

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

KING
EDWARD VI
COLLEGE



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

Student Shout outs

Tom Broughton

Huge thank you to Tom for reaching out to me in the holidays when knowing a future road closure will affect the College Bus route. Thinking ahead has saved lots of potential headaches and allowed the bus company to plan a new route, Thank you!

Aimee Wildsmith - College Resource
Leader

Charlie Woods

Charlie has been running and producing the College podcast. Charlie's dedication to the podcast has been exceptional and he has put a lot of time and effort into the running of it. Charlie's passion and drive has created a very strong and enjoyable podcast. Well done Charlie!

Kerry Reid - Schools Liaison Officer

LISTEN TO THE COLLEGE PODCAST FOR FREE!



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SPOTIFY



FIND OUT MORE ON
INSTAGRAM



If you are interested in taking part in the college podcast please email kerry.reid@ke6n.ac.uk

Students' Success in National Artificial Intelligence Competition!

The challenge involved finding IT solutions to “Building the future of Government’s digital services” and was judged by Tom Read (CEO of Government Digital Service)

Harvey Keeling earned a fantastic 2nd place. His video can be found [here](#). Tom Read said “You gave a really clear problem definition Harvey, and the pitch was compelling.”

Skye Peare has been invited to visit Government Digital Services head office in London. Her video can be found [here](#). Tom Read said “Skye’s entry is exceptional - I’ve asked my team to look into implementing her idea and would put this in front of a Minister. The problem is neatly defined, the quotes are good, the pitch is engaging, and though the solution is a relatively simple one - it just works”.

SUCCESS

Short Story Competition Results

As part of national storytelling week, the KE6 Library held our annual short story competition! This years theme was 'the future', there were lots of entries and they were all amazing!

Our winners are:

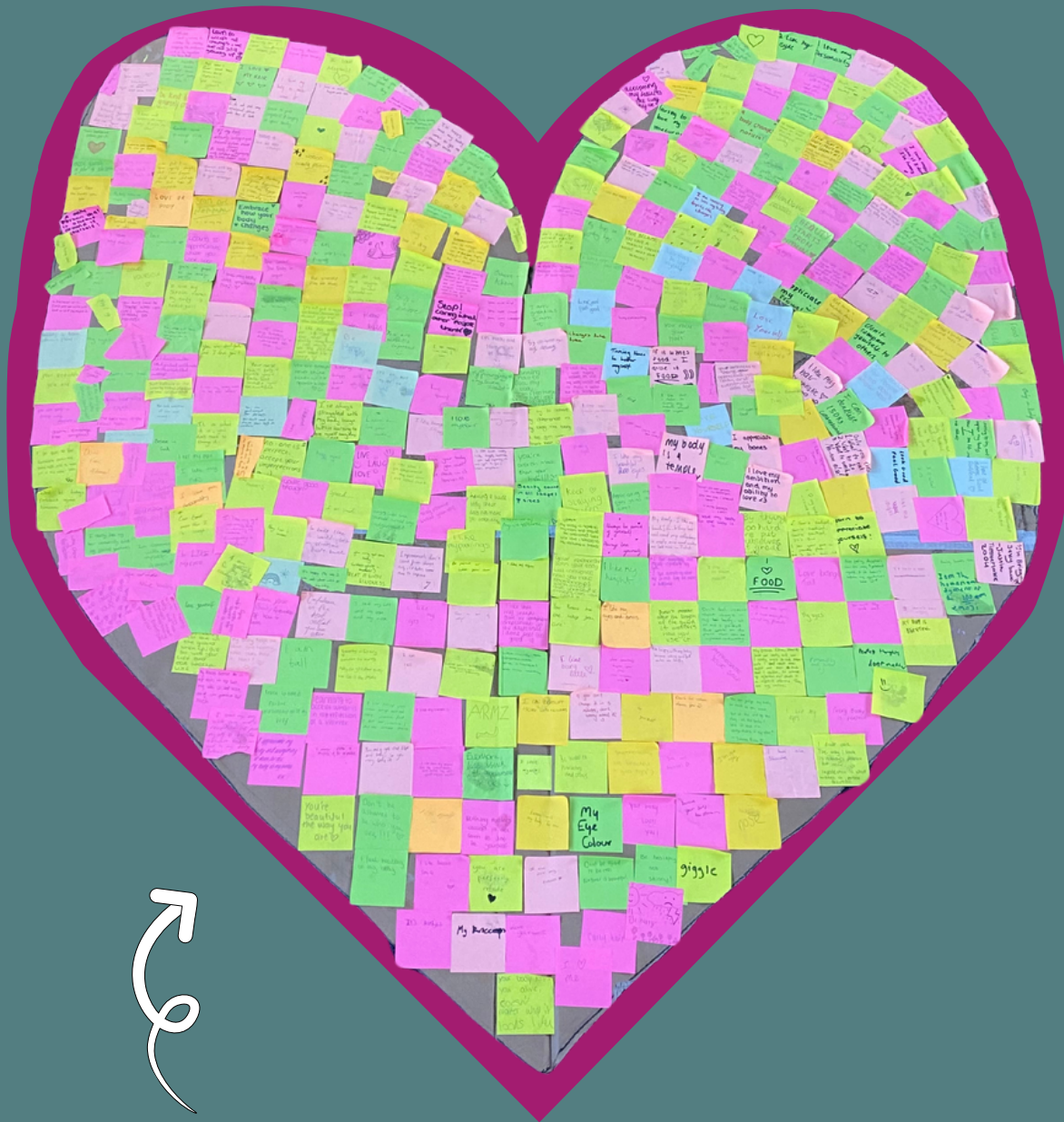
1st Place - Nasrin Abubakar
with a story called Future

