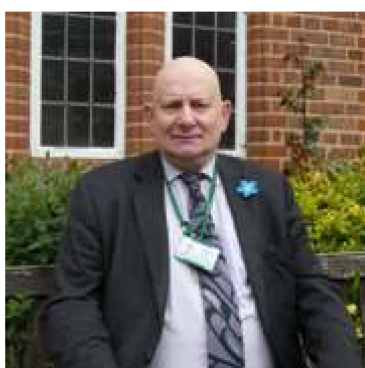




Event: ACS Conference

On 23 February, the KES and KEHS African and Caribbean Society hosted its first Foundation-wide conference, which 120 students from 12 schools attended. The day was opened by Jodh Dhesi, CEO, and Dr Katy Ricks, Chief Master of KES discussing the Royal Academy of Arts exhibition “Entangled Parts”, before Miss Bréchon-Smith (KES), Miss Dionne McKee and Miss Dominique McKee (KEHS) hosted the day, which featured numerous special guest speakers, including: Stuart Lawrence, the younger brother of Stephen Lawrence and public speaker; Hannah Joseph, England Netball and Loughborough Lightning player; Celia Fraser, Asset Management manager at Capital Group and Camp Hill Girls Alumna; Governor, Sophia Bréchon-Smith, Social Media Manager for Five Guys, as well as a Handsworth Girls alumna, and Garry Stewart, a specialist in pre and post-war history and Black Heritage Walks.



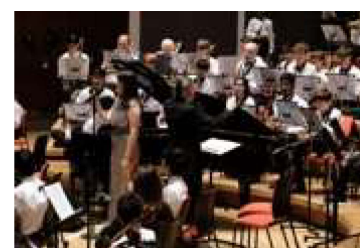
Staff: Celebrating Mr Cooper

Tim Cooper, Teacher of Classics, is soon to complete his 50th year of teaching - 47 of which he has spent at KEHS! During that time, he has held many diverse roles: Head of Classics, Head of Sixth Form, a Sixth Form Tutor, Tour Leader for trips in the UK and to Greece, Italy, Russia and France. He has also been involved in community events, including being our resident Father Christmas for many years at parties organised by the Sixth Form for local children, summer camps for children, and delivering food parcels to local people. Just last year he was nominated for the ‘Positive Role Model for Age’ by the National Diversity Awards and only just lost out to the eventual

winner. We are compiling a surprise ‘Memory Book’ for Tim and would be delighted if you could send any special memories using [our online form](#).

Event: Symphony Hall Concert

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



Event: Culture Week

KEHS looks forward to this annual celebration of the diversity within our school community. This year, aside from the delicious international-themed lunches the Dining Hall staff kindly provided, and students’ music-making in the Entrance Hall each morning (with Chamber Orchestra’s Irish jigs and reels becoming a resounding annual favourite), we were fortunate to have a range of other special events to mark Culture Week including: applying Henna; a yoga workshop; a very entertaining talk by Dr Sarah Kenny, UOB on ‘youth culture; a head-to-head debate between KEHS and KES on ‘This House believes that culturally significant articles should not be held in the museums of countries different to the articles’ places of origin’; the Garba Event – an amazing opportunity to learn more about this Hindu dance form; and the Spoken Word’s Poetry Slam – to name just a few!

Giving: Meet a Student Caller

We're excitedly preparing for this year's summer telethon - an opportunity for alumni and students to speak to one another about school, make connections, and learn about how they can give back to KEHS through CareersLink and the Assisted Places Fund. Students go through a rigorous application process. Jamima explains why she's excited to be a new caller: "The summer telethon is an exciting initiative that I am thrilled to be a part of. I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know lots of Old Edwardians and hear about their time at KEHS, whilst raising money for an incredible cause. The [Assisted Places Fund](#) plays a pivotal role in many King Edward's students' lives, as it is truly life changing and gives them access to an excellent education that they may not have had otherwise. I am so excited to be a student caller and be able to be part of something so important, whilst giving back to the school which has given me so much."



School: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

During the last week of the Spring Term, for Neurodiversity Celebration Week, there were a variety of events to raise awareness and understanding about neurodiversity. You can read all about them [here](#). The aim of the week was to embrace diversity, but this is not something that happens for just one week at KEHS, we promote inclusion every day. Neurodiversity Celebration Week has raised awareness, and encouraged pupils, and members of staff, to become more informed and confident to promote neurodiversity even more in the future.

