

KING'S HIGH NEWS

SPRING 2022

KING'S LOOKS
TO THE FUTURE

TURBO-CHARGED:
OUR NEW JET ENGINE

SCHOOL DOG:
MEET 'PARSNIP'

ART, SPORT, DRAMA,
MUSIC AND MORE



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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As I sit writing this message, I have on my desk the programmes from two recent performances which exemplify the wonderful opportunities for our pupils of working together across our schools on this site.

The first is from the production of *The Musicians*, the Middle School production, which saw a tremendous cast and crew from King's High and Warwick bring to life a really innovative play under the direction of Mr Perry. I have to say that I thought the 'virtual' orchestra was very convincing, far more so than many you may see on screen!

From a virtual orchestra, we move to the real thing, as the second programme marks the Foundation Symphony Orchestra's concert last week. Here, a full orchestra of some eighty players performed exceptionally demanding repertoire – including Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances From "West Side Story"* to a most appreciative audience. Our musicians certainly deserved their standing ovation, as under the baton of Mr Laing, they gave performances of which they should be truly proud. Easily surpassing the standard of many county orchestras, the joy of the players was palpable. I believe this is the first time the orchestra has undertaken a full concert programme on its own; may it be the first of many.

Remaining for a moment with Music, this term has also seen the consolidation of the Foundation's relationship with The Orchestra of the Swan. The music mentoring scheme between our pupils and the Swan players has commenced, and it has been a great pleasure to welcome so many who had previously not had contact with the Foundation, to the concerts staged this year in Warwick Hall. This is another good example of where our reach in the community can bring such tangible benefits to many – our own pupils and local residents.

There are many other areas of school life where collaboration is paying dividends. A key development for next year is the establishment of a range of shared House activities, which has the potential to bring such richness to the co-curricular life of our schools. It is very exciting to see how the 'best of both worlds' vision is being enhanced and lived out day by day.

Finally, something of which I hope we can all be proud is the way in which our schools are constantly seeking to develop the education we provide and, indeed, break new ground. I am therefore delighted that we are hosting a national conference, 'FutureFwd', which brings together educationalists and employers, with the aim of ensuring that our young people are fully equipped for life beyond school. This is a cross-sector event, with our key partners being the University of Warwick and Warwickshire College Group. More details may be found here: www.futurefwd.org. If you would like to attend, please do sign-up, and be part of this vital conversation.

Richard Nicholson
Foundation Principal

HEAD MASTER'S INTRODUCTION

We have enjoyed a glorious Spring Term at King's High School and, in recent days, we have basked in lovely Spring sunshine. It has been a particular pleasure to see the excellent work of our Gardening Club as they have worked to redesign a new area outside our dining hall to grow herbs, vegetables and flowers. We have seen the daffodils bloom, which is always a sign of hope and new life.

Another delightful moment for our community was the arrival of Parsnip, our new school dog – a six-month old Parson Terrier. Parsnip has been working hard this term familiarising herself with her new surroundings, completing her mandatory training badges, and getting to know our students.

As ever, there has been much to celebrate, as well as great fun and joy. A particularly exciting development has been the sorting of our whole school into six new competitive Houses, which are to be launched on the first day of the Summer Term. The new House names were chosen by our students following our Big Changemaker Conversation on the most inspirational figures from past and present. Our new house names were revealed amidst much excitement: Austen, Earhart, Franklin, Seacole, Tubman and Yousafzai. We are all looking forward greatly to our new House programme and the opportunities for combined House activities with Warwick School.

We were delighted to launch our new Engines and Aviation Project which saw the arrival of a Rolls Royce Viper 102 Turbojet engine from an RAF Jet Provost trainer aircraft, as well as a new Formula 24 car for design, assembly and racing. Within this Engineering focus, in September we begin our Build a Place Project which will see students working with experts over an eighteen-month period to build and fly an aircraft. It is exciting to see STEM thriving at King's High and so many of our students making the most of their opportunities to build, make and problem-solve.

Music, Sport and Drama continue to flourish and this term saw our Middle School production of Patrick Marber's *The Musicians* performed in the Bridge House Theatre. Last week we enjoyed a superb Spring Concert featuring exceptional music from across our Foundation schools, whilst in sport it was a real pleasure to watch our U16 netball team perform so well in the national finals.

We are very fortunate to have such committed, hard-working and talented students and staff working together on such exciting projects, events and activities. There is a great sense of progress and shared endeavour in school which I have been able to take great pride in.

I hope that you enjoy reading about the range of activities in recent months and I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Dr Stephen Burley
Head Master



INTRODUCING OUR SCHOOL DOG

We welcomed an exciting new addition to our community – our very own School Dog. Young Parsnip has been undergoing training for this important role. Mrs Murphy, her Human, reports on her progress to date:

'Parship is now 6 months old, and her training is going very well. She has gained her second Certificate, having passed the Kennel Club Good Citizen Scheme Pre Bronze Standard (this is in addition to her Dogs Trust Puppy Foundation Award, which she has achieved).

She absolutely loves coming into school to familiarise herself with the sounds, smells and people. She particularly enjoys the smells of the dining room (!) and bumping into students as she makes her way to and from her base in the Innovation Centre.

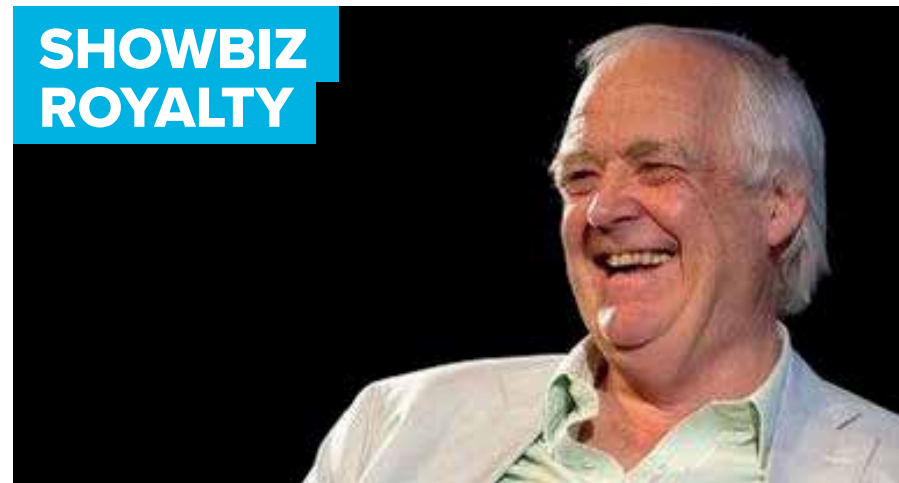
She is learning to sit before greeting people, and walk to heel, as well as being touched and fussed. A number of students have met Parsnip and she cannot help but make students, staff and visitors smile.