2nd Place - Tadi Mukombezi
with a story called Prisoner of
the Code

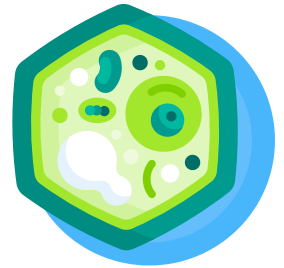
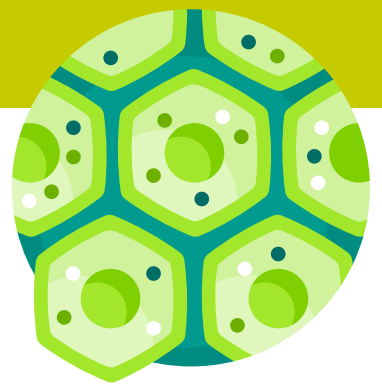
3rd Place - Olivia Bevington
with a story called Anniversary
of the Apocalypse



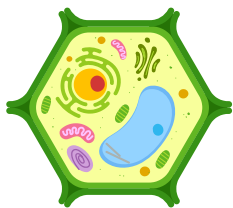
Body Positivity Week



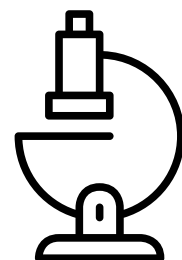
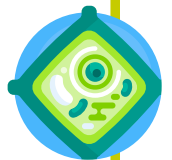
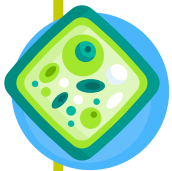
We are creating a display from our focus week on Body Positivity and Self-Confidence. All students were encouraged to write a message or quote about body positivity, self confidence or their relationship with their body, to create this display!



We entered some students on the Biology Olympiad and they did exceptionally!

