

King Edward VI College

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

May 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

The countdown to exams is now well and truly underway, with many of our students having already started taking exams in some areas. All students have been emailed their individual exam timetable and a copy can be found by them on Cedar (Cedar should be checked regularly as this has the most up to date seating information).

Important reminder

8th & 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.

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

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.



Student Parking and Car Park

In recent weeks, the college has received several complaints about inconsiderate parking in and around the college.

The college is aware that the student car park is often full.

The college cannot open-up the field for students to park on as this is used by our sports students and driving onto this area will damage the field. Access to the field is needed to ensure that the groundskeepers can work on the playing surfaces. It is also essential that access is given in case emergency services need to get onto the field.

Please do not block the entrance to the field, open the chain or drive onto the grassed area. Any student doing so will be disciplined accordingly.

Due to the current surface of the car park bays cannot be marked out and having the car park tarmacked is cost prohibitive at the moment.

We understand that driving to college maybe the most convenient form of transport for some students. If you do drive to college our advice would be:

1. Consider using public transport when possible.
2. If you are using the student car park, please arrive by 8.30am as it gets busy.
3. If the student car park is full make use of the public car parks in the town - the cost is £1.50
4. Use Parkoedia: <https://www.parkopedia.com> to find a suitable car parking space.
5. Avoid parking in the nearby streets as these are permit only and Nuneaton has a high number of parking attendants who patrol regularly.
6. If you are using on street parking, then please be courteous to those that live nearby i.e. keep music down and ensure that you are parked legally.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.



Congratulations!

A massive congratulations to our students for entering the Nuneaton Festival of Arts and all placing! Well done to Mia (@arty_mia6) for winning first place and the Junior Art Shield in class 12 for the collection of three ink drawings. Congratulations to Georgie for placing second in the same category, with 'Chickens'.



And a big well done to Amy for winning first place in class 13 with her pet portrait, titled 'Bailey'!



Employability and Careers

First years

All students have been invited to attend the Careers and HE Fair on Thursday 11th May. To attend the Careers and HE Fair students will need to book a ticket through Eventbrite (link below). If you wish to attend with your young person, you are welcome to do so. Please note only the student needs a ticket, family can attend with them without needing a ticket. If you are booking a space on behalf of your young person, please be use their full name rather than your own.

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

During the remainder of the academic year in Progress sessions students will be exploring their options for after college, they will be registering with UCAS, the application system for university, researching and registering for apprenticeships and will be making decisions about the courses they wish to apply for, 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 research into different careers and routes to secure employment in these areas. All students have a log in for this. Parents can access www.unifrog.org using the following code KECNParents.

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.allaboutschoollleavers.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

UCAS:

If you are starting a Foundation year, Undergraduate course or 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, students need to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

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.allaboutschoollleavers.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.



Transport

Upcoming rail strike – Friday 12 May 2023:

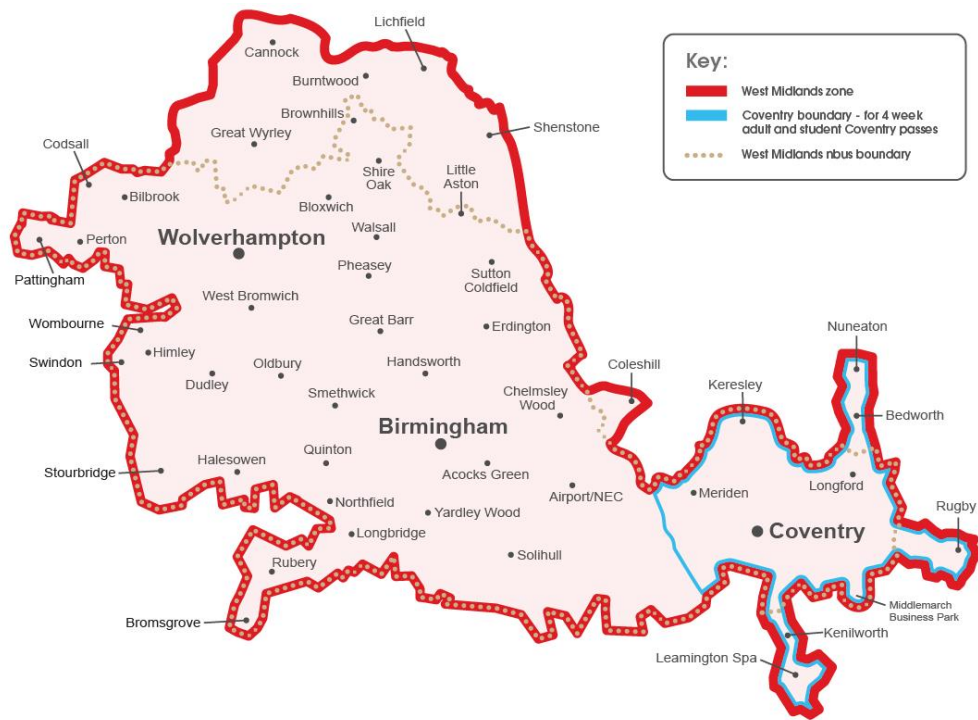
Please be prepared for this - follow the link to see how this might impact you:

<https://www.thetrainline.com/trains/great-britain/industrial-action#:~:text=Four%20upcoming%20rail%20strikes%20have,Wednesday%2031st%20May%202023>

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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 @WestMidRailway

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



College Trips & Talks



Last month, ex-KEGS student, Amanda Morris, spoke to our Business students about her career. Amanda has worked in the UK, Europe and Australia during her career.

