



King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls



October 2009

WELCOME TO THE NEW TERM

Examination results 2009:

Congratulations go to girls and staff for excellent results in the summer 2009 examinations.

A2 results were our third highest ever percentage of A/B grades with 84% of grades at A/B. We also achieved our highest ever average total point score for A' level subjects at 404.1. We achieved our highest ever results at AS with last year's Year 12 achieving 80.3% of grades at A/B compared to 72.1% last year.

At GCSE, our only ever five form entry year group, achieved 76.6% of grades at A*/A with remark outcomes still pending in English literature and French. These were excellent results— although below the outstanding performance of last year at 80% A*/A. In addition, 45 girls were entered for an AS rather than a GCSE option this year— this was in Computing—and these girls achieved 60% A/B grades. At 670.5 our average total points score was our highest ever.

Congratulations go to Year 10 for excellent results at GCSE—IT (78% A*/A); Statistics (90% A*/A) and Dance (100% A) and to Year 9—IT (92% A*/A).

Welcome to new staff/staff news:

This term we were pleased to welcome Avril Hanson as an additional Cover Supervisor and Marian Sue as our Administrative Assistant, in place of Sarah Page who has left to train as an occupational therapist. Mrs Lynn Kennedy will take up the post as our Examinations Secretary, following the retirement of Mr Barry Richards after October half-term. Miss Amna Amin has also joined us for one day a week as an additional learning mentor and teaching assistant..

Birmingham Poet Laureate:

India Miller has been appointed as Young Poet Laureate. For more details see page 6

Ziana Kotadia 11V

Ziana has continued her work this year as an ambassador for climate change. At the recent BPM Media Go Green Awards she was presented with the award for Environmental Individual Contribution of the Year. Congratulations to Ziana.

Brodhie Molloy 7W

Brodhie is a former pupil of West Heath Primary School, whose music and film club decided they wanted to make their own anti bullying film to show all the different types of bullying. The film was shown to fellow pupils during an assembly. An article about this appeared in the Birmingham Evening Mail as part of their SpeakOut, Stop Bullies campaign.

Holiday Requests

Under the Birmingham Local Authority requirements, requests for leave of absence will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. We would therefore ask parents to refrain from requesting holidays during school time as unauthorised absence would significantly affect pupils' attendance records. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

School closes for half term on Friday 23rd October and re-opens on Monday 2nd November. School closes for Christmas on Friday 18th December

Looking ahead to events in November/ December

- 2nd November—Yr9 House matches
- 3rd November— Yr7 Foundation Service
- 5th November— Chamber Concert 7.00pm
- 6th November – Birmingham Cathedral lunchtime concert
- 13th November –Yr10 Geography trip to Botanical Gardens
- 17th November— Review Day pm
- 18th November— Review Day—all day
- 20th November—Yr7 trip to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery
- 24th November –Yr 13 Evening of Dance
- 26th November—6th form Open Evening
- 3rd December—Yr 13 Consultation meeting for parents and students
- 11th December—Senior Prize giving.
- 15th December – Christmas Concert— 7.00pm
- 17th December—Tinsel Day

Macmillan

Coffee Morning

Our annual charity event was held on 2nd October and raised almost £1000 from the sale of cakes and biscuits.

Term Dates**Autumn Term 2009**

3rd September to 23rd October

26th to 30th October Half Term

2nd November to 18th December

Spring Term 2010

4th January to 12th February

15th to 19th February Half Term

22nd February to 1st April

Summer term 2010

19th April to 28th May

31st May to 4th June Half Term

7th June to 23rd July

Thinking about becoming a secondary teacher?**Want to earn while you learn?**

The King Edward's Consortium Graduate Teacher Programme, for which Camp Hill Girls' is the lead school offers trainee employment as an unqualified teacher in one of our 16 consortium schools whilst on our one-year programme. We are currently recruiting for September 2010. We are particularly keen to hear from well-qualified graduates in Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry, Modern Languages and Design and Technology, but also offer places in a range of other subjects.



