

# Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

KING  
EDWARD VI  
COLLEGE

KE6

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

## Student Shout out

### **Darren Afolabi**

He not only volunteered for the open evening but was really cool and relaxed when the prospective students recognised him from the brochure and even went as far as allowing for selfies with him. Not only that, but he did drum up the college values and attributes also.

Toni Strugnell  
Chemistry Technician

### **Marih Khan**

He came in on the open evening without being asked and talked to potential students and their parents about life at King Edwards. His confidence when speaking to parents was excellent and really gave them a positive impression to all he spoke to.

Mark Jackson  
Teacher of Engineering

### **Jamie Jones**

Jamie helped and supported with great enthusiasm on the open events and was an asset.

Jamie arrives to college with a smile and I enjoy our morning chats.

Aimee Wildsmith  
College Resources Leader

### **Sehar Isalm**

As well as her consistent and excellent commitment in psychology she volunteered on Open evening and represented the department with passion and a love of the subject. I felt very proud to see you saying such wonderful things about psychology and was great to see your extensive subject knowledge; Thank you Sehar! 😊

Sinead Mulholland  
Teacher of Psychology

Thank you to all of the students that helped out with the open events!

# Congratulations!

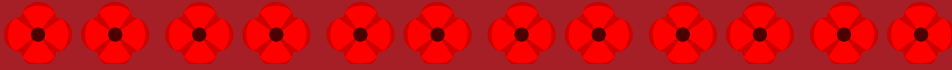
HNC Creative Media Production class of 2023



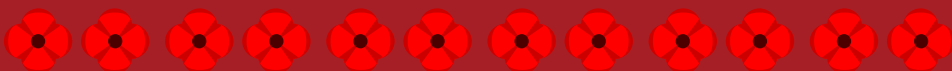
A huge congratulations to our HNC creative media production class, the whole class graduated with distinctions!

Well done to Ethan Cooper, Megan Stevenson, Matthew Hartopp, Holly Ibbotson, Louisa Cheeseman, Mia Moran and Oscar Busby!

# Remembrance Day



Our teacher Christine and student Kiedis representing KE6 on Remembrance Sunday - there was a great turn out despite the weather!





## E-sports competitive results from October

### October 11th

KE6V (League of Legends) 1 - 0 Milton Keynes Cryptic  
Cheshire College Sandstorm 6 - 13 KE6V (Valorant)  
KE6V (OW2 Nationals) 3 - 0 Blackbird Leys Buccaneers  
KE6V (OW2 Open) 1 - 3 Ashton College Esports

### October 18th

Basildon Academy Esports 0 - 1 KE6V (League of Legends)  
Cranton College Enforcers 0 - 3 KE6V (OW2 Open)  
KE6V (Valorant) 1 - 0 Wirral Mets United  
Suffolk Salamanders 0 - 3 KE6V (OW2 Nationals)

**Total: 7 Wins 1 Loss**



### E-sports competitive results from November

#### November 8th

KE6V (League of Legends) 0 – 1 St. David’s Crystal Crusaders

Parrs Wood Piranhas 0 – 13 KE6V (Valorant)

KE6V (OW2 Nationals) 3 – 0 NCP Pirates

KE6V (OW2 Open) 3 – 0 Q Esports

#### November 15th

KE6V (League of Legends) 1 – 0 KE6V QM Samurai

KE6V (Valorant) 13 – 0 Derby Diamonds

Exeter Academy 3 – 0 KE6V (OW2 Nationals)

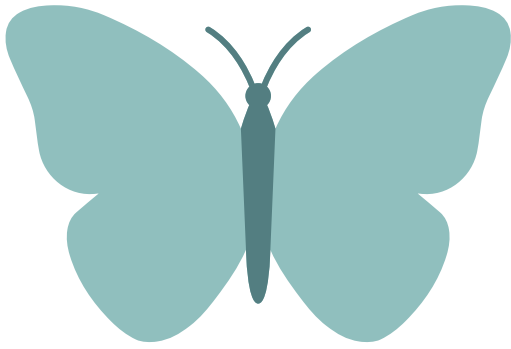
Wigan & Leigh Wanderers 0 – 3 KE6V (OW2 Open)