In the coming months, Parsnip will continue her training and spend more time in school and students will become increasingly used to seeing her. I hope she will continue to bring such a sense of joy and happiness.'

The decision to introduce a school dog has been made following extensive research - which shows interacting with animals has the potential to provide many benefits – as well as much discussion, to cover all the practicalities. We hope pupils will gain a great deal of enjoyment from having a school dog, and that Parsnip becomes an established part of life at King's High.



SHOWBIZ ROYALTY



Our Encore Music Society was thrilled to host a Q&A with the legend who is Sir Tim Rice. Sir Tim is one of a very small, select band who have won an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony), and his shows are part of us all: *Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, Chess, The Lion King, Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*. On his social media, Sir Tim describes himself (with typical deadpan humour) as: 'Lyric writer for numerous musicals since 1965. Some did quite well.' Dr Burley quoted Sir Tim's wisdom in Assembly the following day: 'Often successful people do things in a new, unexpected way. Questioning received wisdom about the way things work can lead to meaningful innovation.'

TAKE OFF



There was much excitement at King's when pupils took delivery of a Rolls Royce Viper 102 Turbojet engine, from an RAF Jet Provost trainer aircraft. This will form part of our new Engines and Aviation Project at King's. It is a wonderful opportunity to see first hand the internal workings of a Turbojet engine. It will be used as a teaching and learning aid for our Design and Technology Department, and CCF's Air Cadets. Some ideas include: learning more about mechanisms, materials, and mechanical fittings, and learning to read working drawings and technical documents. A huge thank you to Mark Smyth, pilot and King's parent, who has made all this possible. He sourced the engine, cleaned it thoroughly, provided a custom-made waterproof cover with King's High's name on it, and personally transported the engine to school!

KING'S ENTREPRENEURS

Our Young Enterprise teams of students from King's High and Warwick School have shown fantastic entrepreneurial flair in designing, producing, marketing and selling their products. Eve reports from Team Orbis:

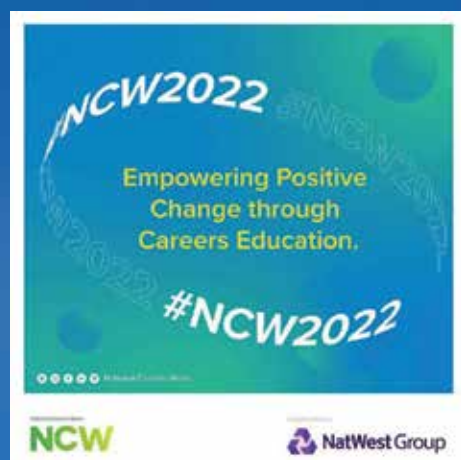
'Our company, Orbis chose to make rings from recycled aluminium cans, as they take 500 years to decompose and 1.5 million are contributed to landfill every year. With no reusable alternative to soft drinks in aluminium cans, unlike compostable coffee cups or reusable water bottles, we decided to instead recycle these locally into a fashion alternative, whilst additionally promoting recycling and the importance of rescuing items to limit the current fast fashion crisis to younger people, huge contributors to this issue. We also use an eco-friendly resin alternative derived from tree sap, sourced in the UK to further limit our carbon footprint. All our rings are handmade by us pupils, who include Abi, Chiara, Immy, Ethan, Ben, Oli, Noah, Harvey, Louis, Max and Vinny.

'In order to target a less feminine audience, we turned recycled skateboard bearings into chrome steel, high quality rings made to last, and these can be inclusively worn by any gender. Our rings can be found online on the Young Enterprise market place website, or can be bought through our Orbis Jewellery Instagram page, @orbis_jewellery_je. We also promote our rings through our TikTok page, @orbis_jewellery, with some posts reaching over 41,000 viewers. We have led multiple sales at both school sites, and held a public sale in Leamington. You can also find our products at ye-tradingstation.org.uk (type in 'skateboard bearing rings').'



KING'S FUTURES: FOCUS ON CAREERS

We supported National Careers Week 2022 with an action-packed week of talks, events, advice and ideas. In fact, there was so much going on, Careers Week continued on into the following week, here at King's...



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

A programme of fascinating talks from visiting speakers explored a wide range of career paths and some huge topics, including: Energy, Medical Ethics, and Sustainability. We are very grateful to all our speakers, and it was wonderful to welcome former King's High pupils back. Throughout the week, our pupils were encouraged to talk to their families and staff about their own careers, join Unifrog Webinars, speak with the Careers Team, read the latest *Your Future Bulletin*, and attend some of the virtual career insight sessions around the country. Here at King's, we had talks on:

- Degree Apprenticeships
- Midwifery
- Energy – Strategy and Innovation
- Medical Ethics
- Sustainability Consultancy
- National Trust Ranger
- Careers at Deloitte
- Business Chemistry
- Clinical Psychology
- Careers in Property
- Acting and Theatre



LIFE BEYOND KING'S

At King's High we pride ourselves on offering the very highest quality preparation for the myriad post-18 pathways of our students, whether that is an application to Oxbridge, Russell Group, Medicine and Overseas Universities, to Music and Drama school, and Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships.

Your Future Bulletin is a one-stop shop for Careers and Higher Education, Apprenticeships, Work Experience and Training Programmes. It has resources and information for the whole school community, from Year 7 through to Upper Sixth. (So useful is it, in fact, former pupils – even parents – refer to it for helpful careers advice)

Our Futures Programme includes:

- Careers Evenings and Fairs
- Careers Breakfasts and Lunches
- Higher Education Evening
- Your Futures Programme including employability skills
- Work Experience Programme
- Individual careers profiling and interviews for Years 10-11
- Personal Statement Tutors offer individualised advice for Sixth Form for UCAS
- UCAS Apply Training
- Comprehensive Careers resources
- Careers software training
- Year 9 National Enterprise Challenges
- Hot seating across all ages with alumnae, parents and older students
- Inspirational Speaker Programme

ENCOUNTERS: INCREDIBLE STORIES

The *Encounters* series saw another term of thought-provoking talks from inspiring speakers. They included David Blunkett, Sir Anthony Seldon, Falklands veteran, Simon Weston, and Stephen Sidaway, a retired Detective Inspector with Warwickshire Police, who rowed the Atlantic. We were delighted to welcome back Old Warwickians, Luke Hanrahan, Owen James, and Professor Peter Varnish. *Encounters* is open to pupils of all ages across the Foundation. Talks take place after school in the Warwick Science Lecture Theatre. The series will return in the Summer term.



