in developing countries gain better access to healthcare.

Dame Hilda Rose

Healthcare

Hilda was an eminent Surgeon at a time when no branch of medicine was easy for women to enter, and particularly surgery. Against the odds and the open prejudice, Hilda became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1921. During the next thirty years, Hilda made herself quite a reputation in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In 1944, she was appointed Professor and later retired from practice to be the first full-time chair. In 1949, she was elected President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists – the first woman to preside over any of the Royal Colleges. Her unique talents were recognised in 1959 when she was named a Dame of the British Empire.



Kathy Miller

Healthcare

Kathy has had an amazing career in the RAF, starting in 1999 when she joined the reserves whilst completing her GP training, and subsequently working full-time for the RAF on a rapidly deployable medical team. She then went on to be a GP and GP Trainer at RAF Brize Norton, and is now the RAF's Consultant Advisor in General Practice and Associate Dean to the Defence Deanery – a role which involves managing all the RAF GP trainees, alongside management of career paths and higher training for all uniformed RAF GPs.



Linda Winkley (née Holland)

Healthcare

Linda is a trained child and adolescent consultant psychiatrist, and has dedicated her life to children's mental health in Birmingham, growing the team at Selly Oak Hospital from half a social worker to a team of 17. She was the first child psychiatrist to train as a child psychotherapist outside London, and also facilitated a training school in Birmingham for child psychotherapists. As a result, the majority of child services now have a psychotherapist. In addition, she has published a book, *Emotional Problems in Children and Young People* and has written many articles on children's mental health. Linda now works with young people with eating disorders in Coventry.

Lou Everard (née Everett)

Healthcare

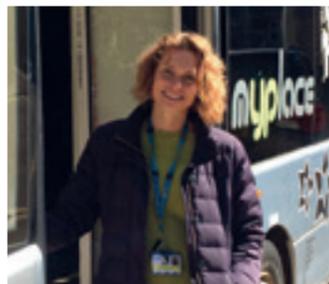


Lou and her husband Dan were inspired by the needs of their daughter Ruth and their son Sam, to design, customise and supply special powerchairs for very young disabled children. Sam, who died in 1982, and Ruth, who now runs the family social enterprise, Dragonmobility, were born with

Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Over 2,000 people worldwide have used one of their chairs. They contributed crucially to improvements in design of powerchairs, and revealed the importance of early independent mobility in disabled children's development and adult life prospects. Ruth's original chair from 1981 is part of a display in the Science Museum.

Maggie Knight (née Kirk)

Healthcare



Maggie is a GP with a specialism in homelessness and addiction. In 2016, she launched 'The HealthBus Project,' a converted bus which provides accessible and appropriate healthcare for

rough sleepers in Bournemouth. Working closely with local providers, Maggie and a team of volunteers provide a weekly service for all of their healthcare needs, including some preventative treatments i.e. immunisations and eye appointments. To date, the service is doing well and is currently in the process of applying for charitable status.