Please see our website at: www.teachkec.org.uk for further information, or write to: Frances Child, Training Manager at: *Training Centre, Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UH. Telephone: 0121 415 6007 or email: rep@kegschg.bham.sch.uk*

Pastoral Activities**Year 12 Cambridge Induction**

Year 12 enjoyed an induction residential at Newnham College Cambridge on 9 and 10 September. This has become established as an event for students to get to know their peers and their new Form Tutors. It also encourages our students to aspire to the leading universities in the country. Activities included, team building, Post 18 choices and career pathways, study habits for A Levels incorporating the work started in school on Building Learning Power.

Visit from Wadham College, Oxford

On Wednesday 16 September Year 11 students and their parents were invited to meet tutors and undergraduate students from Wadham College. This was the first time we have been able to offer the opportunity and followed on from the meeting on admissions with Year 13 in the day. We were delighted with the number of parents and Year 11 students who showed an interest and it is in line with our aim to raise aspirations for our students in accessing places at the most competitive universities.

Parent Meetings

This half term we have held a number of meetings for parents at key transition points.

On 17 September Year 10 Parents were invited to meet with Ms Whittington our Key Stage 4 Coordinator and Ms Cox our Assistant Key Stage 4 Coordinator to share the outline for success at KS4. Mr. Clear, Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Rigby also gave talks on English, mathematics and Science requirements at GCSE.

On 30 September Year 12 parents were invited to meet Mrs. Boote Powell our Key Stage 5 Coordinator and her assistant Ms Webber. The presentations covered transition between GCSE and A level and the different nature of Post 16 study.

On 20 October Year 7 Settling In meeting allowed parents to meet and talk with their daughter's Form Tutor and to hear how the school uses and shares data with parents to track progress.

Our aim is to develop a working partnership with parents in order to support students through their school career. It was good to meet so many of our parents at these events and to strengthen the dialogue between home and school and in so doing support students to achieve their potential.

Girls also had a form-bonding afternoon on 9th September.



Teachers Flex Their Learning Muscles

While the girls were making the most of the end of their summer break, teachers were back in school on 3rd September analysing the summer's examination results and preparing for the academic year ahead. On Friday, 4th September staff were challenged to think about cutting edge educational research as the school hosted a teachers' conference with colleagues from Camp Hill Boys' School and Queen Mary's High School for Girls in Walsall. We were fortunate to have as our keynote speaker Professor Guy Claxton, one of the UK's leading experts on the development of young people's learning and creative capacities. The author of a dozen well-respected books, his latest, *What's the Point of School?*, has been highly praised by international educationalists such as Professor Howard Gardner; Baroness Susan Greenfield and QCA Director of Curriculum, Mick Waters. Professor Claxton's approach, known as Building Learning Power (BLP), has influenced students' lives throughout the UK as well as in Singapore, Sweden, Brazil, Australia and New Zealand.

Last year at Camp Hill Girls we spent time discussing BLP and we undertook a review of girls' learning in order to help develop their capacity to learn. One of the key aims of our School Improvement Plan is to create more active and independent learners and we are trying to provide more opportunities which foster the necessary learning habits. In 2009-10 we plan to develop even more teaching strategies to support BLP, introduce students to the 5Rs and apply them to target setting on Review Days.

The common language for these learning habits focuses on the 5Rs – based on Professor Claxton's 'The Four Rs of Learning Power'.

The overarching R is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We want to encourage our girls to take responsibility for their own learning and progress. Girls who give up too easily and remain passive in lessons, expecting teachers to 'spoonfeed' the right answers, limit their own potential and do not prepare themselves for life's challenges. We want girls to challenge and question us, to take risks, make mistakes (and learn from them) and to explore around the main learning or topic. Educational research proves that those who develop such intellectual curiosity and are disposed to read and research independently are better prepared for the demands of higher education.