ART AT COMPTON VERNEY



Over 50 KS3 pupils enjoyed a trip to Compton Verney's Portrait Artist of the Year Exhibition. Pupils had art materials, and explored the grounds, creating their own artwork.

WHICH UNIVERSITY?



Our Inspire King's Links trips have proved a huge success. Less formal and crowded than University Open Days, more intimate than Offer Days, King's Links trips give pupils an opportunity to visit recent King's High leavers at their universities, and talk to them about their student experience.

Each new trip sees more pupils sign up, and our latest – to Cambridge – was the biggest yet, with some 70 pupils from different year groups enjoying a day which included college tours, debates, a photographic competition, lunch, a walking tour, and plenty of opportunities to talk. We have visited a host of universities across the country (and abroad, virtually), and we are so grateful to our former pupils, who give their time so generously to offer this unique and invaluable insight into student life.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

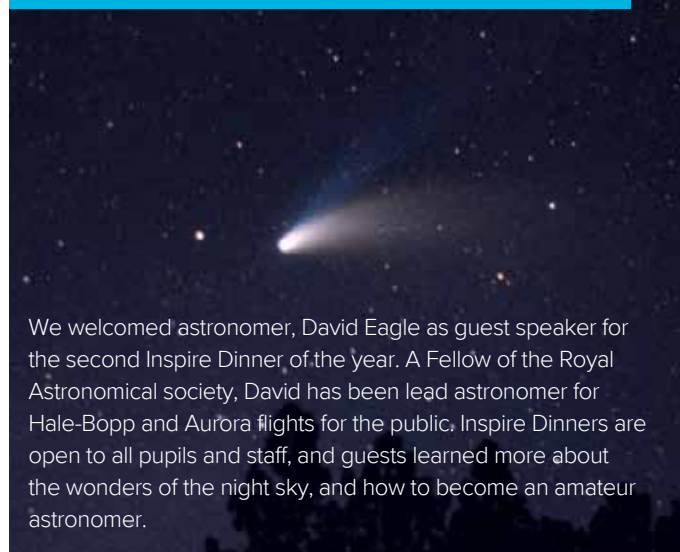
This year's theme was Growth. Café Scientifique supported British Science Week at King's and hosted a talk – The Fibre Optics Revolution: How Optical Fibres have shrunk the World. There was a Particle Physics Masterclass (remote) with Rutherford Appleton Lab, a Science Fair, an Exhibition of Year 7 Model Cells and posters, a Poster Competition, and the Science Festival of Fun, with interactive science, demonstrations, and fun games to play. Crowning all was the Cress Head Challenge – pupils grew and decorated their own Cress Heads, for judging at the Science Festival of Fun.



BIG CONVERSATIONS

Thalia, Maud, Toby and Ben invited pupils from King's and Warwick School for a 'Big Conversation' in Warwick Hall. The student panel have discussed a range of topics, including disability, racism and gender equality. Maud says: 'It is a great opportunity for everyone to hear a variety of perspectives, educate themselves further, and get involved in discussion.'

LOOK TO THE STARS



We welcomed astronomer, David Eagle as guest speaker for the second Inspire Dinner of the year. A Fellow of the Royal Astronomical society, David has been lead astronomer for Hale-Bopp and Aurora flights for the public. Inspire Dinners are open to all pupils and staff, and guests learned more about the wonders of the night sky, and how to become an amateur astronomer.

UN WOMEN

Maud was selected as a UN Women delegate for the UN Commission on the Status of Women (held online). Among the speakers was UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres. Maud is actively involved in King's High's own Model UN Society, and has taken part in inter-schools conferences. Ultimately, she hopes to follow in her aunt's footsteps and work for the UN in the future.



14-25 MARCH 2022
CSW66
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

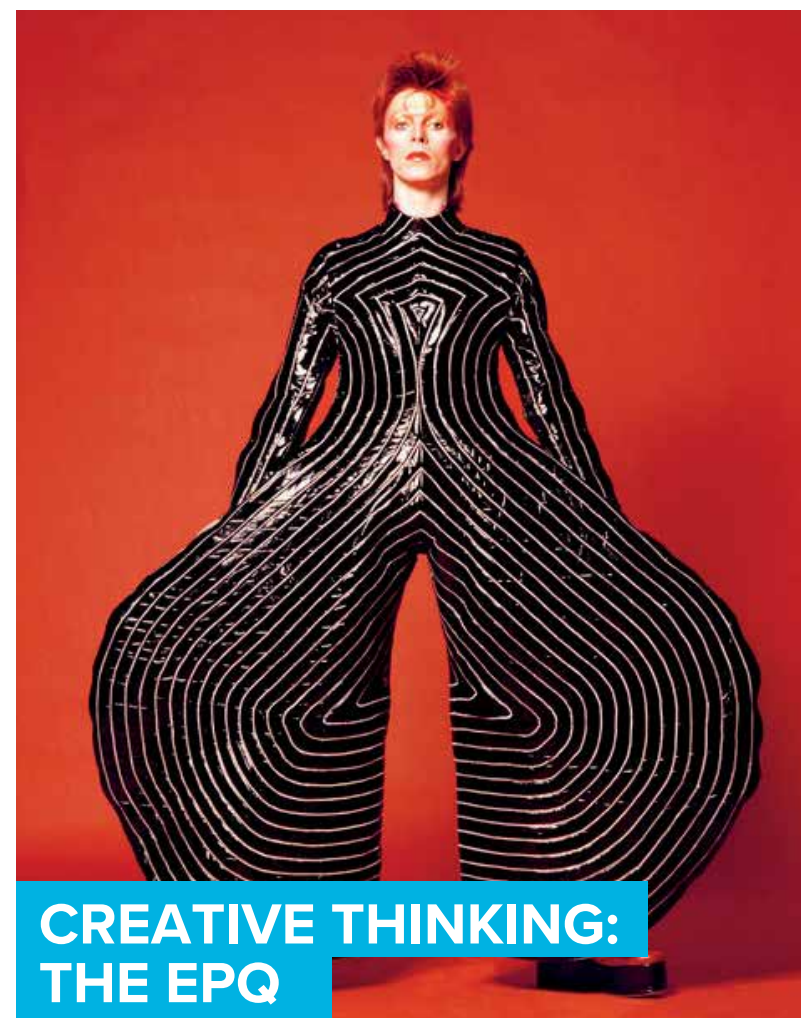
**CLIMATE CHANGE • ENVIRONMENT
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
GENDER EQUALITY AT THE CENTRE OF SOLUTIONS**

CULTURAL TRIPS

It has been lovely to see more trips taking place again. Thirty-five students went to the RSC in Stratford to see *Much Ado About Nothing*. Year 9 and 10 German students visited London for a cultural day which included an exciting Escape Room challenge, a themed trail at the Science Museum, and an *echt*-German meal and film.