Professor Anita Harding

Healthcare

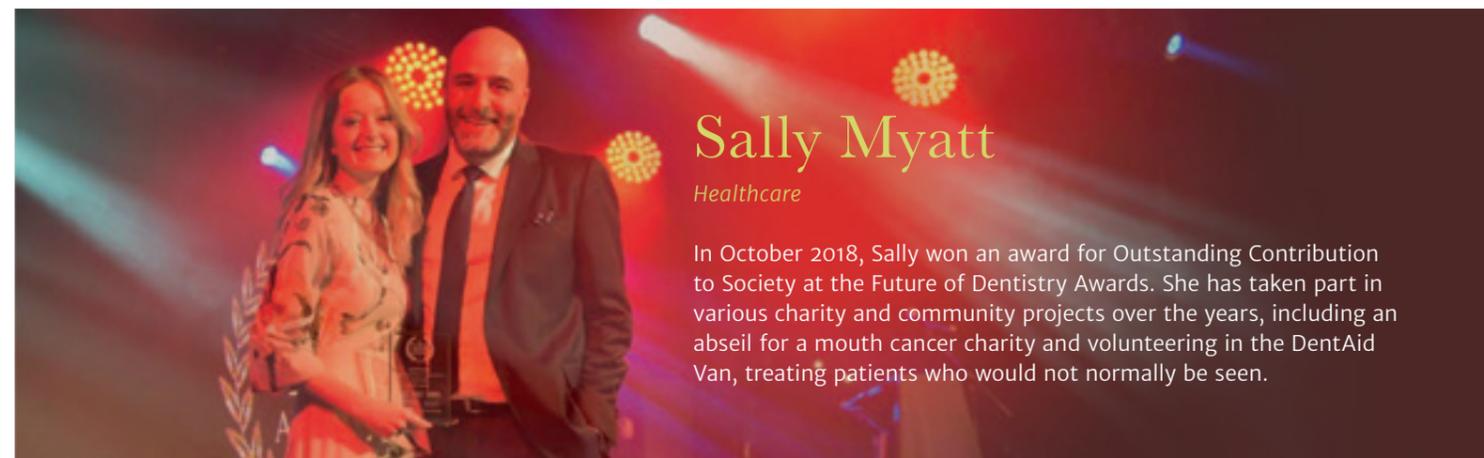
Anita was a leading neurologist, known for discovering the 'first identification of a mitochondrial DNA mutation in human disease and the concept of tissue heteroplasmy of mutant mitochondrial DNA,' alongside Ian Holt and John Morgan-Hughes. Tragically, she died of cancer shortly before her 43rd birthday. In 1995, Anita was posthumously awarded the Association of British Neurologists' Medal for her contributions to the science of neurology.



Rosalind Goodgame (née Jeynes)

Healthcare

Roz is a successful medical doctor, working as a GP. She is married to the lovely man she met while at school, and they have a beautiful little girl. Roz is incredible. She always has time for others, is loyal, trustworthy and has brilliant communication skills. As a great chef and food connoisseur, Roz also writes a popular, fascinating blog on the subject.



Sally Myatt

Healthcare

In October 2018, Sally won an award for Outstanding Contribution to Society at the Future of Dentistry Awards. She has taken part in various charity and community projects over the years, including an abseil for a mouth cancer charity and volunteering in the DentAid Van, treating patients who would not normally be seen.

Vivienne McVey (née Jinks)

Healthcare

After qualifying in Medicine from Cambridge University, Vivienne became a full-time partner in General Practice. She left after 15 years to start a business with three colleagues, outsourcing medical services to the NHS. Bought in 2010 by Virgin Group, Virgin Care is now one of the largest 'not for profit' providers of community-based health and care services across England, in partnership with the NHS and Local Authorities. Vivienne is now the CEO and proud of the real difference Virgin Care continues to make for millions of people with the help of over 6000 nurses, doctors, therapists, and support staff.



Sophie Allan

Healthcare



Sophie has used the insights gained from her own experiences of mental illness to help others on their road to recovery. Shortly after leaving KEHS, Sophie experienced a psychotic episode and was diagnosed

with Bipolar Disorder. Spurred on by the excellent help she received, Sophie began working in the NHS in 2011 as a mental health Peer Support Worker, then as Head of Patient and Parent Involvement in young people's mental health services. In 2020, she will qualify as a Clinical Psychologist. Sophie has published a number of journal articles and book chapters in the field of mental health, including about her personal experiences.





Judy Martin (née Hague)

International Affairs

Judy has started a charity that supports local partners in Tanzania who offer microcredit loans to women, promoting economic activity and family welfare. Women receiving loans are trained in the basics of running a business. The training emphasises honesty and responsibility, showing them that their repayments go to help other women. In 10 years of operation, over 3600 loans have been made. The charity also supports agricultural and sanitation projects in rural areas.