**Swiss-Stage Total: 13 Wins 3 Losses**

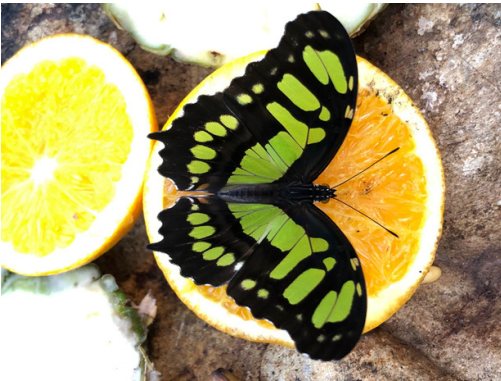


**Well done to  
our E-sports  
teams!**





# Stratford Butterfly Farm trip November 2023



## Student Landing Page

The Employability and Careers student landing page which can be accessed through this link has now been updated with the latest opportunities: [CLICK HERE](#)

There are live apprenticeship vacancies, UCAS support and much more Careers and Employability information.

## Career Guidance Appointments

**Not sure what to do after college, have an idea but not sure how to get there?**

All students can use this link to book a 1:1 Careers Guidance appointment with one of our advisers for impartial Careers Guidance to fit outside of your lesson time: [CLICK HERE](#)

## UCAS

**All courses have a deadline of 31st January 2024**

The last personal statements 1:1 from University advisers is been held on Thursday 30th November to book please follow this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Preparation for Apprenticeships/Employment

A series of sessions will be commencing as part of Link in S2.2 on a Wednesday afternoon or book a 1:1 with Stacey using this link:

[CLICK HERE](#)





# Warwickshire's Supported Internships Fair

30 Nov 4pm – 7pm

**Are you  
aged 16-25  
yrs with an  
EHCP?**



**Find out  
about the  
benefits of a  
supported  
internship**

Young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan, and their parents and carers, are invited to find out more about supported internships. **What is a supported internship? Is it right for me? How do I apply and what support will I receive?**

- At this free, drop-in event, you will be able to:
- Pick up a copy of the new guidance to take away
- Hear from others who have experience of supported internships

Talk to local organisations for more information and advice

**Thursday 30 November 2023, 4pm to 7pm  
at Compton Verney Art Gallery, CV35 9HZ**

For more information or queries email [sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Young Professionals are proud and excited to be celebrating **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** by hosting a **Breaking Down Disability Barriers & Embracing Inclusive Recruitment Virtual Event via Zoom** on **Tuesday 5th December 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm!**

SIGN UP NOW!



# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

DISABILITY AWARENESS EVENT

## BREAKING DOWN DISABILITY BARRIERS

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5TH DECEMBER | 5PM - 7PM

### Event Purpose:

- Embracing Disability and Raising Positive Awareness.
- Breaking Down Barriers: Embracing Inclusive Recruitment for Individuals with Disabilities, including physical, mental, and neurodivergent conditions.
- To give attendees confidence in the actions that employers are undertaking to support this diverse talent pool.

Disability does not define a person's value or limit their potential. Instead, it should be celebrated as an integral part of human diversity. We all have different abilities, strengths, and weaknesses. By openly discussing this topic we hope to take a step towards a more accessible environment for everyone that promotes the benefits of inclusivity.



What to expect:

- Understand what employers are focussing on to ensure their attraction and recruitment process is inclusive and creates the best environment for every individual to be the best version of themselves throughout the recruitment experience.
- To understand how senior individuals have navigated the world of work through their own disability lens.
- We have employers joining us to share how they are navigating and evolving their approach to ensure they are inclusive employers for those with any form of disability and why every individual should feel comfortable sharing themselves, so adjustments can be made that enable individuals to be the best version of themselves when applying for a role.

# Smoking & Vaping Policy

The college has a policy where vaping is permitted as long as it is within the designated area in the rear quad. Students are reminded not to vape in any other area within college. Although vaping is allowed in this area of college, **smoking is not permitted anywhere on college site.**

Recently classes have been disturbed due to students vaping and causing noise next to the Psychology classrooms. The college was also evacuated due to the fire alarms being set off due to vaping in toilets.

We are also aware of incidents in other schools and colleges across the county, where some young people have had severe adverse reaction after using vapes that contain illegal substances. Please see the article below which illustrates warning over vapes and illegal substances.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-67349297>

If a student is found vaping in any area other than the designated space in the quad, then the college reserves the right to confiscate the vape. Parents will be contacted.

If you feel that you need support to stop vaping, then please contact your progress support tutor who will be able to help.



# VAPING AND E-CIGARETTES THE FACTS



**MOST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

## **DON'T VAPE OR SMOKE.**

Vapes containing nicotine are age-restricted products: it is illegal to sell them to under 18s and for adults to buy them on their behalf.

