

# King Edward VI College

## Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

February 2023

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

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### Communication

As you may already be aware, we have introduced an automated email to parents/carers of students that have an absence mark on registers. This is to ensure students are supported through any absence and to enable us to keep you informed.

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](mailto:collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk) or Cedar (parent function).

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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.

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### Mock Trial

KE6 competed in the annual Bar Mock Trial, Midlands Regional Heat. The competition consisted of students preparing two fictional criminal cases. The students played all the roles and were marked by a real judge when performing the trial. The competition this year took place at King Edward VI School in Stratford, aka Shakespeare's school. Although we did not win this year the team performed admirably and were a credit to the College.



### GCSE Results

The GCSE November maths results came out a couple of weeks ago and we're pleased to say that more than 50% of our students who sat the exam passed with a grade 4 or higher. This is particularly impressive when we consider the national picture is only 20%. I would like to extend my congratulations to those students and to the teachers who helped them to achieve these results.

Well done one and all!

*Bob Finch (Curriculum Leader - Maths and Technology)*



### Coventry University

We have just signed the Phoenix Partnership with Coventry University which encourages students with no family history of higher education the opportunity to widen and pursue their ambitions.

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### *Employability and Careers*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February is National Apprenticeship Week, there is lots of information available for both parents/carers and young people considering apprenticeships as a route after they have completed their studies.

Please see the link in the main email for the guide of events happening next week and below is a link to another series of events:

[https://mcusercontent.com/1cc6e1401c1fd3731e573806c/files/d7c60365-252e-449a-7f2b-082cb4a5546d/National\\_Apprenticeship\\_Week.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/1cc6e1401c1fd3731e573806c/files/d7c60365-252e-449a-7f2b-082cb4a5546d/National_Apprenticeship_Week.pdf)

For any students who are considering an apprenticeship after college, the following will give you a taste of Higher and Degree Apprenticeship vacancies:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/resource/higher-and-degree-listing/>

Below is a useful parents/carers guide to apprenticeships:

[The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeships Week 2023](#)

Students who are looking for employment or an apprenticeship after college, there is support available for help with applications, getting your CV ready and interviews every Monday at 2.30pm in Room R0.1, either drop [Jane.sheppard@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:Jane.sheppard@ke6n.ac.uk) an email or pop in.

We are looking for volunteers to come in and talk to students about their own career journey, and opportunities in that sector at our Careers Event “The Next Steps” on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 11am. If you are employed in IT, Creative industries, Journalism, or a local business and would like to find out more, please drop an email to [Sophie.Evans@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:Sophie.Evans@ke6n.ac.uk)

If students are looking for Volunteering or Work Experience to complement their college courses they will be able to sign up to a Skills Link after February half term, more information is on the student landing page.

During National Apprenticeship week. The Coventry Job Shop would like to invite you to our Find Your Apprentice Event. Based at the heart of Coventry City Centre - The Bull Yard and Hertford Street, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please see link in the main email for details of the event. The event runs from 10am - 2pm.

As always there are some amazing opportunities and lots of information and advice available on our student landing page which can be accessed by students using this link:

<https://kecnuneaton.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentLandingPage/SitePages/Employability-%26-Careers.aspx?csf=1&web=1&e=bLq35d&cid=044dcb0d-0ccb-4792-a58f-487f278a48a4>

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 3pm If you are interested in exploring more around Careers in the Art sector there is an event being run by Shout Out for the Arts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February in the W Building in the Ropewalk. For more information and to book a place please scan the QR code on the poster below:



AGED 15-25?  
LOOKING TO WORK IN THE ARTS?  
**#ARTSCAREERSFAIR**

Join our **free careers events**.  
Panel discussions, interactive workshops and more.

20TH FEBRUARY (NUNEATON)  
23RD FEBRUARY (STRATFORD-UPON-AVON)  
Visit [shoutoutforthearts.com/careersfairs](http://shoutoutforthearts.com/careersfairs)  
to register online in advance.