Aliya Abidi

International Affairs

Aliya is a kind curious and caring soul. It is no surprise to us that she has gone on to showcase these characteristics in her work life. After graduating from KEHS, she gained a Masters in English Language and Literature at the Université de Lausanne. Between her studies, Aliya volunteered at teaching camps in Lebanon. This sparked a passion in Aliya and she has since dedicated her career to humanitarian causes. Since May 2018, Aliya has been working in a variety of charity roles, working in South Sudan and Greece, and has just secured a role working for Play International in London. Aliya has built up a staggering record for helping others, giving her time and energy to a range of hugely worthwhile organisations.

Kate Goldman-Toomey (née Goldman)

International Affairs



Kate read Ancient History at the University of Nottingham, but was also interested in a career in Business and Marketing. Following an introduction to recruiters for the Voluntary Sector by another Old Edwardian, Kate has never looked back. Kate has focused her career on working for extraordinary organisations that respect and protect the rights of some of the world's most vulnerable and marginalised people. Today, Kate is the Director of Partnerships at UNICEF UK. Her role is to unlock the power of the private sector for good, helping direct resources where they are most needed and ensuring responsible practice. Kate manages a team of 45 people, who bring in a total of around £30 million a year.

Hannah Barrett

International Affairs

After leaving KEHS with the Creak Memorial Prize in 2002, Hannah became a trustee of Latin American Foundation for the Future, a charity which helps people in Peru build a better future. Hannah passed away in 2010 but she fought tirelessly for LAFF's cause until the very end, being involved with event planning, fundraising and incredibly completing a sponsored swim of the English Channel whilst undergoing chemotherapy. Hannah remains an inspiration to LAFF's team and will forever be an honorary Trustee in spirit because of her unrelenting dedication, energy and enthusiasm.



Dorothy Brindley

International Affairs



Dorothy was an Old Edwardian cook who served in the Women's Imperial Service League. She travelled to Serbia as part of the official Red Cross in 1915 and her job was to run the field kitchen. As the war escalated, she continued

to work in field hospitals and helped to evacuate Red Cross personnel when retreat became the only option. On her wedding day in 1918, she was awarded the Serbian Red Cross by the Serbian Minister. She was also awarded the Serbian Silver Medal for Bravery. She was taken prisoner in 1940 in Serbia and held as a POW until 1945.



Sylvia Gordon (née Landau)

International Affairs

Sylvia taught History and Public Affairs at the United Nations International School in New York. She founded UNIS-UN in 1976, an event during which her students and visiting students could meet to discuss pertinent world issues. Over the years, UNIS-UN has evolved into the largest student-run conference held in the United Nations General assembly, with over 500 students attending from 5 continents. Sylvia died in 2015. Her friend for over 70 years, None Redmond, describes her as 'a warrior woman for peace'.



Valerie Powles

International Affairs

Valerie Powles left KEHS to read languages at Manchester University, and then went on to live in Barcelona. She became very involved in Catalan culture and language, leading a movement for the preservation of a shelter which had been occupied during the Civil War. The movement succeeded, and Valerie was awarded the VI Sants-Montjüic Prize in recognition for her involvement. It is now a museum and can be visited. Sadly, Valerie died in 2011 and was laid to rest in Barcelona with a touching tribute.

Christina Michalos

Law

Christina is a leading specialist in privacy, media & entertainment law, soft intellectual property, and sports law, and the author of *The Law of Photography and Digital Images* (Sweet & Maxwell 2004). Christina also has extensive public law experience as a member of the Attorney General's panel of advocates for over 16 years particularly in relation to prisons and the armed forces. Her high profile work includes acting for the Met Police in the Leveson Inquiry (phone hacking). Christina was also recently appointed as a Queen's Counsel, only the fifth female QC in 100 years! Christina is also a trustee of the Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity.