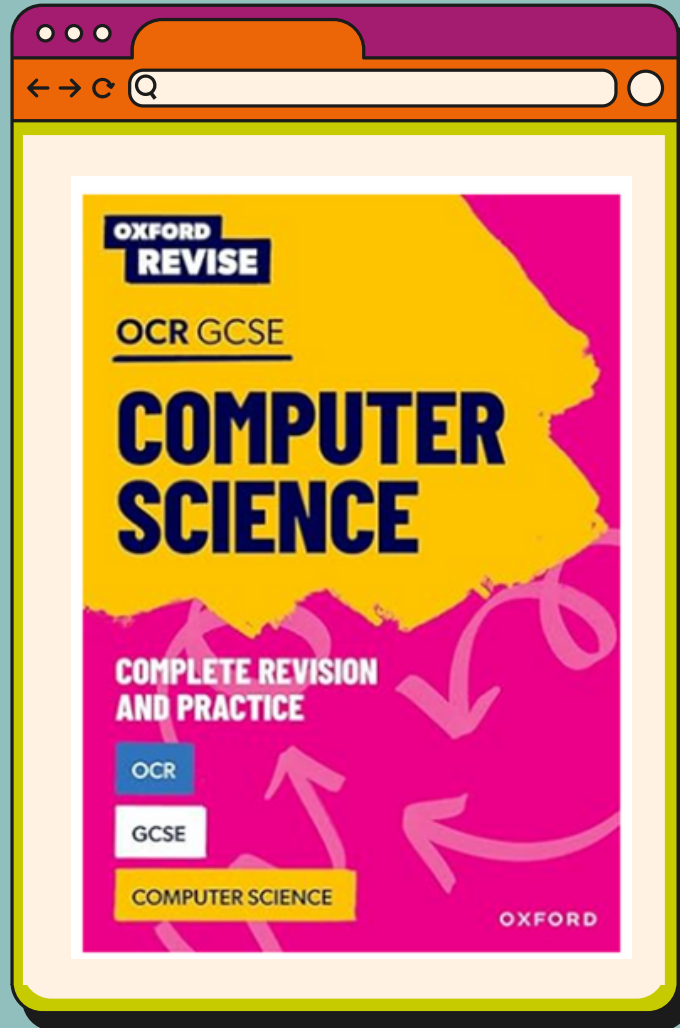
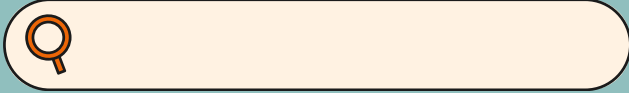


Thomas Youlton
Daria Bochomulska
Lily Slinn
William Spence
Aashika Rai
Adeeba Abdullah
Grace Cotton
Femin Tom
Maddy King
Alitza Greenwood



Well done to our biology students, we are so proud of you!





Our computer science teacher Alison Page has written a GCSE Computer Science Revision Guide!



Celebrating

50

Years
as a Sixth Form

21st September 2024

KE6 is celebrating 50 years as a Sixth Form!

King Edward VI College originally opened its doors in September 1974 after previously being a Grammar School, be a part of the KE6 community as we commemorate 50 years of greatness. Let's celebrate half a century of academic excellence, unforgettable experiences, and countless achievements.

Join us on Saturday 21st September 2024 12:00pm-5:00pm, for a day filled with nostalgia, pride, and endless memories! There will be lots of performances, food and old memorabilia.

This will be a bookable event, more information will be available soon!

Check our socials for more information on how to get tickets!

Calling all KE6 Students! Showcase your talent!

Perform at our 50th Anniversary Event



**Please email over a 30 second video of you
showcasing your talent to
Kerry.reid@ke6n.ac.uk**

Deadline for video's: 8th March 2024

Careers Events coming up in the next term

first years

In tutorial this week students have been signing up to our mandatory Careers Event “The Next Steps” which is taking place on 12th March.

The purpose of this event is to allow all students to experience two taster lectures of their choice from a university and to meet with 2 employers who will be giving an insight into their industry through a workshop, there are over 120 sessions happening over the course of the day. The links below will take you directly to the Eventbrite website where you can book the 4 sessions. Please take the time to read about what each session has to offer.

[Employer Networking](#)
[Click here](#)

[Taster Lectures](#)
[Click here](#)

Included is the schedule for the day, this may mean that your child needs to be in college at a different time to usual.

This event has always been one of the most popular in the Careers calendar and students who have taken part in previous years all say how beneficial it was towards them making their decision on what to do after college, so this really is an opportunity not to be missed.

| Time | Session |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 9.00-11.00 | Attend usual lessons |
| 11.00-11.20 | Break |
| 11.20-12.20 | Employer Networking Session 1 |
| 12.20-13.20 | Lunch |
| 13.10-14.10 | Employer Networking Session 2 |
| 14.10-14.30 | Break |
| 2.30-3.30 | University sample Lecture 1 |
| 3.30-4.30 | University sample Lecture 2 |

second years

Student Finance for University opening soon!

If you have applied to university for 2024 start you will need to apply to student finance to ensure your tuition fees are paid and you have a maintenance loan available to you at the start of the year.

[click here to apply for student finance](#)

If you are looking for an apprenticeship we are running application support session on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm in S2.2 - if you would like to attend please contact **rachael.talbot@ke6n.ac.uk**

A careers guidance appointment typically involves a one-on-one meeting between an individual seeking guidance and a career advisor. During the appointment, we will look at skills, interests, values, and goals to provide personalised advice and recommendations. We may discuss career options, educational pathways, skill development opportunities, CV writing, job search strategies, and networking techniques. The goal is to help the individual make informed decisions about their career path and develop a plan to achieve their professional objectives.

