

King Edward VI College

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

March/April 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of our Student & Parent/Carer newsletter for 2022/2023! We hope you find it useful and informative.



Absences

Please report all absences asap and preferably on the day. You should always report any absences to College Services even if you have advised your teachers. Please do this by telephone, email collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk or Cedar (parent function).

An email will be sent home each day at 5pm to the student and the first contact on our system for any authorised and unauthorised absences for that day. If you have any query with that email, please contact college services.

Breakfast Club – 9am exam starts only

KING EDWARD VI COLLEGE **KE6**

FREE BREAKFAST
For anyone with a 9AM exam!

- ★ The breakfast available will be a breakfast batch or wrap. Meat, vegetarian, halal and vegan options will be available.
- ★ The canteen will be open from 8am, but please ensure you have collected your breakfast by 8:30am to be ready for your 9am exam start.

We have arranged with the College canteen for students to obtain a free breakfast batch or wrap prior to 9am exams. The offer will be either a meat, vegetarian, halal or vegan option. The canteen will be open from around 8am to facilitate this for you and you will need to give them your name as you will have to be marked off the list as being eligible due to sitting an exam that morning at 9am. A batch/wrap will be declined if your name is not on the list. Please take up this offer as it will be a good start to set you up for the day.

Please do not attend the canteen if it is just as your exam is about to start. We cannot allow you to be late for the exams so you need to ensure you get in college a bit earlier if needed to get this breakfast. Ideally before 8.30am.



Employability and Careers

First years

There are numerous Subject Specific University trips going out to over the coming term - please see your subject teachers for full details

We are taking a group of students to the University of Oxford on Thursday 19th May 2023, if you would like attend please drop an email to Rachael.Talbot@ke6n.ac.uk for full details and to put your name on the list.

The schedule is below:

08:30 – Depart KE6

10:45 – 11:00 Arrival at Keble College, Oxford & refreshments

11:00 – 11:30 Oxbridge Explained Talk (recap)

11:30 – 12:15 Tour of Keble College & Q&A with student ambassadors

12:15 – 13:00 Lunch in Keble College dining hall

13:00 – 14:00 Admissions focus session: personal statements & admissions tests

14:00 Tour of another college

15:00 Depart

16:30 – 17.00 Return to KE6

Second Years

UCAS:

If you are starting a Foundation year, Undergraduate course HNC you will need to apply for student finance to fund your studies.

Student finance is now open and will close on 19th May 2023, student need to apply using this link <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

Below is a recent presentation given by BCU on Student Finance  [Student Finance TEAMS Call BCU KE6-20230324 122950-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

There are some amazing apprenticeships available to apply to, it's really pleasing to see our students securing Degree apprenticeships for the end of their studies – opportunities can be found advertised on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/>

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/>

If you would like help completing applications or preparing for interview please book an appointment with Rachael or Sophie.

<https://calendly.com/rachael-talbot/30min>

https://calendly.com/sophie_evans_careers_appointments/30min

Accepting UCAS offers:

Please check UCAS track for the deadline to accept your course. The majority of courses, if you applied by the 25th January, have until 18th May to make their offers to you, and then students will have until 8th June to accept their offers.

If you haven't received any offers you can apply through UCAS Extra for individual courses – extra is open until 20th June.

Clearing:

From 5 July – 17 October 2023, you can apply for a course using Clearing if you're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.

You can use Clearing if:

- you're applying after 30 June
- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- you've paid the multiple choice application fee of £27
- you've declined your firm place using the 'decline my place' button in your application.

All Students

Careers and HE Fair Thursday 11th May 2023

We have over 60 exhibitors confirmed. These include: the Armed Forces, NHS, numerous apprenticeship providers such as National Grid and the Civil Service, and gap year opportunities, as well as a range of universities such as Lancaster University and Coventry University, including Russell Group universities like University of Cambridge, University of Manchester, and University of Nottingham. This is a great opportunity for our students who are thinking about their next steps, as they will be able to interact with employers, apprenticeship providers and universities.

Students can attend independently with or without their parents/carers between 4:30pm-7pm. Students can book their space at the event via the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/careers-and-he-fair-2023-tickets-595814365807>

There will also be opportunity in the college day for students to pop down between their lessons.



College Trips

Last month our Travel & Tourism and Business students flew out to Budapest to explore the Travel Industry in action. They focused their trip on how local businesses market themselves and the challenges they face, as well as how technology is used in the Travel Industry.



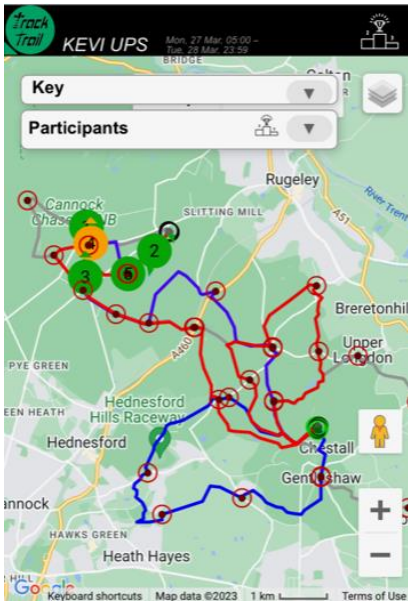
UPS – Year 1

Both UPS Year 1 classes attended a 2-day expedition to Cannock Chase staying overnight in tents at Beadesert Campsite. They walked around 25 miles over the two days and demonstrated their skills in tent pitching and cooking despite the rotten weather on day two.