Judy Dyke MBE (née Dyer)

Law

Judy is a private client solicitor and a self declared 'proud Brummie'. Professionally, Judy has won numerous accolades, including the NatWest Venus 'Recognising Women in Business' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 and the Birmingham Law Society Legal Pro Bono Award. Outside work, Judy is an ardent advocate for many local charities, including Edward's Trust, Birmingham St Mary's Hospice and The KEHS Trust. In July 2012, Judy was honoured to be invited to become a member of the Court of the University of Birmingham. Judy received an MBE in 2019 for her work with causes and the community.

Natalia Garcia-Lora

Law



Natalia is a Solicitor Consultant at Fountain Solicitors and specialises in cases where the state raises allegations of national security risk or suspected terrorism against the individual. She has gained a reputation as an extremely experienced and respected specialist, and has represented clients in leading cases that

have resulted in changes to the law. She has been ranked as a leading individual in Civil Liberties, Human Rights and Immigration Law in the Chambers Legal Directory for a number of years. She was nominated as a leading campaigner in the The Lawyer Hot 100 in 2006.



Karen Bailey

(née Wright)

Law

Having studied Law at Manchester University, Karen became the youngest partner at Tyndallwoods Solicitors in 1990. She established her own award-winning law firm, Bailey Wright & Co, in 1996 – the first African-Caribbean woman to set up a legal practice in central Birmingham. The firm has Lexcel, the Law Society's quality mark for excellence in legal practice management and client care. In 2010, one of her cases was the subject of the award winning film, *The Whistleblower*, starring Rachel Weiss and Vanessa Redgrave. Other cases, in education and employment, have reinterpreted the law to assist the wider public.

Diana Vincent-Daviss

Law

Diana was an eminent university librarian and human rights pioneer. In 1992, she was named deputy director of the Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for International Human Rights at Yale University. Diana also published a three volume guide on Human Rights Law. After Diana's death, a consortium of law librarians, university-based human rights centres and non-governmental human rights organisations set about the collaborative venture, Project Diana. Together, they have created a comprehensive and authoritative database of electronic materials essential to Human Rights research.



Gayatri Sehdev

Law

Gayatri has an endless joy for learning and a desire to improve herself and the world around her. She is unafraid and takes on challenges in her every stride. After studying Law at Cambridge, she went on to live in London, Hong Kong, Paris, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, and in the latter she completed her MBA at Wharton, where she graduated as a Palmer Scholar. Having returned to London, Gayatri is now fulfilling her ambitions of building a bridge between the fields of business and law within the legal team at Thomson Reuters, where she is leading the total redesign of how legal teams support their businesses.



Penelope Belcher (née Lucas)

Law



After leaving KEHS in 1975, Penelope spent nine months working in Germany and then read law (and got a sailing blue) at St Hugh's College, Oxford. On graduation, she did the Bar exams and practised as a barrister in London until 1987, when she moved to California. She qualified and practised in California before returning to the UK in 1990. Now

with two young children, she requalified and worked as a solicitor until 2005, then becoming a Circuit Judge sitting in the Crown, County and Administrative Courts.

Hazel Holt (née Young)

Media



After KEHS, Hazel studied at Newnham College, Cambridge. She went on to work at the International African Institute in London, where she became acquainted with the novelist Barbara Pym,

whose biography she later wrote. She also finished one of Pym's novels after Pym died. Hazel wrote her first novel in her sixties, and was a leading crime novelist. She is best known for her Sheila Malory series.

Helen Cadbury

Media



Helen was, and is, a remarkable role model. Typical of many talented women, she led a full, happy and active life, enjoying different roles and careers, always holding on to the Quaker principles of philanthropy. Her jobs included teaching in schools, working as a tutor at a Women's Open

Prison and a crime writer. Helen was also an ardent environmentalist, persuading others to follow more ethical sustainable development schemes. Her closest friends say, "Hers was a sparkling, funny, ever curious intelligence always put to purposeful good use."