Thirty-four students presented their Extended Project Qualification work to parents and staff.



CREATIVE THINKING: THE EPQ

SOCIETY NEWS

Editors, Katy and Olivia have done great work with Café Scientifique's newsletters. Articles have covered everything from ancient DNA, to the genetics of eating disorders. Café Scientifique and Lit & Phil Society came together to run a 500-word Joint Essay Competition: *Underrepresented Voices in Science*.

An environmental focus was developed brilliantly by Dr Tim Middleton's talk to Café Philo on Christianity and Ecology, which led to excellent discussion and deep thinking.

The Lit & Phil Society launched their KS3 & KS4 Poet Laureate Initiative. Everyone was invited to elect two Laureates from our youngest pupils, who will write poems to present on special occasions. Rose led pupils in a reflection on equality and social justice in Lit & Phil's talk *Underrepresented Voices*.

The Wildlife Conservation and Sustainability Society hosted Marine Biologist, Zoe Cox, who gave a fascinating talk on overfishing, bycatch, mis-labelling, and making sustainable choices.

The Da Vinci Society invited former pupil, Amber Parr – studying at Cambridge School of Architecture – to talk about architecture and life at Oxbridge.

As varied and interesting as ever, EPQ topics included: Anti-Fashion; Creativity in Artificial Intelligence; The effect of Electric Vehicle Batteries on the Seabed; Antidepressants; Concussion in Rugby and Football, and Rebellion Groups. Charlotte created a wonderful piece of music – a Composition in the style of Hans Zimmer. The number of students taking the valuable Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is so highly regarded by universities, has quadrupled, and in the same period, we saw significantly improved outcomes, with 89.5% of students (2019) achieving an A* or A grade for their project.



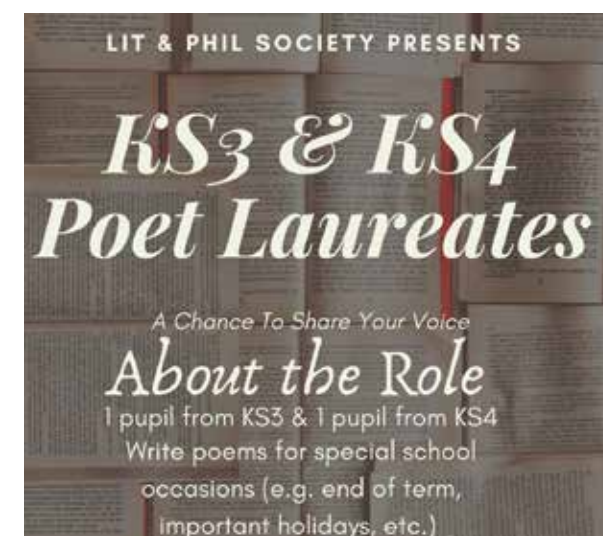
A Da Vinci Society Talk:

**ASPIRING TO
STUDY
ARCHITECTURE
OR EXPERIENCE
AN OXBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY?**

**AMBER PARR -
CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL
OF ARCHITECTURE**

Anyone is welcome!
Please join us remotely via the
'Inspire Art' channel on Teams.

Wednesday 9th February
13.10 - 13.45



COMPETITION NEWS

A huge well done to our Year 12 students who won Bronze in the Chemistry Olympiad. It is a tough competition, designed for Year 13 students, which makes their achievement even more exceptional.



LINGUISTICS OLYMPIANS

Shivanshi in Upper Sixth won the Bronze Award in the prestigious (and tough) UK Linguistics Olympiad. Nathania and Midhusha also did very well. Fourteen pupils from King's High and thirty-four pupils from Warwick School took part, from Years 10 to Upper Sixth.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking at King's High goes from strength to strength. This is evident in the various panel discussions pupils host, and record numbers have signed up for the Debating Club, resulting in an excellent performance in the ESU MACE Debating Competition. Our Lower Sixth team of Charlotte, Elizabeth, and Ivy opposed the motion 'This House would make fines for criminal and civil offences proportionate to the wealth of the offender' and have progressed to Round Two of this national competition.

INTER-SCHOOLS ESSAY

Sofia was a finalist in the Foxcroft Science Essay Competition, organised by Rugby School. She did a presentation and Q&A before a panel of judges. There were record numbers of entries this year, from schools across Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

KING'S REMEMBERS

On Holocaust Memorial Day, Key Stage 4 pupils heard Lesley Urbach speak about her family's experiences in Nazi Germany. Dr Burley joined pupils from King's High and local schools at the memorial service at St Mary's Church, where Florence in Year 8 read our school's new prayer, composed by our Inter Faith Group.

COLLABORATE: PROBLEM-SOLVING

'Are you passionate about problem-solving? Curious about creative thinking? Keen to develop your skills of collaborative learning? Interested in environmental issues? Buzzing about business? Or just want to work together on something a little different? Then this session is for you!' So read the introduction to our first *Collaborate* workshop, which saw King's High and Warwick School Sixth Formers work together, focusing on collaborative problem-solving of topical issues in our world, in an exciting new cross-curricular venture.

OUR NEW HOUSES

Head Master, Dr Burley says: 'It was an important and special moment for our school when we announced the names of our six new Houses: Austen, Earhart, Franklin, Seacole, Tubman, Yousafzai. These are the inspirational figures who gained the most votes from our students during our Big Changemaker Conversation, which resulted in our new Changemaker Gallery.'

The six new Houses are named after: Malala Yousafzai, activist for female education; pioneering scientist, Rosalind Franklin; former slave and women's suffrage activist, Harriet Tubman; British nurse, Mary Seacole; Aviation pioneer, Amelia Earhart, and novelist, Jane Austen.