The idea behind the meeting is that this is time for you to explore your interests on a personal level - please use this link to book an appointment at a time that doesn't clash with your lessons:

If you would like to book a careers guidance appointment please use the following links:

[Rachael Talbot](#)

[Stacey Cooksey](#)

All Students

Careers and HE Fair on Thursday 25th April

We will be holding a Careers and HE Fair on Thursday 25th April, this will be available for students to attend in the college day but is also available for parents to attend between 4.30pm and 6pm.

Careers Round up: During National apprenticeship Week Students attended a talk to understand more about how to secure apprenticeships, as well as visiting the National Apprenticeship show at the Coventry Building Society Arena. Recently our Criminology and Health and Social Care students had a fascinating day at Coventry University, in January, 25 students went on a visit to Keble College, University of Oxford to find out more about the application process.

Alumni request: Did you attend KEG's yourself, or do you have other family members or friends who did? We are in the process of forming a new Alumni community and are keen to connect with all past students at the college. We would love to hear your memories of your time at the college and will be planning a series of events and activities which you may wish as a former student to get involved with. If you would like to sign up to this Alumni group, please contact **careers@ke6n.ac.uk** or connect with us on the LinkedIn page

[LinkedIn Page](#)





SIGN UP NOW!



Grant Thornton

BUSINESS & ACCOUNTING
INSIGHT EVENT

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY | 6PM - 7:30PM BIRMINGHAM





Dates for your Diary



2023/2024

**New Dates
Added
2024!**

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

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

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts - Monday 8 April

Open Event - Wednesday 10 April

College closed - bank holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term - Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Term Ends - Friday 5 July

Notice Board

**Please see the
new parent/carer
section on our
website!**

[CLICK HERE](#)



Our new cashless system

WisePay

Download wisePAY here

Students - please refer to the email sent on 16th November for log in details!



Google Play

App Store



Student Travel Discount for Spring Term 2024!

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

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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.

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

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.

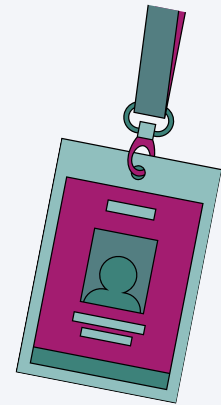
Please report all absences asap and preferably on the day. You should always report any absences to College Services even if you have advised your teachers. Please do this by telephone, email collegeservices@ke6n.ac.uk or Cedar (parent function). We do not send an acknowledgement of a reported absence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

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 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.

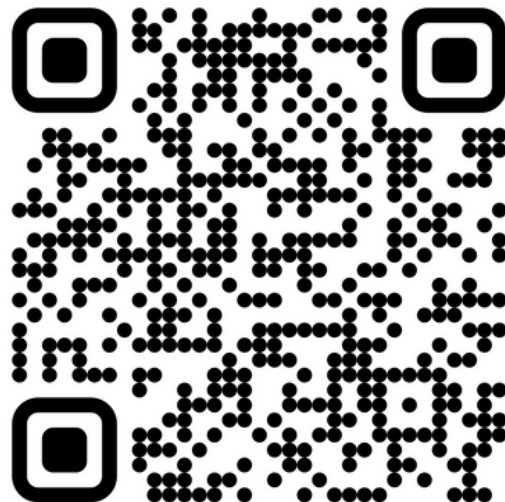


The Finance office is now open everyday between 11am-1pm, apart from Wednesday, for student drop-ins.



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

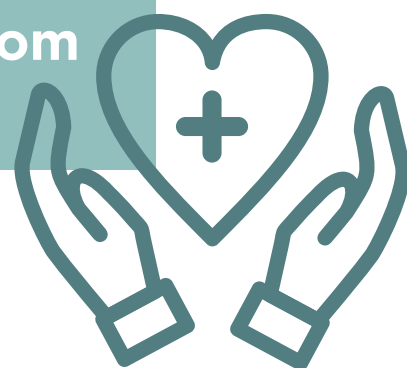


If you still require a lanyard please collect from the library.

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.





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:



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Instagram @ke6nuneaton and @ke6news



Tiktok @ke6nuneaton



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