



West Midlands Independent Secondary School of the Year

We are thrilled to share that KEHS has been named West Midlands Independent Secondary School of the Year for Academic Excellence for the fourth year in a row and is ranked in the national top 10 by the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025. You can read more [here](#).



Top 20 Girls' Cricket Schools 2025

We are delighted to announce that King Edward VI High School for Girls (KEHS) has been named as one of the UK's Top 20 all-girls schools for cricket by *The Cricketer* magazine. This marks their first year of recognition, showcasing the exceptional growth of the sport within and beyond the curriculum. One notable achievement from last season was a joint third-place finish on points for our under-13 team in the ECB Indoor National Finals at Lord's Cricket Ground. [Click here](#) to read more.

keynotes 2024

Our absolutely marvellous editor Debbie Macleod has just sent this year's edition of **keynotes** for distribution! You'll find yours in your inbox or letterbox around the week beginning 16 December, or [click here](#).

Articles include:

- OE Sara Sehdev speaks about producing the #1 trending film on Netflix;
- changing career paths;
- meet the new Head of School;
- and, of course, alumni and school news.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part and submitted news. Congratulations to Helen Aldhous, whose name was drawn as the winner of our 'News in Brief' competition, a £50 gift voucher is on its way to you. If you have a story to share for the next edition, it is never too early to get in touch!



Privacy Notice Update

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



Junior Production 2024

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

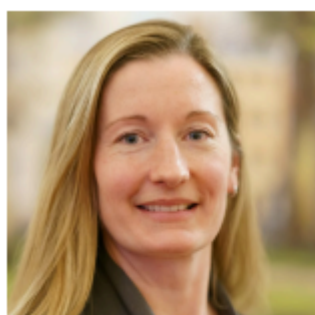


Christmas Cards

As is tradition, each December we select a design from the House Christmas Card competition to use to send to our alumni. Congratulations to Tallulah in L5 for her wonderful entry. The entries were top quality, with further designs being used by the Head of School. Thank you to the Art Department and all of the girls who submitted an entry.

Engines of Opportunity

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



Congratulations Laura!

We are delighted to announce that Laura Salt has been appointed as Development Director at King Edward VI High School for Girls and KES. Laura joined us in 2022 and has made a phenomenal impact on the Development Team. With Development experience at school and university level, in the UK and internationally, Laura brings a wealth of varied experience to the role. She has also been a trustee of the British Gymnastics Foundation and is a governor of a local primary school. Of course, this meant saying goodbye to Adelaide Bailey, who had been with us since 2012. We wish her the best in her new role and hope we'll see her at her next reunion.

Alumnae Services

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

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