READING FOR PLEASURE



World Book Day saw students dress as their favourite literary characters and take part in our Masked Reader Competition. 7W were proud winners of the Reading for Pleasure Chocolate Challenge. As a class they borrowed the most books – 38 over three weeks!

King's High and Warwick Prep Book Club held their first meeting. Year 8 are leading the club for Year 5 pupils in Prep. They have organised a host of activities, including book-themed games, quizzes and crafts, as well as discussing books together.

KING'S GARDENING

King's High's Gardening Club are transforming the area outside the Dining Hall. Their tulips, planted in recycled wellingtons, are a gorgeous splash of colour. They are also making waves on social media. Arthur Parkinson, the popular garden writer and environmental campaigner, shared our pupils' recycled wellies with his 83,000 Instagram followers, and Pippa Greenwood liked our gardeners' first daffodils! Our gardeners have been busy constructing raised beds, and took delivery of 100g of Tiger Worms, thanks to social enterprise group, The Urban Worm. The worms are thriving in the pupils' DIY Worm Farm, being fed food waste from the school kitchen.



KING'S SHARING



COMFORT FOR PATIENTS

Pupils continue to work with local hospitals and care homes. They sent handwritten Spring cards to cheer people in local nursing homes. They prepared a hamper of hand painted and sewn hearts and thoughtful, handmade treats for patients and staff on Malins Ward (Cardiology) at Warwick Hospital. A popular initiative was the mountain of soft toys and dolls our pupils assembled for patients with dementia at Warwick Hospital, working alongside in Kissing It Better. Each toy was accompanied by a lovely, heartfelt message. As in Kissing It Better explain: 'Such toys can promote feelings of relaxation and pleasure and are considered a form of therapy. Holding or just being with a doll or soft toy animal can be particularly helpful for people who are withdrawn, restless, distressed or anxious, improving their wellbeing and ability to communicate. The sensation of holding a doll or toy animal can be soothing. It may remind a person of when they had young children or a pet of their own. 'Caring' for a doll or soft toy can also give people with dementia a renewed sense of purpose and help them to connect with the outside world.'

DOUGHNUT RUN

Everyone loves a Doughnut Sale, and this term's aim has been to sell 1000 nut-free raspberry, strawberry, and custard doughnuts across the Foundation. Doughnuts have been available at morning break at King's High and Warwick School, and before and after school at the Prep and Junior Schools. Business students, Team Rolling Dough took pre-orders of cookies to be hand delivered, ahead of their Cookie and Sweet Sale, with all profit going to buy food for local foodbanks.

AID FOR UKRAINE

Pupils are responding to the crisis in Ukraine in numerous ways. One of the earliest was supporting an urgent request from Leamington's Polish Centre, who arranged delivery of vital supplies – sleeping bags, batteries, nappies – for refugees leaving Ukraine. Pupils held a fete at King's, and joined pupils across the Foundation in a walk to raise funds to buy an ambulance to deliver vital medical supplies to Ukraine – read more on page 32.

CHALLENGE COMPLETED

Alongside the tremendous charity fundraising our pupils do in school – through House events, fetes, stalls, and endlessly inventive ideas – our pupils also undertake their own challenges. We are proud of Ashveer (Year 11) and Muneet (Year 7) – and huge respect! – for completing the 2800 Squats Challenge for Teenage Cancer Trust. Between them, they raised £718, blowing their £300 target!



KING'S PERFORMING

King's High, Winner – Excellence and Innovation in Performing Arts (Music and Drama), Independent Schools Association UK Awards

ASPIRING CREATIVES

Our hugely popular lunchtime A.C.T. (Aspiring Creatives in Theatre) Club sees pupils getting involved in everything Drama - from acting, lighting and costume, to stage management. Events this term included watching and discussing a live theatre performance; a talk from an agent from Talisman Talent; our own Mr Athavale talking about his work in audio, including recording audio books and mic work, and Mrs Wild's fabulous Sock Puppetry sessions.



A Level Drama students working on their performances.

THE MUSICIANS

The joint Middle School Production for King's High and Warwick School was Patrick Marber's *The Musicians* – the joyous story of a school orchestra whose instruments are impounded at Customs, just before they're due to give the greatest performance of their lives. Huge congratulations to the cast and crew – their performance was full of zeal, charm and nuance. Tchaikovsky and *The Who* would be proud...



STREET DANCE

Thirty-six pupils showcased a remarkable array of skill and talent in our annual Street Dance Competition. We were joined by dancers from local schools. King's won the Key Stage 3 Set Dance and the Solo Own Choreography competition. Our performers were: Olivia, Matilda, Jessica, Mair, Bella, Amelie, Ember, Esha, Ava, Nina, Daniela, Lizzie, Emma, Olivia, Chloe, Claudia, Mya, Madeleine, Purdie, Bethan, Anouk, Charlotte, Alexa, Betsy, Phoebe, Daisy, Lauren, Teagan, Isobel, Eve, Isabelle, Charley, Scarlett, Ella, Mehira, and Matilda.

LAMDA

Over 70 students took LAMDA exams in Acting, Speaking Verse and Prose, and Speaking in Public. We are waiting on results, but on past form, they should be excellent!

PLAY IN A DAY

Renowned physical theatre company, Highly Sprung joined our Year 7 students to create an adaptation of Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* using physical theatre as the key means of storytelling. Students worked extremely hard throughout the day showing their excellent collaborative and creative skills. They presented their work after school to a live audience in the Bridge House Theatre.





DANCE SHOW

The Dance Show was full of energy, confidence and creativity, and saw students across King's High and Warwick Prep School come together for a special evening of Ballet, Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance. You can view the Gallery at kingshighwarwick.co.uk/sport/danceevening



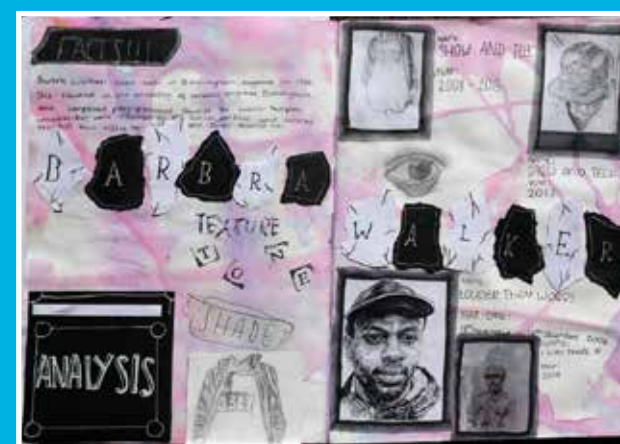
KING'S ART

GCSE and
A level Exhibition
Friday 1 July
4:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday 2 July
10am-1pm
King's High
Art Department