Shout Out for the Arts

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 12pm – 7pm (TBC) Careers and Higher Education Fair, King Edward College, King Edward Road

## L3FP

In January students heard from our Careers Team and NWSLC about options available once they have completed their course. We would love for students to continue with us at KE6, but all students have been advised to have a back-up plan with another college which they apply for now. The best situation students can be in is that they have multiple offers available to them so they can decide on the best plan on GCSE results day on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

## First year students

Students interested in Applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science have been meeting weekly to understand the expectations of them to prepare them for a competitive application for these courses. In the coming weeks we will be hearing from second year medical students, doctors, and from Birmingham University Medical and Dentistry School. We are hoping to run a trip to a medical school after Easter. Students are welcome to come along to R0.7 on a Monday at 2.15pm.

First year students are beginning to explore the options for after college in their Progress Session, their attendance at this is vital in them being aware of all their options and being prepared for life after KE6 – we will be kicking this off with “The Next Steps” below.

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – 12.20pm, all students will be signing up to a compulsory Careers Event “The Next Steps”. We have a multitude of employers who will be introducing students to careers in a wide range of sectors, along with students being

able to sample some taster university lectures and apprenticeship routes. Information as to how to sign up will be sent to students' week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### Second year students

Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to cement their plans for after college. All students who haven't made us aware of their plans have been invited to book a careers appointment with either Rachael Talbot or Sophie Evans before the Easter Holidays, the links to make an appointment are below:

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

[https://calendly.com/sophie\\_evans\\_careers\\_appointments/30min](https://calendly.com/sophie_evans_careers_appointments/30min)

The UCAS deadline for equal consideration was 25<sup>th</sup> January, however students can still apply for a course with a September start until the start of their course. The sooner an application is made the better their chances are of gaining a place on a chosen course.

UCAS Extra is another chance for students to gain a place at university or college, between 23 February and 4 July. If students used all five of their choices on their original application and they're not holding an offer, they'll be able to add another choice using Extra.

UCAS reply dates:

These are based on when students get the last decision in from universities or colleges. Students should check their application to see their personal deadline.

If students receive their last decision on or before 18 May 2023, their reply date is 8 June 2023 (except if they're using Extra to find a place).

If they receive their last decision on or before 12 July 2023, their reply date is 17 July 2023 (including Extra choices).

### Apprenticeships

In addition to the information shared about students can also find apprenticeships advertised in the following places:

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

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

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

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

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

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

### Options at KE6

We offer a number of HE courses available for students at KE6. If a student is interested in Art, Creative Media or Business please check out the details of our Higher Education courses on our website: <https://ke6n.ac.uk/courses/>

## Other HE Options

NWSLC also have a number of HE and Access courses that students can apply for once they have completed their courses: [https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/all-courses/?course\\_type=higher-education&course\\_areas=&course\\_campus=](https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/all-courses/?course_type=higher-education&course_areas=&course_campus=)

## Student Finance 2023

We are expecting Student Finance for 2023 University applicants to open in March 2023, a parent guide and more details can be found on the following website: <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>. We will send out more details nearer the time and students will be available to attend a talk in college about Student Finance.

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## KE6 Library

The KE6 Library is running a competition for students asking for their stories up to 500 words with a prize up for grabs.

**Short Story Competition**

It is National Storytelling week Jan 30-Feb 6 and we are having a competition.

Write a short story up to 500 words (no more and only one entry per student please!).

The stories will be judged and the winner will receive a prize.

Email it to [library@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:library@ke6n.ac.uk) or hand it in to a member of the library staff before 7th February 2023.



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.

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### 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.

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.

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### 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.

We will shortly be introducing Wisepay which is an integrated payment processing platform - please look out for an email which will be sent to students in the next few days. Access will be available for parents/carers to create their own log on and full details will be included in the email.

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### 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 continue to impress with January's result below:

KE6 Vanguard (Overwatch 2)

GCS Owls 1 – 3 KE6 Vanguard (18<sup>th</sup> January)

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 1 Leamington Spartans (25<sup>th</sup> January)

KE6 Vanguard (VALORANT, League of Legends, Rocket League)

\*Currently in off-season training. Spring Split begins 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Follow KE6 Vanguard:

@KE6Vanguard

[twitch.tv/KE6Vanguard](https://www.twitch.tv/KE6Vanguard)

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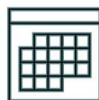


### Sport

The College football team are currently undefeated in the league and are top of the table with a game in hand over second place.

The College Netball team are also currently top of the table.

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### 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 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

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### *KE6 is on Social Media!*

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