The other 4 Rs are:



Resilience - *Engaging with learning challenges; managing distractions; having perseverance and determination when faced with problems, not giving up too easily*



Resourcefulness - *Being willing and able to learn in different ways; asking questions; making links; thinking rigorously and methodically; making good use of a variety of resources and time*



Reflectiveness - *Becoming more strategic about learning; planning; adapting; distilling and drawing out key learning from experience; meta-learning-understanding how to make improvements and to be a better learner*



Reciprocity - *Working effectively either alone or in groups; balancing self-reliance and sociability; collaborating; empathising and listening; learning from others*

I'm sure many parents will agree that developing these habits will help the girls not only to develop a more responsible and mature approach to their studies but also to life in general.

P.T.A.

The PTA would like to thank Paul Mannion, Ketan Valambhia, Kirti Valambhia, Phillip Thomason, Nasreeh Zaidi, Rose Bourne, Dr. Keerthy, Jagath Abeygunavatu, Nicholas Adjei, Leanne Youngson, Gurji Nagra and Richard White for helping to marshall the parking for the Kings Heath Garden Show. We've raised £1,100.00.

PTA Disco

The PTA is organising a welcome disco for Year 7. It will take place on Friday 20th November 7.00—9.00pm. A letter with full details will follow shortly.

Young, Gifted and Talented (YGT). Autumn 2009.

The Young Gifted & Talented (YG&T) programme is now well under way, with the government website for YG&T learners and All students at Camp Hill, available at their comprehensive portal at www.dcsf.gov.uk Available at home and school, the website features the Learner Academy and an increasingly comprehensive Learner Catalogue, providing a 'one-stop shop' of services, information and opportunities. There are competitions, resources for learning and an extensive library to access information for projects and assignments.. *It is well worth having a look.* **Entry to the YGT membership is entirely free and available online.** Former NAGTY members automatically have access to the site through their existing username and passwords.

During the Summer of 2009 six of our KS4 students, namely Jessica Ludman, Emily Freer, Jennifer O' Kane, Alice Mathews, Charlotte Godber and Gurpreet Kaur Sunder took advantage of the opportunities offered by the City of Birmingham University to attend a 'hands-on' course dealing with sound and radio production. This turned out to be free of charge for them as earlier in the year two of our students, namely Henrietta Mosforth and Emily Presswood had won a YGT competition and as a result the school received £500 in tokens for YGT courses. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and at the end of the course were presented with a CD of their work.

Calling ALL YEAR 7 students

Come and join the ever-increasing number of Camphillians who have already become members of YGT. All you have to do is to visit the site www.ygt.dcsf.gov.uk and complete a straightforward registration process. After a *very* short period of time you become a full member with all the attendant benefits. This educational website is designed for inquisitive, intelligent and inspired young minds. It is backed by government funding so parents can be reassured that is a very worthwhile and safe site for their children. Its raison d'être is to build learning power and to arouse the intellectual curiosity of the young. So, get cracking and take a visit. NOW!

Mr J. Marcetic. (G+T Co-ordinator).

Cambridge University Summer School 2009

In the summer of 2009, two students, Luxi Sun and Helen Xia applied for the prestigious Cambridge Summer School hosted by Gonville and Cais.

After a few weeks, we were both delighted to hear that we had been selected and would go to Cambridge for four days at the end of the summer term. Upon arrival at Cambridge we instantly felt at home in the charming surroundings of the college itself and the new Stephen Hawking building where we would be staying. There were a variety of courses offered, including Literature and Mathematics, and Helen chose Social Sciences while Luxi chose Medicine. The courses were designed to give a taste of Cambridge's unique teaching system and also to further our knowledge in the particular subject areas. We attended daily lectures, informal talks and classes with the leading specialists in our courses, with lunch and dinner in the grand college dining hall, and a range of fun, social activities in the evenings. These included watching *Lord of the Rings* and a special performance of *Much Ado about Nothing* out in the fields. At the end of the week we were incredibly tired but also very sad to be leaving behind the many professors, student helpers and newly formed friendships who helped make the Summer School an extremely enjoyable and helpful experience.

Thank you to Ms Preedy who helped organise the trip.

University of Birmingham Academic Enrichment Programme

To prepare students for university, the University of Birmingham offered Year12s an amazing opportunity to get a taste of student life. The AEP (Academic Enrichment Program), which was advertised through School, took place in the summer holidays and lasted for four days. Year12 students from all over the Midlands attended the programme.