Artist Research Pages – Y7



Nancy



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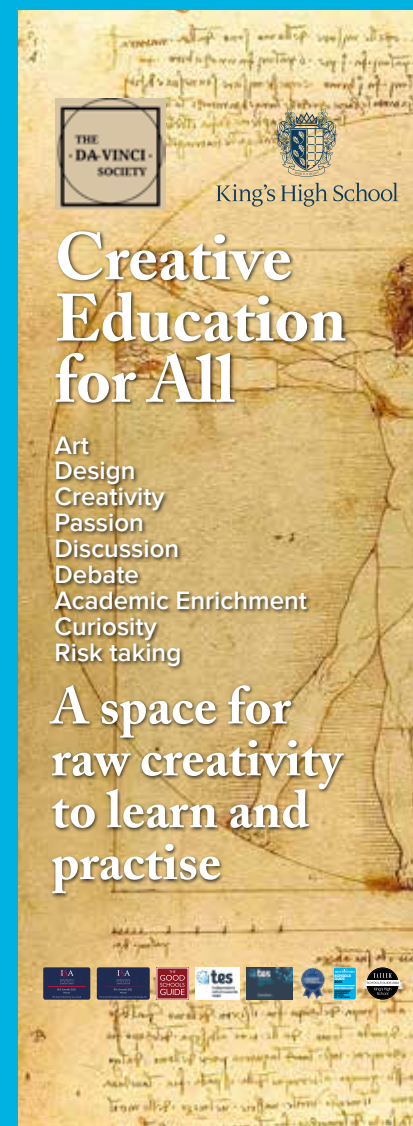
Formal Elements Sketchbook Pages – Y7



Ava

DA VINCI SOCIETY

The Da Vinci Society hosted a variety of events, which were attended by many throughout all year groups. We welcomed former student Amber Parr, now at Cambridge University, to talk about her experience studying Architecture, which was very encouraging, with the course seeming very art focused. Dr Barwell has a great passion for History of Art and gave a talk, showing us a range of prominent paintings. The Chair of Da Vinci, Freya, has presented discussions on the Originality of Art and Surrealism which were so insightful and thought provoking; the latter session was even turned into our first Da Vinci podcast! We also ran practical sessions including Origami, in honour of Mrs Renton who used to regularly do this, where we made origami flowers, now featured on our News board.



Ember

Year 8 Ceramics



Left to Right
Hermione, Maya, Antigone, Emily, Freya



Left to Right
Emily, Alexandra, Abhinash, Alexandra, Elodie



Left to Right
Poppy, Claudia, Daya, Emily, Georgia

Josephine Y9 - Sketchbook Page Examples



Morandi inspired Dry-Point

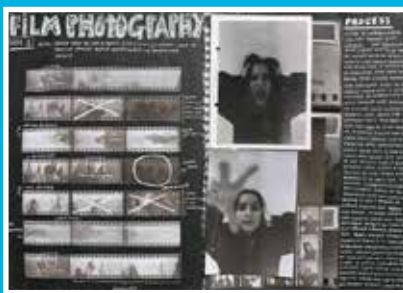


Edith

Oil outcome inspired
by Giorgio Morandi
Maisie



Isobel Y9 – Component 1 Sketchbook Development



Oil outcome inspired
by Giorgio Morandi
Charlotte

Eve Upper Sixth



“Creativity
Takes Courage”
- Henri Matisse



Laura Upper Sixth



Emily Upper Sixth

KING'S MUSIC



JAZZ, ROCK AND POP

Tom Lindsay reports: 'This year, for the first time, King's High School's annual Jazz, Rock and Pop Concert took centre stage at the Bridge House Theatre. It was a Friday night showcase of bands and soloists that will live long in the memory.'

Two swinging jazz groups bookended an array of our very best instrumental and vocal soloists, many of whom were accompanied by the staff house band. Every year group was represented, all but one with a featured soloist.

The evening flowed effortlessly, from Bastille to Charlie Parker to Gnaris Barkley, and Rose's Sunshine exhibited some wonderfully

accomplished song writing talent. Plenty of girls explored improvisation for the first time as part of The Blue Lagoon Jazz Band or the King's High School Big Band; the latter fast becoming the flagship for jazz music at King's.

Congratulations to the bands and all the soloists that took the stage – each and every one did themselves proud. Special mention must go to our leavers: Ruby R's *I Know You Know* gave us sumptuous echoes of Esperanza Spalding, and the warmth and subtlety of Ruby W's *Pure Imagination* brought the room to its knees.

Next year's date is already one to keep an eye out for!

INSPIRE MUSIC

The Inspire Music series has brought some wonderful opportunities for our pupils, both musicians and non-musicians alike. Maestro, Steve Bell of the famous Hallé Orchestra led a Conducting Masterclass and Workshop. Pupils brought their instruments along, and formed a scratch orchestra for the event.

Acclaimed oboist, George Caird shared his passion for music education. He was formerly Head of Woodwind and Orchestral Studies at the Royal Academy of Music, and Principal of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. His brother, John co-directed *Les Misérables*, which went on to become the longest running musical in the West End.

Pupils enjoyed an inspirational session with Laetitia Stott, one of the UK's most exciting and versatile French Horn players.



KING'S SPORT

The sporting trophies continue to accumulate. We have seen incredible victories for our teams and athletes at every level, across all disciplines. As exciting is the numbers of pupils participating in sport - at the Netball League Finals, there was a team from every age group at King's High competing.

RIDING FOR ENGLAND

Isabella has qualified for the England Pony Club team for the Home International Mounted Games Championship at Royal Windsor Horse show. Qualifying is a huge achievement – every Pony Club branch can nominate their one best games rider to compete at the team trial, which is a gruelling 4-hour ridden trial, where the children race head to head in teams in front of four selectors. For the trial, Isabella rode 40 individual legs of 10 different races, being put into changing teams of children who she had never ridden with before. Only five children were chosen at the end of the day to make the Home Team.



