

King Edward VI College

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

June 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.



Exams

We are in the final stretch of exams in College. Please remember to check when your exam is; date, time, room etc. Individual exam timetables are on Cedar (Cedar should be checked regularly as this has the most up to date seating information) and arrive in plenty of time for your exam.

Important reminder

15th June – Afternoon

28th June – Full day

These dates will be used if a significant, unexpected event arises nationally or locally during the exam period such that no students (or a large number of them) are able to take an exam when planned. Of course, we all hope there won't be such disruption and that the contingency day won't be needed. Therefore, students should be available throughout the exam period, including these dates, in case their planned timetable is disrupted. The contingency date is set by Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications. All students must be available for these dates.

Other dates:

- 3rd-7th July - 1st year - end of year exams
- 7th July - Last day of term.

Be exam ready!

All students should come to college fully equipped for exams. Checking equipment the night before the exam is one of the easiest ways to avoid any last minute worries.

Students are expected to bring the following equipment:

- Pens (must be black ink for exams)
- Pencils
- Rules
- Scientific calculator (if applicable)
- Maths equipment (if applicable)
- College ID
- Pencil cases are not permitted unless they are transparent
- Water bottle which must be transparent.

Good luck to all of our students taking exams over the next month!

Breakfast Club – 9am exam starts only



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.



Our Taster Days for new students starting in September 2023 are being held in college on Monday 26 June and Tuesday 27 June. Our current first years will not be on-site but will be expected to use this time to revise for their end of year exams which start on Monday 3 July 2023. Lessons in college will be back to normal on Wednesday 28 June.

If you have a sibling starting with us in September an email will be coming out to them this week about the Taster Days – please ask them to look out for it.

Entry to this year's art exhibition will be via R Block. Please come along to see our students' amazing body of work.

A poster for the King Edward VI College End of Year Arts Exhibition. The background is a light grey with a crumpled paper texture. At the top left is the college logo: 'KING EDWARD VI COLLEGE' in red and 'KE6' in green. The main title 'END OF YEAR ARTS EXHIBITION' is in large, black, sans-serif font. Below the title is a rectangular image of a colorful abstract painting with blue, yellow, orange, and purple tones. To the left of the painting, the text 'IN THE ART STUDIO' is written vertically in black. At the bottom, the date and time 'THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 6:00PM- 8:00PM' are displayed in black. The poster is framed by thin red and blue lines.



COMPETITION
2D
ART

**SEND US YOUR 2D
ART INSPIRED
BY THE KNIFE
ANGEL**

**How does it make you feel?
Tell us in a picture on an
A4 plain paper**

**Winners in each category will
have their artwork
displayed in Nuneaton town
centre and one lucky
category winner will win a
£25 voucher.**

**Email your (scanned/photographed) entry to
communities@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk entitled 'Knife Angel Art'
including the artist's name, contact details and school/school year.**

CLOSING DATE 30 JUNE

Terms and conditions apply please email above to receive them.



Employability and Careers

First years

Students are now using time in their progress sessions exploring their options for after college, all students have been encouraged to start a UCAS application in preparation for applying to University in the Autumn term. This is also a useful task to familiarise themselves with online applications if they are not applying to university.

Deadlines for UCAS applications are:

16th October 2023 deadline for Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.

31st January 2024 equal consideration deadline for all other courses.

Trips and meetings:

Wednesday 14th June 2.30pm – In college meeting for all students applying to Oxford or Cambridge universities – room opposite Study Centre.

Tuesday 20th June - University of Lincoln Medical School for any students interested in finding out more about studying medicine at University – students to collect the letter from the careers area and should be returned by Wednesday 14th June.

Wednesday 21st June 2.30pm - in college meeting for all students applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science - room opposite Study Centre.

Thursday 14th September – Trip to Clare College Cambridge.

UCAT test for Medicine:

Opens on Tuesday 20th June for any students who are applying for medicine and are required to sit the UCAT test - [About the University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\) | UCAT Consortium](#)

Information for parents and carers can be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

We suggest that to support your young person, you encourage them to attend University open days to get a taste of the subject they are applying for and have a tour around the campus and accommodation. Dates can be found on University Websites or <https://www.opendays.com/>, they tend to run from June – October.

If your young person is looking at alternatives to university a good starting point is Amazing Apprenticeships <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/> it is important that students begin to research opportunities they are interested in, www.unifrog.org is a great Careers Platform, that is designed to help students and parents begin to research into different careers and routes to secure employment in these areas. All students have a log in for this.

Other places to look for apprenticeships include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

All students should book a guidance meeting with Rachael or Sophie, the links can be found below.

Rachael: Progress Coaches for Tracey, Terrie and Michelle

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

Sophie: for Progress coaches Lisa, Lorna and Michael

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

Second Years

Student Finance:

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

Students need to apply using this link <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>, 19th May was the deadline for applying to ensure the funds are available for the start of term, but if you missed this deadline you should still apply.

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.allaboutschooleavers.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

UCAS 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.