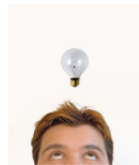
On Saturday 25th March, a group of students visited Birmingham MegaCon! The students were encouraged to take plenty of photographs for their modules, as this trip was a perfect opportunity for our Creative Arts students to get inspired! There was plenty to see, such as comic book artists, cosplay, film and tv sets, props, guest speakers, including actors, YouTubers, TikTokers and voice actors, and a gaming corner! Some of us even got dressed up for the occasion!



Before Easter our History and Ancient History students got the chance to visit London! They spent the first day exploring the ancient world in both the British Museum and the Roman Mithraeum- a temple discovered in London; and the second day visiting sites relevant to the history course- the medieval Temple Church which was built by the Templar Knights, and Hampton Court which is central to Tudor history.



KE6 Library



Library

Half Term Opening

Need somewhere quiet to do Course Work, Revision, finish an Essay etc

Tues 30th, Wed 31st May
& Thurs 1st June

Opening times 9.30 – 15.30

To use the library only, no classrooms are to be used.
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.

We now also have Period Pants available in college in sizes 8-18. Please come and see our displays in the Unity Hub and Library in the coming week.



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.



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.



Team sports

Netball

A huge congratulations to the KE6 Women's Netball team who have won the The AoC West Midlands Netball League. The team have been superb throughout the whole season, showing wonderful attitude, teamwork and a real enthusiasm to play. The team thoroughly deserve to win the league title having shown sacrifice to travel across the West Midlands (and into Wales) with super team spirit and a real determination to succeed!

The department and college are incredibly proud of what you have all achieved and how professionally you have gone about it! Thank you!



From Left to Right:

*Jemma Woodward, Lottie Warne, Isabelle Richardson,
Esther Johnson, Victoria Tetteh-Kpatogbe,
Imogen Crouchman, Molly Stringer, Ellie Lane, Jess Bickley*

*Other players: Moreblessing Muchenje, Michelle Katumba,
Sophie Cooper, Derin Guzey*

Football

Football Match Report (26/04/23) – Birmingham Metropolitan College vs King Edward VI College

As KE6 approached their final game of the season, a huge opportunity had arisen to potentially win the league if points fell in our favour. We travelled away to play against Birmingham Metropolitan College at the wonderful facility of Boldmere St Michaels FC. Before the game began, KE6 led a tribute to former student Teal Mulvihill, and we thank Birmingham Met for taking part in a minute silence to remember him.

KE6 got the game underway and began the fixture with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. Some fine link up play between Lepmo Chemjong and Samuel Brito down the right flank was causing Birmingham some issues early on. Despite playing on a 4G pitch, KE6 were not shy of a challenge, with Aiden Lycett using his strength to show dominance in the middle of the park. Joe Cowling was key to breaking up the attack and did an excellent job in protecting our back four. Unfortunately, our eagerness for a tackle got the better of us as Birmingham were able to score a looping header from a free kick to go 1-0 up. KE6 were not to let their heads drop as Toby Hulland executed a turn and nutmeg that Adel Taarabt would be proud of and slotted it home just before the break.

KE6 came out in the second half seemingly tired, understandable after a long season! Birmingham took this opportunity and capitalised from a communication error at the back to retake the lead. Shortly after, Birmingham made it 3-1 with a tidy finish from their physical striker. KE6 did not give up as with 15 minutes to go, an effort by Calum Abram was saved into the path of Nerei Fom, who headed home. A reactive finish to round off a successful spell at the college. Unfortunately, despite heavy pressure on the Birmingham goal, and the likes of keeper Roddy Attwood entering the opponent's box, KE6 were unable to find an equaliser and fell short. Losing 3-2. A huge well done for all the players at KE6 who have had an amazing season. We thank you for your efforts and dedication over the season, in which some great memories were made.

Goals: Toby Hulland (1), Nerei Fom (1).

MotM: Lepmo Chemjong

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Name
Roddy Attwood
Lepmo Chemjong
Toby Hulland
Liam Stephenson
Joe Cowling
Owen Scarborough
Ryan Tyler-Murrell
Aiden Lycett
Sam Brito
Lawrence Wilson
Isaac McLaughlin
Calum Abram
Nerei Fom
Jayden Crowley
Keiran Nickols

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 team's latest results:

April 26th – Final 16 National

KE6 Vanguard (Overwatch 2)
Access Denied Birmingham 0 – 3 KE6 Vanguard

KE6 Vanguard (Rocket League)
KE6 Vanguard 0 – 3 Coventry Crosshairs

May 3rd – Quarter Finals National

KE6 Vanguard (Overwatch 2)
Nottingham Confetti Arrows 3 – 0 KE6 Vanguard

After making it to the quarter finals of the competition, our journey unfortunately ends here. In our first competitive season, we have far exceeded our expectations as a team, and we are incredibly proud of everything that our students have achieved this year. We'll be back in September stronger than ever!

KE6 NUNEATON
VANGUARD INVITATIONAL
1st - 31st MAY 2023

teams will be competing in **Overwatch 2**

fixtures held every **wednesday & friday**

sign up @ the **esports lab** (s block)

5 players per team. **£2** entry per player

all proceeds given to winner's chosen charity

tournament is open to both **staff & students**

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

Follow KE6 Vanguard:
[@KE6Vanguard](https://twitter.com/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



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