NETBALL NATIONAL FINALS



Following their win in Midlands Regional Finals, the U16s played some great Netball in the ISA national finals, winning their group comfortably. In the semi-final they were beaten by Farnborough school after a slow start. In the third/fourth play off they came fast out of the blocks and beat Alton to end up third.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Our U13 Hockey team won all their matches to be crowned County Champions. They played brilliantly to reach the ISHC Semi-Final. After a thrilling penalty stroke competition to reach the final, our U15 Hockey team were crowned County Champions.

Our U15 Netballers took the County Championship by storm, undefeated throughout, with nobody taking a point from them.

ISHC NATIONAL PLATE CHAMPIONS



Sarah Parkinson-Mills reports: 'It was a stand-out performance from our U13 Hockey team who, after many hard fought battles, travelled to Chigwell to compete in the Independent Schools Hockey Cup National Plate Final against Wimbledon. The team started strongly, putting the Wimbledon defence under huge amounts of pressure in the first 10 minutes. The opposition stood strong, however, and began to grow into the game. It wasn't until just before half-time that the deadlock was broken with a great finish from Jenna surging through from centre back. The game remained incredibly close right to the end. Just as penalty strokes looked inevitable, we clinched the winner with Jenna slotting home once again after a superb team effort. With 45 seconds left to play, the team defended solidly and thoroughly deserve their title of U13 2022. We are very proud of all members of the squad.'

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



Our Cross Country teams have enjoyed their best ever results. At the ISA Regional Cross Country Finals, our Year 7 team ran exceptionally well with all 5 members of the team finishing within the top 10 to secure their place at National Finals. The race was won by Imogen, Nancy secured 2nd place, Annabel 4th, Emma 5th and Martha 9th. King's High were crowned Year 7 team Regional Champions. The Year 8 and 9 girls combined to make a team and also ran well with Mae taking home a bronze medal, Tiggy and Ellie, 7th and 9th, also qualifying for National Finals. Martha and Florence finished off a superb team performance and we wait to hear their overall placing. The year 10 and 11 team were hit with late illness but Sophie and Amelie still performed well on the day on a tough course through the Shropshire countryside; complete with two stream crossings!

INDOOR ROWING

It was a real team effort, when King's High competed at the CW School Sport Indoor Rowing County finals.



SWIMMING

The Warwick 50s is a strong swimming competition held in our own pool for U12 and U13 swimmers. There were some fantastic results with the U12's winning their Medley relay and a string of other podium finishes. The combined results meant that King's High won the U12 competition and when combined with a strong 4th place from the U13's we finished 1st overall with Bromsgrove in second and Bedford in 3rd.

EQUESTRIAN

The weather is getting warmer, the rugs are off – it has been a good start to the season for our King's High equestrians. Isabella is competing for the England Pony Club team for the Home International Mounted Games Championship at Royal Windsor Horse show in May – a tremendous achievement. Gemma was 5th in the FEI Pony Team Dressage Competition at Myerscough Premier League – her partnership with Giselle continues to flourish. Annabelle came 2nd in the NSEA Dressage County Novice qualifier at Allens Hill. We are looking forward to her competing at the Pony Club Championships in August. Olivia has enjoyed Showjumping success, with a 5th in the JC/JA handicap at Southview 148 pony prem and a much deserved 2nd place in the 120cm restricted Open with a new ride. Arabella came 3rd in her first Foxhunter class. Riding for King's, Eloise came 4th and 3rd in the Showjumping at Allens Hill. Lily and Lily came 2nd at Dallas Burston Pairs.



NATIONAL CHAMPION: TABLE TENNIS



Mia competed for King's High in the ISA U13 National Table Tennis Final. She won all her nine games and was crowned National Champion.

FENCING: NATIONAL FINALISTS

Anne finished 3rd in the U18s West Midlands Epée Championships and Hope finished 5th in the U16s. Both have qualified for the National Fencing Finals. At the West Midlands Age Group Foil Competition, in the Under 12 Girls Foil, Charlotta fenced superbly to go undefeated all day, taking the title. Amelie finished 7th overall in the U14s. Both qualify for the British Youth Championships National Finals to held at the England Institute of Sport in Sheffield on the May Bank Holiday weekend.





Congratulations to the following – we are very proud of them all:

- Izzy has been selected to represent Squash Wales at the U17 European Championships.
- Ottelia represented Oxfordshire U18 Tennis in the County Cup.
- Megan won the U14 Midlands league with Aston Villa Football Club.
- Mollie represented Wasps Academy U17s.
- Catherine competed in English Athletics National Championship Indoor Finals in the 400m.
- Twenty-six pupils were selected to represent Warwickshire County Hockey in the U13/U14/ U15 and U17 age groups.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



ISA (Independent Schools Association) Regional Champions – U13 Netball

Midlands Regional winners – U16 Netball

Sports Magazine Cup Semi Finalists – U15 Netball

Regional Semi Finalists – U19 Netball

Regional Finalists – U18 Waterpolo

Regional Runners Up – U15 Waterpolo

National Finalist – U15 Waterpolo

County Champions – U15 Netball

County Champions – U15 Hockey

County Champions – U13 XI Hockey

County Champions – U12 hockey

Cross Country – County Champion U12, Imogen

Cross Country – Regional Champions, Y7 Team

Regional Finalists – U13VII Hockey

Regional Finalists – U12 Hockey

County Indoor Rowing Finalists – Year 7 & 8

County Indoor Rowing Finalists – Year 9 & 10

Warwick 50s winners – U12 and U13

ISA U13 National Table tennis champion – Mia

British Youth Fencing National Finalists

– Anne, Hope, Amelie and Charlotta

FOUNDATION COMMUNITY



LIGHTING UP FOR THE NSPCC

Just after term ended for Christmas, Warwick Hall joined famous landmarks across the country to light up green in support of the NSPCC's Walk for Children. Landmarks across the UK, including Battersea Power Station and Alexandra Palace, supported the NSPCC by lighting up in the charity's trademark green.

Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson said: 'We were delighted to work with the NSPCC and light Warwick Hall green to support their wonderful initiative. To have landmarks and people from across the country joining in the Walk for Children was hugely inspirational and we were proud to be part of the effort here in Warwick.'

HONOUR FOR FORMER PUPIL

We were delighted Dr Mary Cusack (King's High, 1985-1992) was recognised in the New Year's Honours List. Dr Cusack received an OBE, along with her colleague, Dr Catherine Morris, for services to Healthcare and Child Welfare in India. Their charity, Love the One, has transformed the lives of thousands of vulnerable children in India.