Kathryn Williams

Media

While forging a successful career in technology, Kathryn continued to pursue her goal to also be a fiction writer. A passion that was born when she was fifteen, and nurtured by Miss Warne, Mrs Moule and librarian Mrs Maloney, led to success in February 2018. Kathryn (under her pen name K L Kettle) was announced as a finalist in the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators 'Undiscovered Voices' competition, soon joined the Madeleine Milburn literary agency, and her first book will be published early 2021.

Lindsey Davis

Media



After a school life where she showed a fine streak of independence, Lindsey studied at Oxford University and then joined the civil service. She decided that as a woman she was not going to break

through the glass ceiling, and she wanted to write, so she gave up her comfortable job and instead made sandwiches, amongst other jobs, to have some income while she started her writing career. Her first book, *The Silver Pigs* was published in 1989 and won the Authors' Club Best First Novel award. It was to become the first in the Falco series, which is now twenty novels strong. In 2013, Lindsey launched the new Albia series, and in 2014 released that standalone book *A Cruel Fate* - written as part of 'Quick Reads' a programme designed to make reading accessible and pleasurable for all. Lindsey is also a patron of The KEHS Trust.

Karthi Gnanansegaram

Media



After reading Classics at university, Karthi went on to be a television and radio presenter working for the BBC, Classic FM, Amazon Prime Video and IMG. After an early career working for BBC London, Al Jazeera English and Sky News, in 2010 she returned to the BBC ahead of the 2012 London Olympics, presenting various news and sports programmes. In 2017, she also became a presenter on Classic FM, using the appreciation gleaned from her school days playing the violin and piano to Grade 8, and in 2018 hosted 10,000 opera fans in Trafalgar Square for live performances from the Royal Opera House.

Madeline Grant

Media



Madeline read English at St Hilda's College, Oxford where she became involved in politics and debating as a member of the Standing Committee of the Oxford Union. After working as a Junior Reporter on the current affairs magazine *Newsweek UK*, she became an MP's Speechwriter and Researcher, then joined the Institute of Economic Affairs, as a Media Officer, where she began writing regular political and literary comment articles for *The Times* and

Daily Telegraph. Earlier this year, she moved to *The Telegraph* as Assistant Comment Editor, writing numerous columns and comment articles as well as mentoring and encouraging other young writers and Telegraph contributors. She also appears widely on television, radio, thinktank panels and conferences in interviews, political debates and paper reviews.

Katherine Keating (née Davis)

Media



Katie realised she wanted to make a career out of drama after watching Danny Boyle's *Trainspotting*. She left KEHS to study English & Drama at the University of Manchester with the intention of applying for drama school after her degree, but the inspiring Drama Department at Manchester opened her eyes to many other possibilities. Katie preferred being behind the scenes to being on stage, so applied to Royal Holloway to do a Masters in Producing for Film & Television. Following an internship at Film London, Katie moved into television working as a script editor - a role she describes as her 'true vocation'. She has worked on the children's drama, *Roy*, which won the BAFTA Children's Award for Best Drama in 2012.

Mary Cutler

Media



Mary Cutler is the longest-serving scriptwriter on BBC Radio 4's *The Archers*, having joined the programme in 1979. Over the years, Mary

has been involved in many story lines familiar to regular listeners of the programme, and she wrote the 60th anniversary episode, broadcast in 2011, in which Nigel Pargetter famously plunged to his death from the roof of his ancestral home. Mary has also dramatised several of fellow Old Edwardian Lindsey Davis's Falco novels for radio, and has written other works for radio, stage and television.



Nisha Pillai

Media

Nisha is a well-known and highly regarded journalist, conference host and motivational speaker. With more than 25 years of experience, Nisha is best known for her work as a BBC World News presenter and has conducted award-winning investigations for *Panorama* and *The Money Programme*. She was also awarded the Royal Television Society's Award for best current affairs programme for *The Max Factor* – her investigation into the late media tycoon Robert Maxwell's sprawling business empire.

