

# Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

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**Welcome to our first student & parent/carers newsletter for 2023/2024! We hope you find it useful and informative.**

For a letter from our vice principal Lynsey Smith

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## Local Governing Body

On behalf of the Local Governing Body (LGB) at KE6 would like to welcome you all to the new academic year and wish all students a happy and productive year of study. As Governors we maintain oversight of the college's performance in terms of student experience and achievement, staff development and experience, and use of resources, and provide support to the senior leadership team to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. We currently meet every half-term and have an annual strategy meeting.

The LGB is made up of community, staff, parent and student representatives. From November there will be a vacancy for a Parent Governor on a 2-year term of office - information on how to nominate for this vacancy will be sent out shortly, but if you would like to register your interest in advance just email Rae Overton, Clerk to the LGB, at [rae.overton@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:rae.overton@ke6n.ac.uk).

We look forward to a super year ahead!

Jacqui Clements (Chair)

## First years

Our careers team can be found in the careers area in the study centre. You can drop in at break or lunchtime within the first couple of weeks if you have a quick question or you can book a careers appointment using this link:

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

Keep an eye on your college emails for details of our up and coming Careers Fair on Tuesday 3rd October between 11am and 2pm in the Unity

## Second Years

If you are looking for an apprenticeship please sign up to receive notifications from the following places:

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

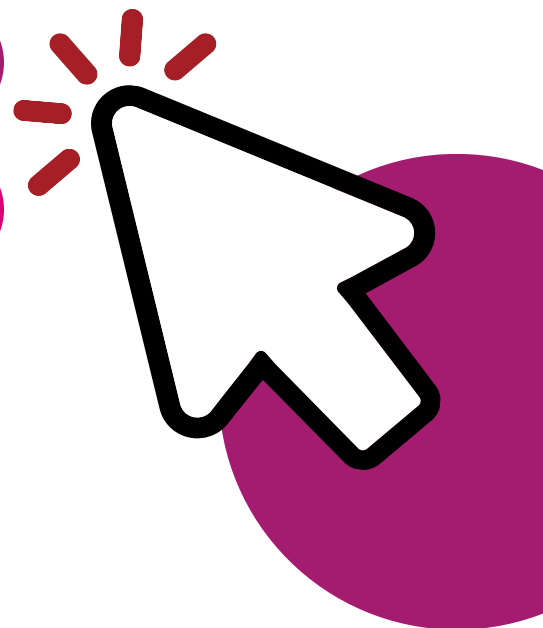
<https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/>

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

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

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

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



Starting on Tuesday 12th September until end of November you can book in for a 15 minute personal statement check and feedback from a University - to book an appointment around your lessons please click on this link:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/personal-statement-support-from-universities-2577319?just\\_published=true](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/personal-statement-support-from-universities-2577319?just_published=true)

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**

Tuesday 3rd October - 11am - 3pm Student Autumn Careers and HE Fair

## **BMAT**

Exam Date 18th October 2023

Registration opens 15th September - Register in college £26 centre fee plus test costs

- Developed by Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing, this two-hour, pen-and-paper test assesses applicant's prior skills and knowledge. The test is divided into three sections:
- Aptitude and skills - multiple choice questions testing generic skills in problem-solving, understanding arguments, data analysis and inference.
- Scientific knowledge and applications - multiple-choice questions testing your ability to apply scientific and mathematical knowledge up to Key Stage 4

- Writing Task - you choose one question from a choice of three, designed to test your ability to select, develop, organise and communicate ideas.
- You should take the test during the academic year in which you're applying to university. It takes place in either September or October depending on which schools you're applying to. The test costs £78 for UK and EU students and £104 for non-EU students, More information about BMAT, including a list of universities that accept the test, is available on the [Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing site](#).

## Oxford & Cambridge Admissions Tests

It is students responsibility to check any admissions tests for the courses they are applying for and to ensure they have registered with them.

Some of the tests will take place in college, students need to register with our exams team and there is a centre fee of £26

## Mathematical Courses

Some students will need to sit the STEP or MAT exams - again students need to check carefully

## Law Courses

Some students will need to sit the LNAT exam - please check individual course requirements

**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](http://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.

All students should book a careers guidance meeting with Rachael the link can be found below:

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

Please check out our Careers and Employability section on the student Landing Page [University and UCAS Support](#)

## KE6 Link



KE6 Link is the KE6 Enrichment Programme with over 30 activities running 1 hour per week, including Meetups, Mini-courses and Competitions. Link offers a wide range of opportunities ranging from sharing a hobby or learning a new one, playing a sport, Duke of Edinburgh, to money management or work experience.