We arrived at the university on the first day having been anxious about whether we had packed enough clothes to last us the week! In fact, we need not have worried: we had packed enough to last a month! Everyone was welcomed by students at the university, and then we were placed in our groups. The groups were organised according to the course we had applied to look at such as health care, business studies, humanities and engineering. Having made a few new friends, it was time for us to unpack as we were all given a key to our own room in the University of Birmingham halls of residence. A barbeque was then organised for us to eat as much as we wanted while meeting new people and mingling with the university students. The day began with a series of ice breakers organised by Mohammad Ansar who was the main organiser of the programme. It continued with an outing to the Bowlplex at Broadway Plaza, followed by a three-course meal at the university and then a quiz to finish off the evening. It was a tiring first day but the excitement in getting ready for the next day was overwhelming.

After this, each day was packed with lectures on subjects according to the group we were in. We got to know what 'real' university lectures are like and had the opportunity to find out specific details about the different courses by asking lecturers questions. Each group was given six students from the university who then became our "ambassadors." They guided us around and sat in on the lectures too. Each evening we all went out of university campus to have some fun...such as to the cinemas, laser quest and in some cases, trips to places which were related to the courses we were finding out about. We also had a speech from a motivational speaker who gave us helpful tips for exam stress and other worries we might come across during these hard years of study.

A formal dinner was also organised on the last night with a speech from the main organisers. This was then followed by a party to enjoy the last night!

We gained a huge amount from the experience with the AEP and thank the School and the University of Birmingham for introducing this to us. We strongly recommend this year's Lower Sixth to take part in the programme and to make the most of it!

Munmeet Gahir and Monika Sareen , Year 13

Photographic Competition

'Age Snapped' was a competition celebrating Older Peoples' day through photography, and at the end of year 10, art students entered the competition with photos which they had taken of people over 50 in their lives who inspired them. Schools, photography students and organisations from around the country entered photographs, so everyone was overawed that the winner of the competition, Georgia Morris 11W, as well as seven other exhibitors were chosen from Camp Hill! So on Thursday the 1st of October, eight Camphillians, a hand-full of parents and a few grandparents met at Birmingham International Station to travel to the London College of Design and Communication for the exhibition. When we finally reached the galleries, it hit us that the event was quite big a deal. Angela Eagle, the Minister of State for Pensions and the Ageing Society, personally awarded Georgia Morris a signed plaque. The rest of us also received signed plaques. It came as a surprise, especially to some of the parents to find that Joan Bakewell was also at the exhibition! The organisers of the evening were extremely impressed with the school's performance in the competition (8 out of the 19 displayed photos were from Camp Hill!) that they made us another offer of a master class in Photography, and use of a studio for a whole day for us to improve our photography skills! We would all like to say a big thank you to Miss Stevens for organising the trip and for getting us to enter the competition in the first place, without whom we wouldn't have had such an enjoyable afternoon.

Neethu Mariam and Katherine Haycock 11V

Poet Laureate

For the past five years, Birmingham Libraries have run an annual competition to find the city's Young Poet Laureate: an 11 – 18 year old who encourages young people across the city to enjoy and appreciate poetry through hosting events and workshops and writing commissioned poems. In the summer of this year, I apprehensively wrote the four poems required to enter the competition – but never expected the letter that came in early September telling me that I was one of the twelve shortlisted poets out of more than seventy entries!

As part of the selection process we were asked to perform two of our poems at the Library Theatre during the Birmingham Arts Fest. However, I was away on a French exchange on the day of the final, so couldn't perform and was afraid that I would be dropped from the competition. Luckily, the organisers allowed me to do my performance on a different day to some of the Central Library's staff, which was videoed and sent off to the competition's judges. To select the winning poet, we were judged both on the quality of our poems and our performances, and over the next few days, I waited impatiently to find out who would be taking the role of Birmingham's fifth Young Poet Laureate.