Mary Cusack worked as a Paediatrician in the NHS, before completing a Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene at the University of Liverpool. She met Cat Morris there, and they decided to travel to India. After five years working with Non-Governmental Organisations, familiarising themselves with Indian culture and tropical medicine on the front line, Dr Cusack and Dr Morris established the Love the One organisation in Berhampur, Odisha. They have created an integrated community ecosystem, comprising a children's centre, clinic, six early paediatric interventional care centres, and a school. Their OBE citation reads: 'Through their work, they have saved and transformed lives and delivered hope through selfless voluntary service, and brought great credit to the UK'.

Head Master, Dr Burley said: 'I was delighted to share Dr Cusack's story with students, as a wonderful example of working hard to make a positive impact in the lives of others. Dr Cusack is a true inspiration, a King's High Changemaker!'.



FUTURE FWD: ENABLING THE NEXT GENERATION



Warwick Independent Schools Foundation is hosting a national educational conference this summer, 4-5 July. Future Fwd Creative Conference will bring educationalists – schools, universities – and business leaders together, in a conference to discuss the future of education.

The traditional 'conference' format is being reimagined as a practical, future-focused, creative event, with young people at its core. Future Fwd will hear directly from young people, and delegates will be a cohort of creative thinkers, with speakers from the Royal Shakespeare Company and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games among others. Partners include the University of Warwick and Warwickshire College University Centre. The conference is free to attend. Book your place at futurefwd.org/attend

- Day 1:** a Next Gen panel interview followed by a programme of talks on Curriculum, Tech, Industry & Business, Culture and Entrepreneurship, including speakers from The Royal Shakespeare Company, the University of Warwick and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The evening features a reception at Warwick Castle, with discussions with pupil groups on the themes of the conference.
- Day 2:** a morning of discussion hubs to develop the ideas from day 1 and incorporate them into the future direction of education. Running parallel on day 2 is a Jubilee Conference specifically for Sixth Formers.

AMBULANCE FOR UKRAINE

Pupils and staff from King's High and Warwick School undertook a 25 mile walk in aid of Ukrainian refugees. They achieved their fundraising target to purchase a second-hand ambulance, which will be loaded with vital medical supplies and driven to a Ukrainian field hospital. The schools will be able to track the ambulance's progress across Europe to Ukraine.

MARGARET STONE'S XYLOPHONE

We welcomed the Squires family, who kindly funded a new Xylophone for King's High and Warwick Prep Music Department. Margaret Stone – who the Margaret Stone Practice Room is named after – attended King's High from 1916-1923. Her family reconnected with King's High, when they came to the opening of the new Music Centre. Margaret's son David and his wife Jo explained what the school had meant to Margaret and how it shaped her life, and also their lives, growing up. Thank you to David and his family for this support.



ALUMNI NETWORKING BREAKFAST

On Tuesday 8 March, 35 former pupils from King's High and Warwick School had an early start at The Lansdowne Club, London, for a networking breakfast with the Foundation Principal, Richard Nicholson. Former Warwick School pupil and CEO of Bright Network, James Uffindell, spoke to the group about the future of work, highlighting the importance of building resilience and communication skills, and getting support from mentors. James then led a speed networking session to get everyone back into the habit of networking after so long apart. Pictures from the event can be found at warwickfoundationconnect.com.



ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN

We are very proud of the partnership between the Orchestra of the Swan and Warwick Independent Schools Foundation. The magic continued with their concert 'Pastoral' at Warwick Hall with violinist, Thomas Gould – perfect for Spring. Their very popular Family concert *Peter and the Wolf* is still to come, on Saturday, 18 June. Tickets are available from the Bridge House Theatre, Warwick.

LANDOR ASSOCIATION LECTURE: CATHERINE BOTT

It was a joy to welcome Catherine Bott – singer, broadcaster, Classic FM presenter, and former pupil – back to King's High to deliver the Landor Association Lecture. Funny and wise, Catherine gave a wonderful speech. When our pupils interviewed Catherine a while ago, they asked her what she would tell her younger self. She replied: 'Be braver. You are stronger than you know.'



PLAQUE FOR MISS DOORLY

A Reception was held at Leamington Town Hall, following the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Miss Doorly, Head Mistress of King's High (1922-1944), at 23 St Mary's Crescent in Leamington. OGA Secretary, Polly Beidas was invited to speak about Miss Doorly. She recounts: 'Miss Doorly started making waves in King's High. Bucking the trend of the time, she re-employed teaching staff who had been expected to leave the profession upon marriage. She was an innovator, bringing in two institutions commonplace in all schools today, but not so in the 1920s: the Association of Parents and Staff, and School and Form.'



'Always keen to educate, Miss Doorly took her pupils to the General Election count, read to them from enlightened works of fact and fiction, provided 'Punch' and 'The New Statesman' for the girls to read, and invited her many friends from the world of art, music and literature to give talks and recitals to the girls. A respected author, her life of Marie Curie, *The Radium Woman*, won the Library Association's Carnegie medal in 1939.'

BUSINESS CHAMPIONS

King's High hosted the Coventry and Warwickshire Business Champions Breakfast Networking Event. We welcomed over 150 entrepreneurs and business leaders to our school and listened to a range of talks. Dr Burley was a keynote speaker, along with former King's High pupil, Eleanor Deeley, Joint Managing Director of Deeley Group. Our fabulous Catering teams put on a wonderful spread, and our Young Enterprise Teams showcased their work, and sold their products.



OG ASSOCIATION LUNCH



Thank you to all who attended a magnificent Old Girls' Association Lunch and AGM. It was a special occasion for all, with an inspiring talk from Sue Moore, Artistic Director of Leamington's Loft Theatre.

SPRING MENTORING PROGRAMME

Many of us will know the importance of having mentors and champions, who support us as we develop in our careers and personal lives. Our Spring Mentoring Programme aims to unlock the power of our Foundation community and foster meaningful mentoring and networking connections.

Can you help mentor someone? Would you like to network with other members of the community?

Warwick Foundation Connect is a global community of almost 1,400 members, with many opportunities to provide and gain support. Please register on warwickfoundationconnect.com to explore the platform and be connected to someone with a similar interest.

JENNIFER EDWARDS

School archivist Jennifer Edwards is hanging up her keys to the archive after 15 years in charge. Jenny is an Old Girl of the school, a former OGA Secretary, parent and Governor, and co-author of the school's history, *Of Mulberries, Ilex and Acorns*. We are delighted Jenny will be continuing her involvement with school through her role as a Landor Association fellow.





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