

King Edward VI College

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

November 2022

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



Communication

Cedar is KE6's new parent/carers portal for progress monitoring and communication.

We have sent invites to all parents/carers to join us on Cedar. If you've not seen the invite, please check your junk mailbox.

Cedar will let you see student attendance and progress. You can contact us easily from within it; you can report absences and change of contact and medical details through it. It is web based but can be easily added as a link to your home page on phones/smart devices, without using up memory.

Go to this link to register: <https://cedar.ke6n.ac.uk/auth/account/create>



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.



Employability and Careers

Autumn 2022

Here is a quick update as to what we are offering in the careers team over the next term.

General information

The majority of the core careers programme is covered in progress sessions, to ensure that all students are receiving the necessary information they must attend their progress sessions.

All students can book one to one guidance with one of the careers advisors using the QR codes that are situated around college, they can choose an appointment that fits around their lessons. The appointments are 30 minutes long and can be followed up if necessary.

There are a number of skills links for students around employability and preparation for the workplace which include:

- What Employers want... CV writing, interview preparation, etc
- Presentation Skills
- Think about Oxford or Cambridge
- Science behind Medicine

In October all students were invited to attend our Autumn Careers and HE Fair, over 200 students attended either independently or as part of their lessons, our next fair will be in April/May date TBC.

We run drop in's every Tuesday and Thursday in the Careers area at break and lunchtime. Students don't need to make an appointment, they can pop along with any queries, have application forms checked, and we can help with preparation for interviews.

Students can access Employability and Careers information on our College landing page using this link: [Employability-&-Careers.aspx](#)

L3FP

All students have been invited to attend an Apprenticeship Fair at the Coventry Arena on 8th November, the cost is £3 to cover travel – we still have a few places left.

All students will be asked to book a careers appointment the week beginning 5th or 12th December.

We have been working with students on the Social Sciences programme to plan work experience on a Friday between half term and Christmas, students should be following these applications up over half term. More information can be found on the teams group.

First years

After half-term all first years will be registered with www.unifrog.org which is a careers platform to help with researching careers, finding apprenticeships, sourcing universities and courses, there are quizzes, suggested extra reading linked to subjects and lots more. We will be sending a parent code out shortly.

There are lots of programmes available for students to apply to such as:

- Sutton trust Pathways to Banking & Finance, Consulting, Engineering, Law or Medicine programmes. [Programme Homepage \(suttontrust.com\)](http://suttontrust.com)
- The Social Mobility foundation [The Aspiring Professionals Programme | Students \(socialmobility.org.uk\)](http://socialmobility.org.uk) – Deadline for applications 16th December 12pm
- Pathways to Birmingham Pathways to Birmingham - University of Birmingham
- Warwick scholars will open in the Summer term Warwick Scholars

Second years

The 2023 UCAS applications are well underway. Students have received lots of support in getting their Personal Statements started and now need to work on these independently. Personal statement checking workshops will continue to be delivered by universities, students need to scan the QR code on posters in college to book onto a session, or book an appointment through the Employability and Careers sections students landing page or

Our internal deadline for UCAS applications is 25th November, to give progress coaches time to check and process the application ready for the external application deadline of 25th January.

Students should have attended University open days ready to help with making their choices, more information on these can be found on the university website or www.opendays.com

All students have access to www.unifrog.org a careers platform for researching careers, finding apprenticeships, sourcing universities and courses, there are quizzes, suggested extra reading linked to subjects and lots more.

If you are applying to the University of Birmingham have a look at this Access to Birmingham Scheme [Access to Birmingham \(A2B\) - University of Birmingham](http://Access to Birmingham (A2B) - University of Birmingham)

[Birmingham City University attainment scholarship, Up-Grade.](http://Birmingham City University attainment scholarship, Up-Grade)

This new scholarship awards students with a £1,000 payment where they exceed our published entry requirements. A couple of key points worth noting:

- Currently *only* available for 2023/24 entry
- Must be entering Year 1 (not Foundation Year)
- Must be main cycle
- Not available to students who already have their final grades (to emphasise the importance of attaining the best grades possible)

More information about the scholarship can be found on their website.

Students applying for Law or Maths need to check entry requirements carefully as they may need to sit the LNAT or STEP exams. More information can be found here:

- [LNAT Guide | Everything You Need To Know About The LNAT | The Lawyer Portal](#)
- [About STEP | Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing](#)

Students who have applied for Courses at Oxford and Cambridge will be offered interview preparation sessions on a Tuesday lunchtime on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st November
- Tuesday 8th November – Student led
- Tuesday 22nd November
- Tuesday 29th November

If students have applied for University of Cambridge they needed to submit “My Cambridge application” by 6pm 22nd October 2022, some students will also be required to submit some marked work from college.

Interviews will take place early December.

Students applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary science will also be offered support ready for interview on the following dates:

- Thursday 24th November
- Thursday 1st December
- Thursday 8th December
- Thursday 15th December

We will continue this in the new year depending on interview dates.

Places to look for apprenticeships

Higher and Degree apprenticeships are already being advertised for summer 2023. Students can use the following places to search for apprenticeships. Progress coaches are on hand to support, and students can make an appointment with the careers team or come to one of the drop-in sessions to have their application checked or receive support for interviews.

- <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>
- <https://www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk/>
- <https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>
- <https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>

From January students will be able to come along to a six-week skills link called Young Professionals, based around seeking and securing apprenticeships.

All second years have also being invited to the National Apprenticeship show on 8th November at Coventry Arena, there is a small cost of £3 to cover travel, they need to check their emails from Rachael Talbot for more information or can book to go independently using this link <https://nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/west-midlands/>



Kingsbury Bus

Due to events at college the bus pick up times have been changed as follows:

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| Wednesday 9/11/22 | 2.30pm |
| Thursday 17/11/22 | 1.00pm |
| Wednesday 18/1/23 | 2.30pm |

Please arrive 5 minutes early to ensure you catch the return bus home.



Period Products are available from the toilets for all students. After consulting with students, we are now working on ways to make larger supplies easily and discreetly available. This will be launched shortly.



Health and Safety

Polite notice: When picking up/dropping off outside College, please can you avoid parking on the double yellow lines.

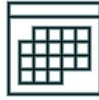
In addition, please could students avoid taking up the whole path outside College especially at break and lunchtime.

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.



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 - staff day

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 (no Skills Link)

Wednesday 18 January

Half Term

Monday 20 February-Friday 24 February

College closed to students - staff day

Monday 6 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