Soon afterwards, the competition organisers phoned me with fantastic news – I had won! I was astonished to say the least – I never thought that I would even be shortlisted, let alone chosen as the next laureate! I am very excited about what this year will bring, and I hope that I'll be able to fulfil my role and encourage others to take an interest in reading, writing and performing poetry; I'm already planning events for this year, and I wrote and performed a poem for the Birmingham Half Marathon on Sunday. Thanks to the brilliant English department for their encouragement and enthusiasm!

India Miller 11V

Animation '09

Following a stray comment in a Computing lesson, Emily Presswood (10X) and Katie Duncan (10X) decided to make an animation entitled "Cheese around the world" which resulted in them being invited to the presentation ceremony for the above national competition at Manchester's Museum of Science and Industry. Joined by another entrant, Hayley Cross (7X), we arrived in sunny Manchester just in time for the girls to receive a 'Highly Commended' award and a small financial prize.

The overall winners received lavish prizes: laptops, games consoles, £500, etc. but we all went home with a goody-bag from the sponsors, EA Games, including a t-shirt and one of their games – Spore. [Mr Frost has now evolved to the point where he has 4 legs and eight eyes!].

After the award ceremony we watched a presentation from EA where they showed us how the 'intelligence' in games is developing all the time, and told us of all the jobs out there in a thriving British industry(!) while stressing the importance of studying Physics and, particularly, Maths as they went.



Electronic Arts 'Overall Best' Award ▶

All the winning entries are on :

<http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/Animation09/gallery/winners/KS4/> and are well worth a look, particularly the overall winning entry "Hip to be a square" produced by a pupil in KS3.

Well done to the girls who took part, especially given their limited experience with the software. Entrants could use Scratch, Alice or Flash – the first two are both free to download at home, and we'd encourage you to give them a go. I hope that many more of you will feel inspired to create an animation for next year's competition!

Mr Frost, ICT & Computing (njf@kegschg.bham.sch.uk)

Junior Maths Challenge and Olympiad

Years 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge just after Easter and the results were excellent. 48 students gained Gold certificates, 58 Silver and 73 Bronze. Special mentions must go to Eva Morton and Jessica Climer, both in Year 8, who qualified for the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. The results for this were announced just a few days ago and I am very pleased to report that both Eva and Jessica were awarded certificates of distinction and Bronze medals by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust for their superb performance in the Olympiad. Well done to them and to all the girls who achieved success in the various maths challenges that took place last year.

Mr I Bettison

Year 10 Mathematics Festival

On Wednesday 16th September, four excited and curious students (Chuyi Yang, Maria Jones, Zahra Rumani and Sama Al-Sharifi) set out for Birmingham University to attend the Year 10 Mathematics Festival, accompanied by Miss Bodalia. The purpose of our trip? To find out for ourselves just how much fun maths can really be!

The event started with an interesting investigation into forensic science, coordinated by Dr. Chris Good from the University of Birmingham. Forensic scientists can sometimes tell by finding out proportions and average lengths what the height and gender of a person was from a single bone, so we investigated relations in measurements of the body. We started by measuring each other's height, head circumference, foot length etc., and worked out the ratios of these lengths and compared them with our friends. We also plotted graphs to see if there were any correlations or obvious differences between genders, or to find out if there were in fact no links between certain body parts of a person. We drew conclusions from all our information. For example, in the words of Dr. Chris Good, "Having large feet doesn't mean you have a big head."

After a short break, we competed in a team relay competition coordinated by Dr. Joseph Kyle. In each round, each team answered four questions. To win, you had to depend on your accuracy and speed (both in working out the questions and running!). There was also a team of teachers who worked against us, but our team (called Team 22B, consisting of the four of us and two girls from Selly Park) beat the teachers and the other groups! Our prize was a nice certificate.

Afterwards we had lunch, and then had a lecture called *Mathematics, Magic and the Electric Guitar* given by Dr. David Acheson. Dr. David Acheson is the author of the popular maths book "1089 and All That" and also appeared on TV for his amazing upside-down pendulum, which with fast vertical vibrations was able to defy gravity! His talk included some fiendishly difficult (but astonishingly surprising) proofs and questions, a brilliant experiment with a net curtain wire, a little boat with two turtles sitting on the top and also, his amazing orange toy spider. The day ended with a marvellous performance on his electric guitar, explaining about vibration frequency formulae.