On results day on 17th August, there will be support from the careers team available in college.



Sports Performance Academy offer
is now open for applications for September 2023

If you are in year 12 going into year 13 September 2023 and you are interested in combining your studies with our Academy offer, please apply using the QR code below. Sports Performance Academy's dual timetable allows you to study your 3 A-Levels and train and compete in your chosen sport.

We have partnered with elite sports coaches in Men's Football, Women's Football, Rugby, Esports, Netball, Golf, Boxing or compete in an individual sport then please apply now!

A promotional poster for the Sports Performance Academy. At the top right is the logo for King Edward VI College (KE6) Sports Performance Academy. The text reads: "September 2023", "Combine your three academic subjects with your sporting aspirations!", "We offer sports academies in Men's Football, Women's Football, Rugby, Esports, Netball, Golf, Boxing & Individual Athletics", and "Apply for September 2023 by scanning the QR code". A QR code is located on the left side of the poster. At the bottom left is the email address "jason.farndon@ke6n.ac.uk". The background of the poster features a collage of athletes in various sports.

September 2023

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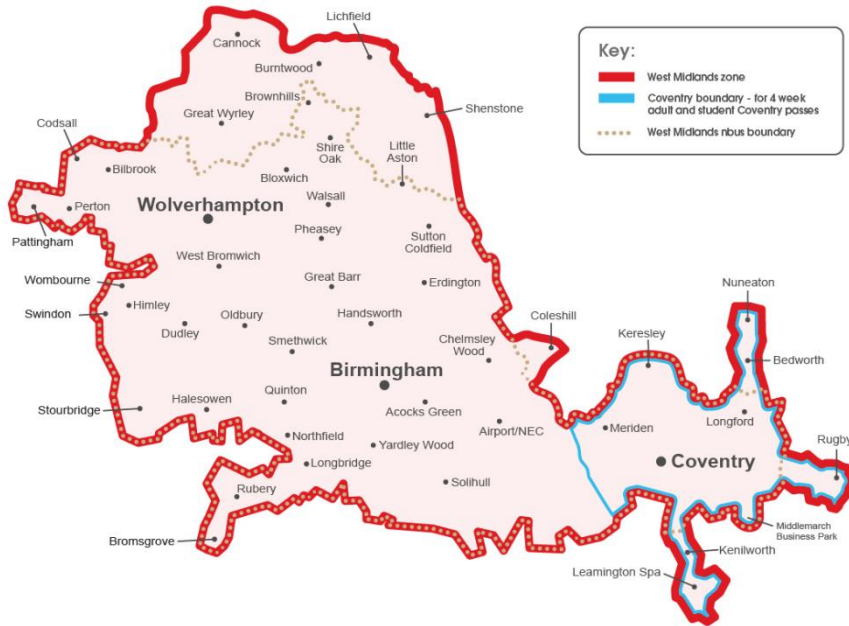


Transport

National Express:

https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/tickets-prices/under-18-term-plus?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=organic_social_hroc&fbclid=IwAR1nXi885hmO75f2IpenntF6-nEMYkUG91QIWCEdT2osDo8XZvthVV2PF7o

Under 18 & Term Plus - Unlimited bus travel to school or college



West Midlands Railway:

<https://www.westmidlandsrailway.co.uk/tickets-discounts/discounts/student-season-train-tickets>

Termly Student Season Tickets

Up to 50% savings on train travel per term

Only available at wmr.uk/students

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West Midlands Railway

Skip the queue and head straight on board

Discounted student season tickets. Ticket valid all term including weekends and holidays within the date range.

Significant savings

Students age 16 or over – 50% discount on the usual adult season ticket

Students age 15 or under - 25% discount on the usual child season ticket

Peace of mind as always with a ticket to travel

0% chance of a Penalty Fare

Only available at wmr.uk/students

West Midlands Railway

Kingsbury Bus

Please pay the deposit for your college transport (Kingsbury Bus) by 7 July at the latest. You will have received an email about this. If you have any queries please email collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk or come and see us in the library.



College Trips & Talks

During the week of 5 June Paul Kingdon held daily workshops for our Criminology students. Paul trains police from around the world in crime scene management techniques.



On Monday 12 June our Criminology students attended a talk by Alison Cope who is an anti-violence campaigner and mother of Joshua Ribera who was murdered in 2013. She now works tirelessly to help prevent youth violence by sharing her son's unique life and death story to help educate young people on the realities and consequences of youth violence. Her powerful presentations convey the importance of prevention, the emotive realisation of how choices affect loved ones and how young people retain hope for the future.

More information is here <https://www.alisoncope.com/>



KE6 Library

Please return all resources to the library before you finish at college or for the summer.

If you need to borrow a resource over the summer, please come and talk to us.



Please request your summer supply of period products via the QR code located in the toilets. Collection is available from the library.



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.



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
Term Ends

Wednesday 30 November
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

Autumn term 2023:

Term Starts (all students)

Monday 4 September

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



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

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