**VAPES ARE  
NOT HARMLESS.**

Short-term effects can include **coughing**, **headaches**, **dizziness**, and **sore throats**. Long-term effects are as yet unknown.

**HARMFUL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.**

Disposable vapes and the batteries inside them are bad for the environment, with many ending up in landfills.



Those who knowingly sell to under 18s are driven by profit and don't care who they sell to.

## **DON'T BE DUPED!**

# **DON'T SMOKE? DON'T START TO VAPE.**



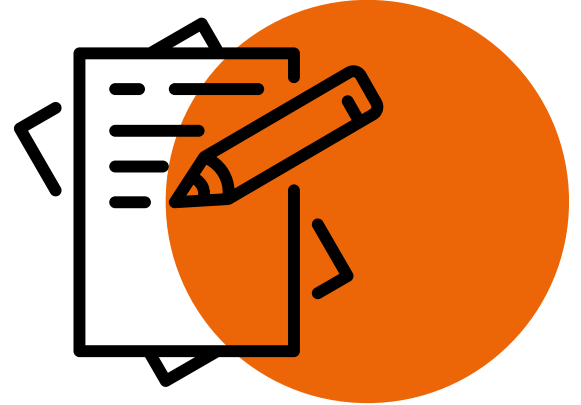
**Exam timetables have now been released - please see below the timetables so far.**

December Criminology

December financial education level 2

January exams

February exams



**Please make sure these timetables are thoroughly checked and if anything seems not quite right or you have a query, please email [exams@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:exams@ke6n.ac.uk)**

Please note clashes for January will be rectified shortly - this is where a student is showing to have two exams at the same time.

Please note a further email will be sent out soon to all students - this will be our student exam handbook.

This will provide you with all the information you need to know regarding taking exam at King Edward VI College.

Thanks Exams Team



## 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).

# Bring your water bottle



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that as an Eco-College we encourage sustainability and are unable to provide disposable cups for drinking water. Please do not request them from the canteen as they operate the same policy.

We would like to encourage all students to bring a re-usable bottle to college. This can be re-filled at one of the many water points around the building. If you are struggling to obtain a re-usable bottle of your own, please let us know and we will try and help. We also provide reusable cups in the library for students to use.



## 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.**

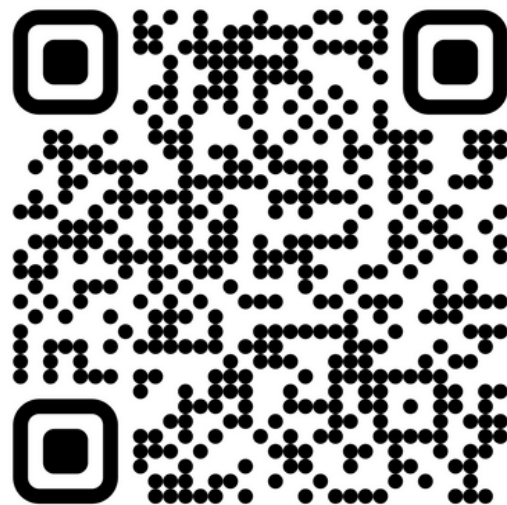


**The Finance office is now open everyday apart from Wednesday between 11am-1pm for student drop-ins.**



**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 Information



SCAN ME

**Scan the QR code for more information!**

## It's not too late to apply for termly student discount train tickets!

### 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](http://wmr.uk/students)



For more information & how to apply

[CLICK HERE](#)

Up to **50% savings** on train travel per term

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**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

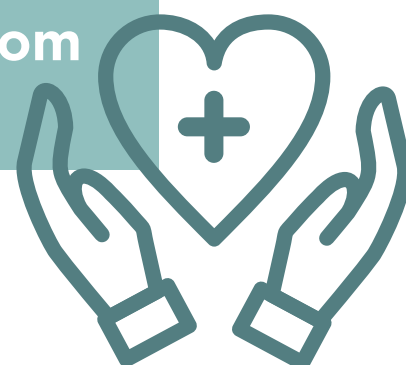


**If you still require a lanyard please collect from the library.**

**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

Open Event - Saturday 18 November

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

Staff Day (college closed to students) - Wednesday 20

December

Term Ends - Friday 22 December

**New Dates  
Added!**

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

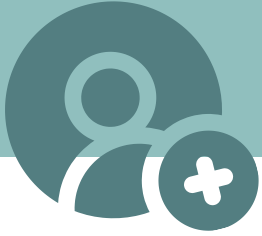
Term Starts - Monday 8 April

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>