It was a truly enjoyable day and many thanks to Mr. Bettison for organizing the event, and also to Miss Bodalia for supervising us. We definitely had lots to take away; a most inspiring experience, lots more mathematical knowledge, a nice certificate, and, of course, a free ruler.

By Chuyi Yang 10X and Maria Jones 10W

Spiritual Evening: Iftar Tuesday 15 September 7.00

On Tuesday 15 September a Spiritual Evening – Iftar was organised by the Islamic Society in school. The evening included an opportunity to learn something about Islamic culture. In addition this year the Islamic Society hosted visiting speakers from the Young Muslims organization, one of the national leaders being an ex-pupil of Camp Hill. After sunset students and visitors were invited to Iftar (to break fast) with those who followed the requirements to fast in the period of Ramadan. The event was open to students in all year groups and of all faiths.

News from the Geography Department

September was a busy month for the Geography Department. Firstly Year 7 had a fantastic day of activities in the Lickey Hills Country Park. All girls participated in an exciting orienteering course which caused a little confusion but generated a lot of fun as maps were interpreted, clues found, trees and bracken grappled with and wrong turnings corrected before time ran out! The second half of the day consisted of some 'sensory' fieldwork. This approach requires pupils to use a range of senses to interpret the landscape visible from the Lickey Hills. The weather was kind to us, so an excellent view could be seen across the city but we also closed our eyes to listen to the surroundings to produce a sound map. A successful and rewarding day was had by all.

Sixth form Geographers had the opportunity to hear Professor Iain Stewart of BBC TV fame give an exciting talk on National Hazards at King Edward VI Five Ways School on 29th September. Professor Stewart has many fans amongst Key Stage 4 and 5 geographers as his 'Earth' series provides the department with many excellent clips to use in lessons! He is a lively and entertaining speaker and his talk, together with recent research into volcanic hazards in Indonesia provided by Katherine Donovan, a PhD student, provided us with much thought provoking information regarding the risks people live with in many parts of the world.

Mrs McLundie

Head of Geography.

French Exchange

On the 11th of September, around 15 girls and 3 boys set off to Riom, France with Ms Cox and Mr. Renault. We were excited about meeting our French exchange partners, whom we hadn't seen since the end of January.

We arrived in Riom around six o'clock French time and were met by excited French students and their families. Once found by our hosts, we set off for a weekend with the family, speaking continual French. It may sound tricky, but understanding the French turned out to be relatively easy once you knew what the subject was about. The families were very helpful and understanding although they sometimes had to resort to miming to get us to comprehend!

Over the weekend, we had lots of time to get to know our partners, their families and the lovely Auvergne region. Many of us went shopping in Clermont-Ferrand, the nearest city, and up to the top of the Puy de Dôme, a mountain higher than Ben Nevis, for a picnic and lots of good photo opportunities. We all had ample opportunity to sample the delicious French food – which included baguettes and a selection of cheeses with every meal.

For the rest of the week, we accompanied the French students to their lessons and visited more of the surrounding area. Despite the variable weather, we saw many picturesque villages, climbed to the top of a tower for lovely views, and visited a beautiful church. Back at the French school, the Lycée Virlogeux, we went to a variety of lessons with our exchange partners; it was interesting to compare the school and teachers with our own.

The end of our fantastic week came far too quickly. We departed early on Thursday morning and were all sorry to leave the lovely students and families we were staying with; many of us determined to go and visit them again as soon as possible! For everyone, the exchange was a brilliant experience; we learnt a lot about the French language and culture, and many of us noticed dramatic improvements in our French accents, having great fun at the same time! Thanks to Ms Cox and Mr. Renault for organising the trip.

Liz English (11Z) and India Miller (11V)

Space Centre visit

On Friday 10th of July, 7Z and 7Y went to the National Space Centre in Leicester. We set off on our epic journey to outer space at approximately 9 am. We landed at 10.15a.m., and descended from our rocket (the coach). We received our boarding pass and entered. We explored this peculiar planet and many other planets for a short while ,before floating into the theatre. We had interactive space pads to answer some mind-boggling questions (did a quiz).