[Click Here](#)

## College Services

The College Services and Library team can be found in the Library located in T Block. Come and visit us to:

- Report absences
- Change student/parent/carer details
- Study
- Borrow resources
- Print
- Buy stationery
- Add print credits to your account

### Communication



**[collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk)**

We send an automated email to parents/carers of students who 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). We do not send an acknowledgement of a reported absence as a matter of course, but have been acknowledging absences this week as our system was being worked on.

If you have an unexplained absence for Monday (4th) or Tuesday (5th) of this week we are continuing to update the registers which will hopefully be completed today (8th). If you have any queries with your mark, please email [collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk).

## Car Parking



Please be aware that the student car park, located off Attleborough Road, opens each college day at 8:00am and closes at 5pm. Your car will be locked in if you leave it there after 5pm and the college cannot accept responsibility for it or, indeed, while it is parked there during opening hours. If you are staying at college after the car park closes at 5pm you can then move your car and park it in front of N Block - please do not park here before 5pm.

**Please do not park in front of the container in the far corner of the car park. Access is needed for this at all times.**

Please be courteous to our neighbours if parking in the local area around college. Also 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.

Disclaimer of liability for use of car park. King Edward VI College / Better Futures Academy Trust will not be liable for any loss, theft or damage to any vehicle whilst using this carpark.

## Lesson Start and Finish Times

**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 on time for your lesson to start when stated.**

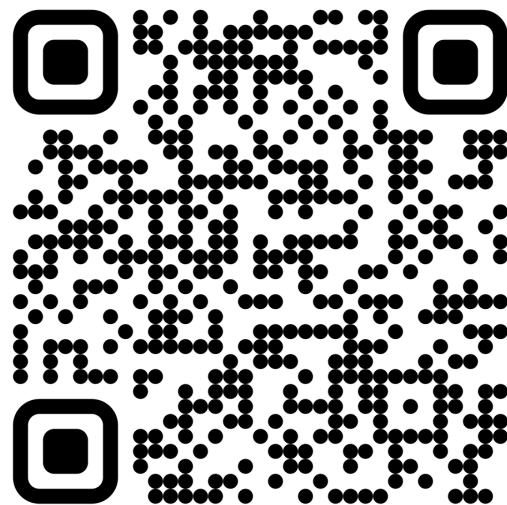


**The Finance office is now open everyday apart from Wednesday between 11am-1pm for student drop-ins.**



**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.**

## Bursary Application



**SCAN ME**

**Apologies for the delay, bursary is available to apply for from Friday 8th September.**



**Could all students swipe their cards even when barriers are open to allow us to gain a true picture of who is on site for fire safety and security.**



**Please remember your college ID badge, you need this for:**

- Exams - you need your ID to sit your exam
- Accessing Lunches (bursary)
- Borrowing resources in college (laptops, books, etc.)
- Use the printers
- Avoiding the queue at reception to obtain a temporary pass



**If you still require a lanyard please collect from progress tutors.**

**Thank you for your co-operation in this**

## Menstruation Stations!

**Free 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 Library.**





# Dates for your Diary



2023/2024

## Autumn Term 2023

**Term Starts** - Monday 4 September

**Parent Info Evening** - Wednesday 13 September

**Half Term** - Monday 23 October - Friday 3 November

**Year 13 Parent/Carer Evening** - Wednesday 8 November

**Open Event** - Thursday 16 November

**Staff Day (college closed to students)** - Friday 17 November

**Staff Day (college closed to students)** - Wednesday 20

December

**Term Ends** - Friday 22 December

Parent/carers evening and open event may affect KE6 Link & lesson times

## Spring Term 2024

**Term Starts** - Monday 8 January

**Year 12 Parent/Carer Evening** - Wednesday 17 January

**Half Term** - Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

**Term Ends** - Friday 22 March

## Summer Term 2024

**Term Starts** - Monday 8 April

**College closed - bank holiday** - Monday 6 May

**Half Term** - Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

**Term Ends** - Friday 5 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:**



Facebook @ke6nuneaton



Instagram @ke6nuneaton and @ke6news



Tiktok @ke6nuneaton



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