Nick Tomkinson was really impressed with their resilience and enthusiasm and, as the photos show, upon their arrival at the final check-point after trekking unescorted for 12 miles, there was a real sense of accomplishment for the students.

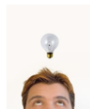
This expedition is a mandatory element of their final unit for year 1 and they have been prepping relentlessly on the run-up to the real-thing – getting navigation lessons from the armed services and outside provider, Karos Adventures.





KE6 Library

Library
Easter Opening



Need somewhere quiet to
do Course Work, Revision, finish an Essay etc
Mon 3rd, Tues 4th & Weds 5th April

Opening times 9.00 - 15.00

Any questions regarding this, come and see us in the library
Enter the building via Biology door, remember your student ID.

The World Poetry Day winner was:
Guy MacGregor-Devlin

Second place was awarded to:
Holly Brown

The winner received a choice of a book and an Easter Egg and the runner up received a book and chocolate. All books were very generously donated by Nuneaton Waterstones. Did you know that you can obtain a student card from Waterstones and collect stamps when you buy books and also receive a 5% student discount?



Period Products are available from the toilets for all students. Plain packaged 3-day supply bags are available in T, N, R, S, Q block and W Building toilets. Additional items can be obtained from College Services in the Unity Hub.



Health and Safety

Could all students when entering or leaving college when the gates are open, please remember to swipe in/out of the barrier. This allows us a true picture of who is on site for fire safety and security.

Please remember your college ID badge. You need this to:

- Exams – you need your ID to sit your exam
- Access lunches (bursary)
- Borrow resources in college (laptops, books etc)
- Use the printers
- Avoid queuing at reception to obtain a temporary pass.

Also, a reminder that all students should be always wearing their lanyards around their neck and visible when on campus.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.



Student car park

Please be courteous to your fellow students when parking and allow those coming into the car park off the main road to do so first. There have been a number of incidences recently of students parking inconsiderately.



Finance

The Finance office is open each day between 11am-1pm, except Wednesdays for student drop-ins. We now have a cashless system and only accept card, Google/Apple Pay. If you telephone to speak to our Finance team during College opening hours/days, please use the main number and press 6.

There has been a further delay in rolling out our new Wisepay system – we hope to have more news of this in the next issue of the newsletter.



Esports

KE6 Vanguard competes in the British Student Championships, a national esports league that sees hundreds of schools and colleges across the country competing on a weekly basis.

The annual competition is open to all secondary schools, Further Education (FE) colleges and Alternative Provision (AP) schools in the UK and is PC-based. Each institution can enter multiple teams for four different games: League of Legends (5v5), Overwatch 2 (5v5), Rocket League (3v3), and VALORANT (5v5). The competition has now moved into the Spring Split stage, following the previous Winter Split, where Vanguard placed an average of 3rd in their respective group stages.

The team's latest results:

March 8th - 15th - 22nd

KE6 Vanguard (Overwatch 2)

Duke's Defenders 0 – 3 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 0 Fife College

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 0 CAVC Corsairs

KE6 Vanguard (VALORANT)

KE6 Vanguard 13 – 0 Belfast Met Buffalos

KE6 Vanguard 13 – 0 Coventry Crosshairs Academy

GCS Owls 13 – 2 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard (Rocket League)

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 0 NCP Pirates

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 0 Access College Birmingham

CCSW Sandstorm 0 – 3 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard (League of Legends)

TRC Cobras 0 – 1 KE6 Vanguard

Newcastle Tigers 1 – 0 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard 1 – 0 Burnley FC Academy

We are proud to announce that three out of four of our KE6 Vanguard teams will advance to the national playoffs stage of the British Student Championships, a resounding success for a first year competing in the league.

Well done to all of our student players for the hard work and tenacity that they have shown over the last six months.



Follow KE6 Vanguard:

@KE6Vanguard

twitch.tv/KE6Vanguard



A reminder that lessons start and finish as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:

9am-11am

11.20am-12.20pm

1.10pm-2.10pm

Tuesday and Thursday:

9am-11am

11.20am-12.20pm

1.10pm-2.10pm

2.30pm-4.30pm

Please arrive in time for your lesson to start when stated.



Dates for your diary

Autumn term 2022:

Terms Starts	Monday 12 September (Yr 12 & Yr 13)
Half Term	Monday 24 October-Friday 28 October
College closed to students – staff day	Wednesday 2 November
Year 13 progress - parent/carer evening	
- lessons end at 2.10pm (no Skills Link)	Wednesday 9 November
Open event - lessons end at 12.40pm	Thursday 17 November
College closed to students – staff day	Friday 18 November
College closed to students	Wednesday 30 November
Term Ends	Friday 16 December

Spring Term 2023:

Term Starts	Tuesday 3 January
Year 12 progress - parent/carer evening	
- lessons end at 2.10pm (limited Skills Link)	Wednesday 18 January
Industrial action	Wednesday 1 February
Half Term	Monday 20 February-Friday 24 February
Planned industrial action	Wednesday 1 March
College closed to students – staff CPD day	Monday 6 March
Planned industrial action	Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March
Open event - lesson end times may be affected	Wednesday 29 March
Term Ends	Friday 31 March

Summer Term 2023:

Term Starts	Monday 17 April
College closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May
College closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 8 May
Half Term	Monday 29 May-Friday 2 June
Term Ends	Friday 7 July

One of the best ways to keep up to date with the latest news about College is to follow our social media.
Find us on:



Instagram at @ke6nuneaton and @ke6news



TikTok at @ke6nuneaton



Facebook at @ke6nuneaton



Spotify podcasts at <https://linktr.ee/KingEdwardVICollegeNuneaton>