Dorothy Jordan Lloyd

Science & Engineering

Dorothy was an early protein scientist who studied the interactions of water with proteins. Dr Jordan Lloyd succeeded Sir Robert Picard as Director of Research at the Research Association in 1927. This appointment was unique in the scientific world, as she was the only woman scientist in charge of an industrial research association. Under her direction, it developed greatly in size and repute. In the opinion of those best qualified to judge, Dr Jordan Lloyd was the leading leather scientist of her time.



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Reeta Chakrabarti

Media

When Reeta left KEHS in 1983, little did she know that she would be the face of some of the most influential news stories of the last twenty years. In her early career, Reeta worked as a producer on the *Today Programme*, *World at One*, and *PM*. Switching to the other side of the microphone, Reeta went on to report for *5 Live Breakfast*, and by 1997 had branched out into television, working first as Community Affairs Correspondent. It was in this post that she reported on the Stephen Lawrence inquest and the subsequent public inquiry, a story spanning more than a decade. Since then, Reeta has reported across numerous areas and covered many of the most notable stories of recent years, from tuition fees and academisation, to the MP expenses scandal. In May 2014, Reeta was appointed as presenter and reporter on BBC One.

Jess Simpson MBE (née Butcher)

Science & Engineering



Jess is a technology entrepreneur, angel and business advisor. In 2011, she co-founded Blippar, a pioneering augmented reality tech company, which she scaled internationally and more recently, Tick. Done – a new micro-video platform founded in 2018 to revolutionise how we access short 'how-to' content online. Blippar was named one of CNBC's Global 'Disruptor 50' Companies for 2015/16/17. Jess herself has received many accolades too, most notably her MBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

Ida Smedley Maclean

Science & Engineering



Under the tutelage of Miss Creak, Ida became the first in a long succession of Science Scholars to attend Newnham College, Cambridge. After taking the Natural Sciences Tripos, she proceeded almost at once to research in Chemistry, soon becoming a Fellow of the Institute. In 1920, she became the first female Fellow of the Chemical Society. From 1929 to 1935, she was president of the British Federation of University Women, an organisation she had co-founded to help remove gender discrimination within academia.



Sara Sehdev

Media

Sara runs her own talent agency, Core MGMT, where she has Colin Firth on speed dial and spends her time on the red carpet. She has recently been accepted as a member of BAFTA, and has just produced her first feature film, *Villain*, which will be released later this year, alongside an 18-minute single-take short starring Stephen Graham, *Boiling Point*. Her dedication to the arts, and her tenacity to succeed, when people were telling her to give it all up and be a mum to her 3-year old son Theo, is the reason we think she needs to be celebrated!



Judith Cobham-Lowe OBE (née Lowe)

Science & Engineering

Judith is a trailblazer for women in the construction industry. With a background in academia, corporate strategy and business leadership, in 2017 Judith was appointed the first woman master of London's Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths – breaking a 700 year-old glass ceiling. Judith's time as Prime Warden saw her launch the Company's ten-year countdown to the 700th Anniversary of the Company's first Royal Charter, and is expected to see them gift more £70 million in support of the gold and silversmiths' trade, apprentice training and other charitable activities.



Jyoti Sehdev

Science & Engineering

Jyoti studied at UCL and has quickly risen through the ranks of a male-dominated industry. Her leadership talent has been recognised repeatedly; she is constantly being selected to inspire women to become engineers, to advise on how to reduce the company's carbon footprint, and (following her particular passion of bio-mimicry) to think about where we can be inspired by nature in our structures and how we build them. Jyoti is also a vocal and brilliant advocate for LGBT+ & Allies, and also speaks openly to the mostly-male workforce about mental health issues within the industry.

