

# Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

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**Merry Christmas! Welcome to our last student & parent/carers newsletter of 2023! We hope you find it useful and informative.**

## Student Shout out

### **Sophie Walker**

For her work supporting charities, fundraising and volunteering to organise events

**Michael Betteridge**  
**Progress Support Tutor**

### **Harriet John and Olivia Bevington**

For creativity, peer support and excellent analysis through responding to exam style questions

**Emily Bentkowski**  
**Teacher of Drama**

**Lewis Osbourne-  
Newbold**



Logo for the kits

Female Team Logo

Mens & Youth Teams  
Logo



These logos have been created by Lewis Osbourne-Newbold for the Nuneaton Volleyball Club. He plays for this team and won a competition for designing logos for the teams. The team has awarded him some free merchandise and kit for winning the competition and some new trainers too!

**Travis Atkins**  
**Teacher of Criminology**

**Congratulations on getting your  
first aid certificates!**



Congratulations to Chloe Butler, Izzy Harris, Jamie Jones, Demi Cadman, Emmalee Pegler, Olivia Matthew, Jacob Chaplin, Jenna Daniel, Jess Hadley, Maddie Davis, Mia Miles-Barton

Our first successful students to achieve their emergency first aid certificate! The next course will run in January.



**Congratulations to the first two groups that have successfully completed the KE6 Nightingale Programme!**





## KE6 Vanguard results for November & December

### Wednesday 29th November

KE6V (OW2 Open) 3 – 0 New College Lanarkshire

KE6V (OW2 Nationals) 3 – 0 Midkent Mariners

KE6V (VALORANT) 16 – 14 Barnsley College

### Wednesday 6th December

KE6V (OW2 Open) 3 – 1 Newcastle College Vikings

**Swiss-Stage Total: 18 Wins 6 Losses**

We end the Winter Swiss-stage on a 75% win-rate and are now in preparation for Spring restart!



On 22nd November we were excited to host another Employer Engagement networking breakfast in the impressive Unity Hub space. Our employer guests represented a good mix of sectors, and our curriculum leaders and progress leaders were eager to get feedback from the employers regarding what they find the skills gaps are when recruiting young people and to discuss what the emerging skills they are looking for. It was interesting to learn about the variety of career paths available within these companies and to discover what skills and qualities they are looking for when they recruit.



Overall it was a thoroughly useful morning and has given us the feedback we need to be able to work with our students to enhance their employability skills.





## Guest Speaker: Stacey

# Cyber Security demonstration to IT students



Careers Advisor Stacey Cooksey conducted a range of employability skills and communication training session for Year 12 students at KE6, which supported their learning and reinforced their ability to answer exam questions for their external exam in IT.

Following on from recent employer feedback. Stacey put together a role play task which was designed to get the students thinking about how they should communicate professionally on the telephone. The students also took part in a hands-on activity that highlighted the importance of appropriate business dress where we got the students to have a go at getting our mannequin 'ready for work' and discussed what essential skills and attributes they need to demonstrate to potential employers. They even learned how to knot a tie - an essential life skill! In other tasks, students focussed on personal attributes required for specific job roles such as Network manager. During this lesson students also researched career pathways and investigated avenues such Higher Education and Apprenticeship routes. The feedback from the students was that this was a useful session that helped them to understand the importance of professional communication and taught them the essential transferrable skills that employers are looking for.

## UCAS Applications

UCAS Equal consideration deadline is Wednesday 31st January 2024 - All students should have completed and submitted their applications by the time they return to college on 8th January at the latest to give Progress Support tutors time to check and process their application.

## Alternatives to University

For students looking at Alternatives to University there is a college trip to the National Apprenticeship Show at the Coventry Arena on Tuesday 30th January - for more information collect a letter from your progress coach or the Careers area.