Then, we quickly ate our sandwiches and continued on our mission to Jupiter's moon, Europa (the simulator). We boarded the rocket, zoomed past Earth, and crash-landed on Europa. It was amazing

We explored a huge rocket from our past generation, where there were many experiments we could take part in.

Overall, we had a brilliant expedition and would like to say a big thank you to mission control (the staff), who came with us and Mrs Bunting who organised the trip.

By Emma Holmes, Marina Kelly and Zoë Carter, 7Z

Camp Hill Girls working with the Brownies

As part of the MFL department's subject specialism work, on the 1st October I took three Year 13 students (Frances Arnull, Susan Charlton and Aimée Greenwood) to the local Brownie pack meeting held in Colmore Junior School. The aim of the session was to teach the Brownies some French songs in order to help them achieve their World Cultures badge. After a quick French warm up the girls took over the session and taught the Brownies how to sing "Frère Jacques" as a round and also our old favourite "Picque-nique à la plage". The Brownies were very enthusiastic and loved learning from our students. Frances, Susan and Aimée were very impressive and employed a range of fun techniques to help the Brownies learn. The session ended with some number games and we were warmly invited to return later in the term with some more activities and games. Thank you very much to the girls who gave up their evening in order to help promote foreign languages in the community.

Miss Webber

AS French Class visit to Colmore Primary School

As part of our languages specialism members of the Sixth Form French class went to teach French songs to Year 5 classes at Colmore Junior School. On 3rd July Alex Crichton and Milandra McGrath led the way starting with the song *Un, deux,trois* which the children seemed to enjoy immensely as their French improved throughout the song.

We were invited back on the 14th July, when the second group, Frankie Arnull, Siobhan Page, Holly Edwards and Vicky James taught the class two old favourites, *Frère Jacques* and the French version of *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*.

I think we all had a wonderful time with the happy, energetic children and really appreciated the opportunity to go and teach the children the songs and improve our leadership skills. The opportunity has given us an insight into teaching a language and also helped with our French too!

Thank you to Miss Cox for arranging the opportunity for us.

Vicky James 12V

Sports News**Physical Education Sports results September – October 2009****Cross Country News**

On Wednesday 23rd September a selection of girls from across Years 8,9,10 & 11 represented King Edward Camp Hill Girls at the South Birmingham Schools Cross Country Championships at Becketts Farm. For some girls, this was their first cross country event. This year, we had more girls than ever take part and every one finished with a respectable placing. Many girls also qualified for the next round in which they were invited to represent South Birmingham Schools at the West Midlands Schools Cross Country Trials. In addition, congratulations to the year 8 /9 team who won the team event. The results are listed below:

Round 1: South Birmingham Championships at Becketts Farm**Individual results of the South Birmingham Cross Country Competition**

<u>Qualified</u>	<u>Participated</u>
The pupils listed were selected to represent the South Birmingham Cross Country Team at the West Midlands Schools Cross Country Trials.	
Tori Breillat 13 th	Katie Bennet- Rice
Alison Graham 9 th	Ella Chapman
Katharine Rowland 8 th	Evelyn Henderson
Elizabeth Western 11 th	Layla Mayor
Moti Takwoingi 10 th	Greta Nolan
Georgina Hartigan 2 nd	Tamara Norman
Remeh Wheatley 6 th	Anna Usselman
Ella Murray 13 th	Eve Johnston
Bethan Winter 12 th	Chloe Guest
	Jo Egan
	Bethany Reid

South Birmingham Schools Cross Country Championships : Team Event**Year 8 / 9 Girls Team won the team event**

Georgina Hartigan (Y9) Moti Takwoingi (Y8)

Alison Graham (Y8) Kat Rowland (Y8)

Round 2: Results of the West Midlands Schools Cross Country Trials.

Georgina Hartigan 5 th
Beth Western 29 th
Kat Rowland 32 nd
Moti Takwoingi 36 th
Tori Breillat 43 rd
Alison Graham 45 th

Special mention to Georgina Hartigan who qualified to compete in the next round

Netball

September – October 2009 Netball Results.