Lindsay Hong (née Futter)

Science & Engineering

Lindsay took up a place at Oxford reading Oriental Studies before moving to Taipei to complete an MBA at Fu Jen Catholic University. After working briefly for the Bank of China, she moved into the digital sphere, helping brands such as Burberry and Net-a-Porter expand their digital footprint, and has remained there ever since. Today, Lindsay is the COO of Locaria, a leading provider of global online content services across all digital channels.



Sophie Thompson

Science & Engineering



Since leaving KEHS in 2012, Sophie used her fear of public speaking to co-create a virtual reality app called VirtualSpeech, which uses VR and artificial intelligence to help people improve their business skills, such as public speaking, job interviews and sales. It has been used by over 250,000 people in 125+ countries, and has been featured in BBC World News, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Forbes*. She was recently named as one of London's most influential people in the Progress 1000 for her work with emerging technology.

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Mary Lyon

Science & Engineering



Mary was one of the most important, yet little known, geneticists of the 20th century, whose work began a fundamental shift in the way we understand genetic disease. In 1961, she proposed the theory of X chromosome inactivation. She suggested that one of the two X chromosomes in the cells of mammalian females is randomly inactivated in the early stages of embryo development. This process, which later became known as 'lyonization' had huge implications for the way we understand the passing of genetic conditions and how their symptoms become expressed.

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Ruth Lynden-Bell (née Truscott)

Science & Engineering

Ruth is a highly-regarded Chemist, most recently known for her work using computer simulations to study the behaviour of liquids. After working at Cal Tech and then returning to Cambridge for her PhD, Ruth was appointed Fellow and College Lecturer at New Hall in 1972. In 1995, Ruth became a Professor in the School of Maths and Physics at Queen's University, Belfast. Ruth now acts as a patron for The KEHS Trust.



Vicki Seward

Science & Engineering

After leaving KEHS to pursue Mathematics in 1991, within six years Vicki had completed a D.Phil in Applied Maths and had begun working for a small security and intelligence consultancy, helping the UK government use new technology to help tackle terrorism and serious organised crime. That company was acquired and in 2008, Vicki was moved to a different role in a completely different area of the business: submarine building. Today, she is the Chief Operating Officer for BAE Systems Submarines, responsible for 5,500 people designing and building nuclear submarines, unquestionably the most complex engineering project in the UK today.



Rachel Briscoe (née Colman)

Science & Engineering

Rachel has worked in the construction industry for 11 years, as a Consultant Project Manager for public sector clients, delivering projects across housing, healthcare and cultural sectors. She is truly passionate about encouraging young women into careers in construction, and has set up a Women's Network at her company to work towards eliminating the gender pay gap and promoting role models and opportunities to give women the skills and confidence to progress in their careers. Alongside her career, she also married a KES Old Ed and has two children.



Winifred Cullis CBE OBE

Science & Engineering

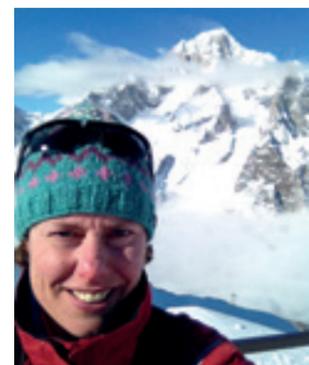
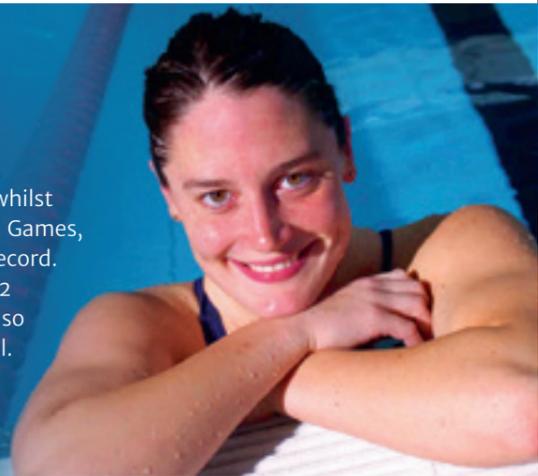
Winifred was a scientist and pioneer for women's rights. Appointed Emeritus Professor of Physiology at the University of London, Winifred was a keen researcher and became well known for her ground-breaking papers. After the outbreak of the First World War, Winifred used her gifts as an engaging and persuasive speaker to lecture troops on physiology and health. For this work, she was awarded an OBE in 1919 and the CBE in 1929. Later, in 1929, she became President of the International Federation of University Women, a role which combined her passion for the advancement of women with the values of international cooperation.