There are lots of apprenticeships already live for Summer 2024 Opportunities can be found on

[findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>

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

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

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

## 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

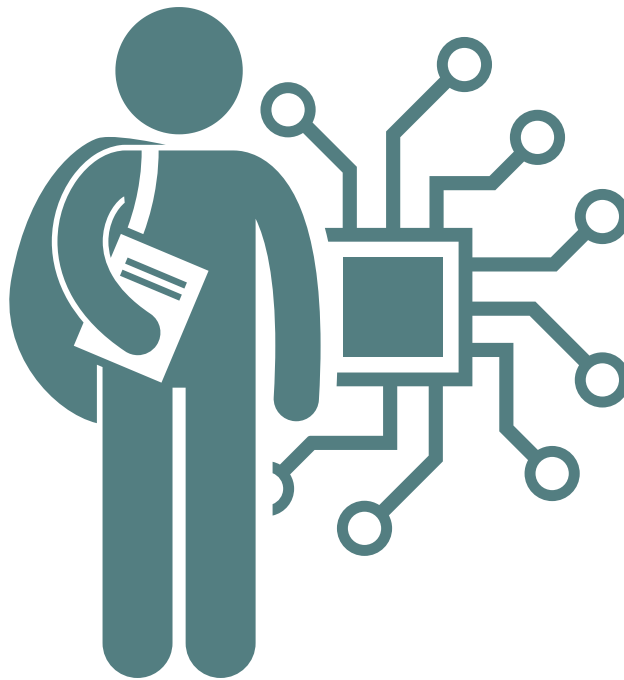
Not sure what to do after college, or have an idea but not sure how to get there?

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](#)

### Preparation for Apprenticeships/Employment

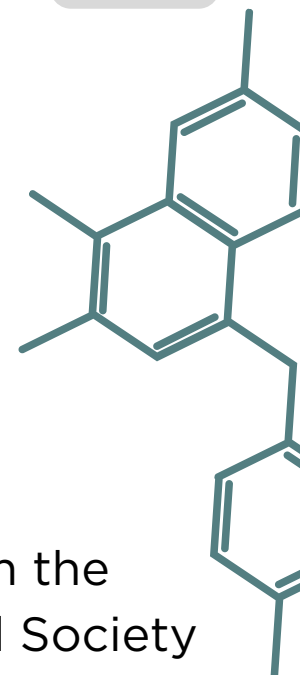
Book a 1:1 with Stacey using this link: [Click Here](#)

## Trips

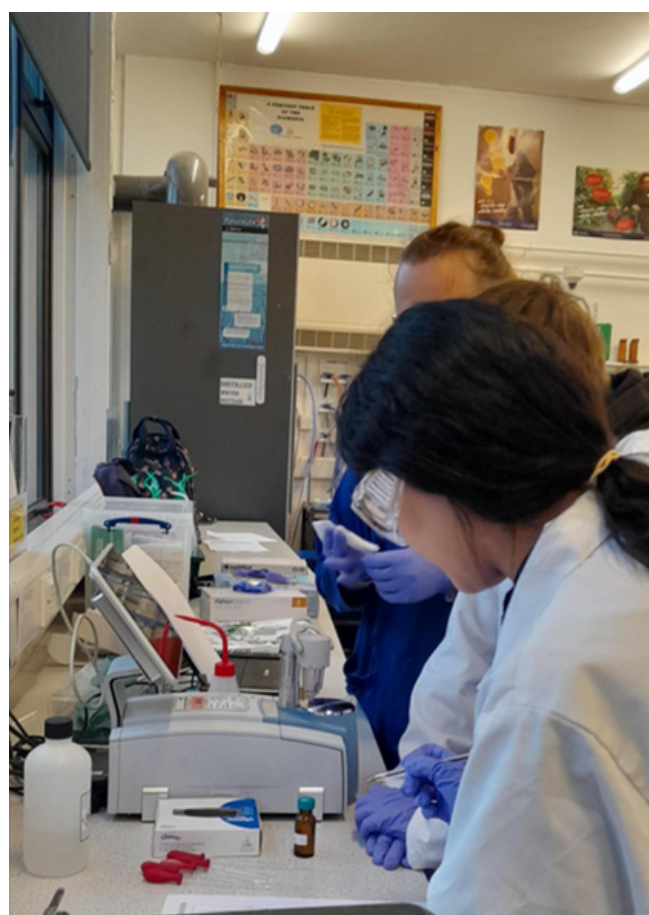


The 2nd year engineering students had a trip to the MIRA Technology Institute based at HORIBA MIRA on the A5. They met the Team Leader for EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) who was promoting the world-renowned vehicle testing site and to offer an employment opportunity to our level 3 students.

