

King Edward VI College

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

March 2023

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



Communication

As you may already be aware, we have introduced an automated email to parents/carers of students that have an unauthorised 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 or Cedar (parent function).



Recent Incident

We have had a report of 3 men in a red transit van verbally harassing one of our students this week. The location was on Attleborough Road.

If anyone harasses you in this way:

- Do not respond to what they are saying
 - Try to make a note of their registration
 - You can report it to the police on 101 or online
 - Tell your parents / carers and the safeguarding team at college
 - If you feel you are in danger, ring 999 immediately
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Employability and Careers

First Years

Careers Event

On Tuesday 14th March between 9am and 12.20pm, all students are required to be in college and sign up for the Careers event “The Next Steps” which includes employer networking and university sessions. Students and parent have been sent this link:

<https://kecnuneaton.sharepoint.com/sites/StudentLandingPage/SitePages/Next-Steps-2023.aspx>

for students to sign up to.

We have more than 50 employers and 30 university taster lectures organised to engage with our students.

This event launches the beginning of the programme which focuses on students planning for their Next Steps after college, in the past students have found it really beneficial, below is some student feedback from last year:

“Has opened my eyes to possible careers”

“The paramedic science lecture was inspiring”

“Reminded and alerted me to possible careers that I may be interested in”

“It has shown me that there are many options with regards to careers and my subject choices than I had previously thought”

“I really enjoyed the taster lecture and it helped to think about looking into a range of healthcare careers.”

“Provided me with information that there are more options after college”

“Made me confident how to achieve my goals”

“It’s given me an insight into the opportunities in the esports industry as well as the opportunities surrounding the entertainment industry too.”

Second Years and HNC/Foundation Art Diploma

Student Finance, for those students who have applied for university, is now live:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/students-invited-to-apply-for-2324-student-finance>

There is a parent guide and video available here:

<https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/#what-to-do-if-you-re-a-parent-or-partner>

Information about how to apply, and support your Child is available here: <https://www.ucas.com/sfe>

There is also a face-to-face information session that will be held on Monday 13th March at 12.30pm, there will also be a virtual session that students can attend at a time and date to be confirmed.

Students who are looking at alternatives to university can book an appointment for bespoke support using one of the following links:

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

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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11th May Our Summer Careers and HE Fair is taking place. We have already more than 60 employers and universities who have booked to exhibit at our event

Thursday 18th May Trip to University of Oxford



Discounted train travel



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

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KE6 Library



21st March World Poetry Day

Write a short poem along the theme of:

“My Future”

Between 100-500 words

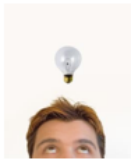
The poems will be judged and the winner will receive a prize

Email it to library@ke6n.ac.uk

or hand it in to a member of the

library staff before the

21st March 2023



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.

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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.

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.



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 soon (sorry for the delay in this). Access will be available for parents/carers to create their own log on and full details will be included in the email.



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 teams latest results:

W/C March 1st

KE6 Vanguard (Overwatch 2)

KE6 Vanguard 3 – 0 Stafford Dragons

KE6 Vanguard (VALORANT)

GY Galaxy Sauron 13 – 10 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard (Rocket League)

Loughborough Lycans 2 – 3 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard (League of Legends)

KE6 Vanguard 0 – 1 Belfast Met Buffalos

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VANGUARD INVITATIONAL

1st - 31st MAY 2023



	teams will be competing in Overwatch 2	5 players per team. £2 entry per player
	fixtures held every wednesday & friday	all proceeds given to winner's chosen charity
	sign up @ the esports lab (s block)	tournament is open to both staff & students

test your mettle in the 1st annual **VANGUARD INVITATIONAL** esports tournament.



Follow KE6 Vanguard:

[@KE6Vanguard](#)

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

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

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