Georgina Lawrie (née Lee)

Sports

Georgina, a competitive swimmer, first competed at global standard in 1998 whilst she was still a pupil at KEHS. She has since raced in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, reaching the semi-final of the 200 metre Butterfly and breaking the British record. In 2001, she won a Bronze medal at the European Championships, and in 2002 she won Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games. She also competed in the 2004 Olympic Games, reaching two finals and one semi-final. Between 2000 and 2004, Georgina set 14 British records and won the British Championships 14 times in the 100- and 200-metre Butterfly events.



Lucy Newcombe

Sports

Lucy is a former international hockey player, playing for England in the mid-90s. She was a member of the England team that brought home a Silver medal from the Commonwealth Games in 1998. She has also recently walked around the coast of Great Britain. Following her time at KEHS, she completed an Aerosystems Engineering degree at Salford University and went on to join the RAF, being commissioned as a Junior Officer.

Nicola Ponsford MBE

Sports

Nicola is RFU Head of Performance (Women). In that role, she has overseen the England side who won the World Cup in 2014, reached three other World Cup finals and won numerous Six Nations titles. She has also been responsible for the introduction of full-time contracts and the new



domestic league. An ex-England international herself, who played in England's first ever international match against Wales in 1987, she became the RFUW's first paid employee in October 1998. Nicola went on to win 50 caps for England, and was part of the historic 1994 winning side in the Women's Rugby World Cup, beating the USA 38-23. In 2001, Nicola gained an MBE for her services to Women's Rugby. She has also represented Great Britain in Sailing at World and European Championships.



Sally Jones

Sports

Sally is a sportswoman, journalist and television presenter. After making a name for herself in tennis, squash and netball, taking the National Schoolgirls' Tennis Championship and winning Blues at Oxford for tennis, netball, squash, cricket and Modern Pentathlon, Sally moved into journalism and has since worked for the BBC, ITN, HTV and Central. In 1986, she became BBC TV's first female sports presenter, fronting Breakfast News and general BBC Sport coverage, later presenting at the Olympic Games in 1988 and 1992. She captained Warwickshire Tennis for a decade and was women's world Real Tennis champion, singles and doubles, in the 1990s. Sally now runs her own specialist media consultancy firm and also does a wide range of freelance journalism and media training.

Sue Cogswell

Sports

Sue is known for her career as a Squash player. She was runner-up at the 1979 Women's World Open Squash Championship, three-time runner-up at the British Open (1974, 1979, 1980), and won the British National Squash Championship title five times in 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1979. Cogswell and her team won the 1979 Women's World Team Squash Championships. Sue is also the over 40 World Doubles champion. Sue now resides in Johannesburg, working as a Director of Healthcare.



Susannah Rodgers MBE

Sports

Susannah is a British Paralympic swimmer. She competed in the S7 classification events and won three bronze medals at the London 2012 Summer Paralympic Games, followed by a gold at the Rio 2016 Summer Paralympics in the 50m Butterfly event and two bronze medals. In addition, Susannah is involved with many charitable organisations including the Marine Conservation Society and our very own KEHS Assisted Places Programme. She was awarded an MBE in 2017 for services to Paralympic swimming.



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