# University of Leicester Chemistry Department visit to KE6 24/11/23



Three members of the Chemistry Department from the University of Leicester came to KE6 to run a Royal Society of Chemistry Spectroscopy in a Suitcase workshop with Year 13 A level Chemistry students. The team brought specialist apparatus for use by KE6 students who used the results to analyse a variety of compounds.





# Coventry university clinical skills department Trip 14/12/23



Photos of year 12 trip to the Coventry university clinical skills department where they participated in clinical activities eg Vital sign monitoring and CPR etc. They also saw the simulated care homes (One of which is used for forensic studies). A full size ambulance and paramedic training resources were also seen as well as midwifery and physio departments. It was a great day and included a free hot dinner!



# 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.**

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.

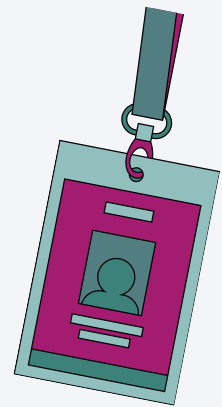
Please report all absences asap and preferably on the day. You should always report any absences to College Services even if you have advised your teachers. Please do this by telephone, email [collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk) or Cedar (parent function). We do not send an 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).

## Why it's important to bring your Student ID Badge to college

£5.50  
for a new  
Student ID  
Badge/Lanyard

- \* So everyone can recognise that you are a Student at King Edward VI College
  - \* You need your pass as ID for exams
  - \* To enable you to use the Lapsafe
  - \* Relieving workload on the Reception Staff
  - \* Access Lunches (Bursary)
  - \* Borrow resources in college such as laptops/books/stationery
  - \* Use of the Printers
  - \* Avoid queuing at reception to obtain a temporary pass - No Impact on possibly being late for lesson
  - \* Taking ownership of something that you need for college as you'll need these skills when leaving here
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- \* On your 3rd Borrowed Temporary Pass, an intervention will take place with a progress tutor/leader or college services leader
  - \* If any further Passes are then borrowed, a charge of £3.50 will take place for every pass borrowed



This will take effect from  
January 2024



# 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 reusable 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 reusable 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.**

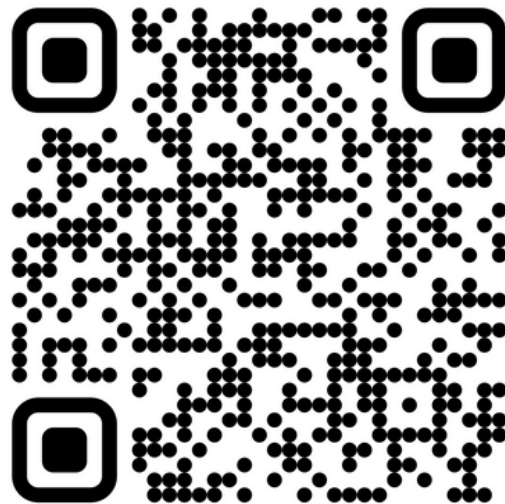


**The Finance office is now open everyday apart from Wednesday between 11am-1pm for student drop-ins.**



**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!**



**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

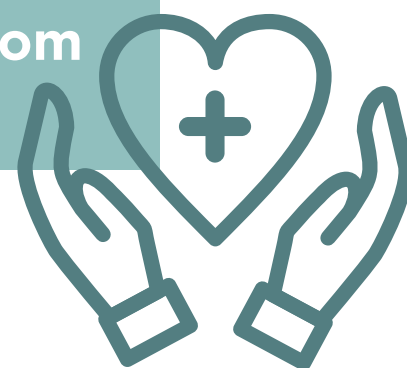


**If you still require a lanyard please collect from the library.**

**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>

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