- U12 King Edward's Five Ways (won)
- U13 King Edward's Handsworth (won), KEHS (lost), Won their league match against King Edward's Five Ways.
- U14 KEHS (lost), King Edward's Handsworth (won)
- U15 KEHS (lost)
- U15 / 16 Team unbeaten in matches against Shenley Court, KEHS, Five Ways, Kings Norton Grils'
- U18 King Edward's Five Ways (won), U18 County Netball Tournament (3rd)
King Edward's Lichfield (lost)

County Hockey :

Well done to all the girls who went to trials for county hockey this year.

Below are the pupils who gained places.

U13	U14	U15	U17
Tori Breillat	Georgina Hartigan	Rachel Cook	Jaweria Zulfiqar
Sehar Farooq	Bethany Evans	Fiona Kelly	
Caitlin Moylan	Abigail Lake	Hok – Yun Chan	
Tamara Norman	Alice Lee	Rivneet Mann	
	Caitlin Parsons	Emily Cable	
	Hannah Rummens	Jade Athwal	
	Beth Western	Lizzie Simon	
		Sara Fradley	

Cricket

King Edward's Camp Hill competed in and won their first cricket match of the year against King Edward's Handsworth. The squad has been training hard over the past year with their coaches from Warwickshire Cricket and were thrilled to put their newly learnt skills to the test in a competitive fixture. They are looking forward to their next fixtures against Bishop Challoner and Swanshurst in the upcoming weeks.

Swimming Galas

Two pleasing team performances combined with Camp Hill Boys' School at Warwick and Bromsgrove. Well done to all girls who competed in the galas.

Gifted and Talented Sports performers.**Layla Guscoth (Year 13)**

'I am currently in the England Netball National Excel where I am training in the hope of representing England U19 at the European Netball U21's Championships in March. Selection for this takes place in December. I have also been selected for the Loughborough Lightning Superleague Squad (Super League is the Netball equivalent to Football premier league) where we are pre-season training for the new season which runs from December to May. This has included playing the Australian National squad. I am very excited as Superleague gives me the opportunity to train with and play against England Senior players, Australians, Samoans, Jamaicans to name a few and it is televised on Sky Sports !'

Lucy Ridge (Year 10)

'I swim with City of Birmingham Synchronised Swimming Club. In August, I travelled to Serbia, Belgrade. I was in the COMEN Cup which is a competition for 13-15 year olds. We swam the team in the prelims and gained a place in the finals. In the finals, we came 10th out of 19 countries.'

Charlotte Roye (Year 13)

This year, Charlotte has been promoted into Division 1 of the Regional Netball League as well as playing for Division 1 of the Birmingham Netball League. On Sunday 18th October 2009, Charlotte will be attending trials for the National Talent League for Netball (NTL) We wish her all the best.

Hannah Rawbone (Year 13)

Hannah continues to perform at national level in her Ballroom Dancing. She was recently ranked in the top 24 at the Amateur Ballroom UK closed championships and won the Under 21 Mersyside Championships. Hannah is currently working towards the British Championships in Blackpool in November. We wish her the best of luck in this.

Celia Fraser

In July 2009, Celia was a member of the U18 Edgbaston Priory Team that won the U18 Girls Aegon Team Tennis National Title. This is a fantastic result for Celia who continues to excel in Tennis. Well done and keep it up.

Olivia Deane

The West Warwickshire Branch of The Pony Club have been extra busy again at their junior and senior summer camps this year, producing a DVD of all the action. This year's total stands at an impressive £1300 and they have to date raised an impressive £4000 for their Air Ambulance.

Olivia Deane, is the editing genius behind the DVD and her mum comments 'Olivia forfeits being able to sleep-over at camp as she returns home each night to transfer the tape and edit the footage filmed every day, but the generosity of our Members' donations towards each copy of the DVD makes it all worthwhile" The hard work of Olivia means that the DVD is ready in time for a special viewing on the last night of camp.

The Air Ambulance is the Pony Club's nominated charity in 2009.