

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

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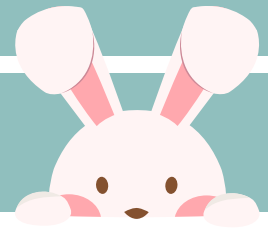
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Issue 7 22nd March 2024



Welcome to our student & parent/carers newsletter for March 2024! Happy Easter! We hope you have a lovely Easter break!



BRIT Challenge 2024!

We have had a busy few weeks at KE6 taking part in the BRIT CHALLENGE 2024 [The BRIT Challenge | Home](#). This is a charity that supports and improves the mental health, fitness and wellbeing of young adults, students and staff throughout the UK. As a college, we have been giving 'random acts of kindness' to Staff, Students and local residents.

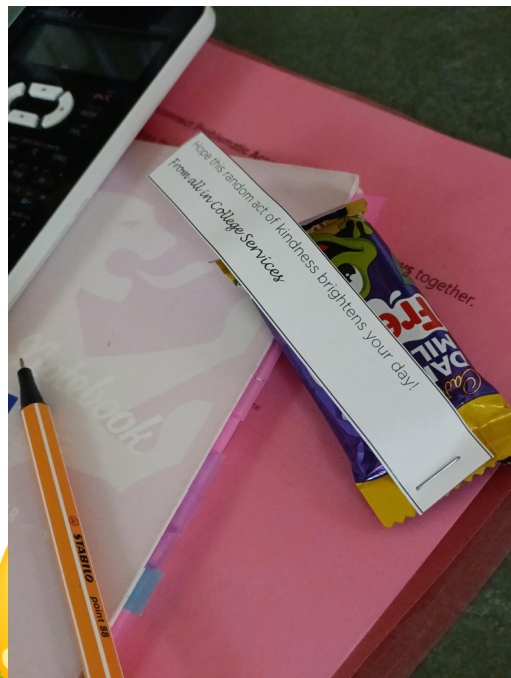
Students and staff got involved by donating food to make hampers which were delivered by our students and greatly received by locals.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved, you have made such a difference and put a smile on many peoples faces!

Aimee Wildsmith - College Resources Leader



BRIT Challenge 2024!



Recent KE6 Vanguard results

The Overwatch 2 Nationals, and the VALORANT team, both made it to the Final 16 stage of the British Student Championships. Although they fought valiantly and did the college proud, they were eliminated by Gower College Swansea and Bournemouth College respectively.

The KE6V League of Legends team have made it through to the Quarter Finals, where they will be facing off against Burnley FC Academy on the 20th March at 4PM.

Well done to our students!

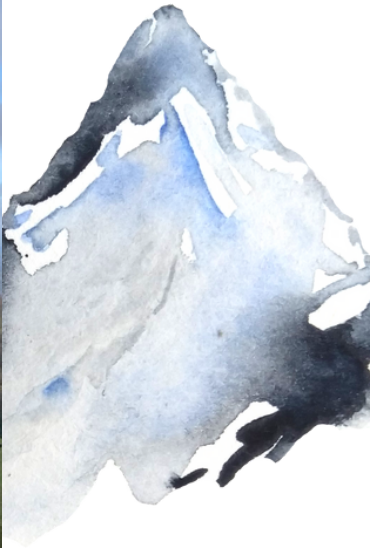


Photography Trip!



These photos were taken on the A Level landscape photography trip.

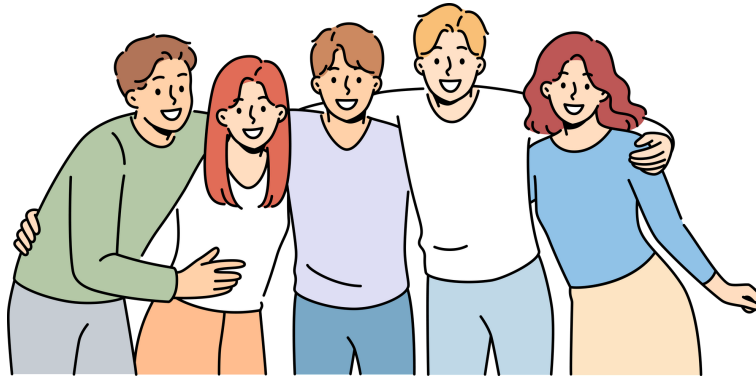
15 students attended Malvern on Monday 18th March with Emma Town and Paul Morrell!



 **Malvern Hills**

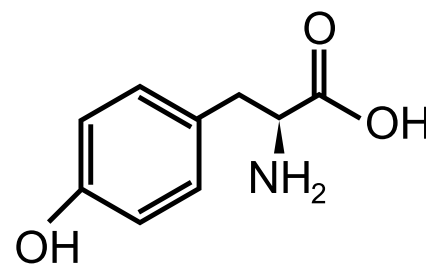
Open Event!

We are holding an open evening on Wednesday 10 April (4:30-7:30pm) - if any student would like to attend and help the admissions and marketing team to direct visitors around the college on the night please pop in and see Jayne in room **T0.4.**



Engineering News!

We now have two students, Callum Bickley and Sean Bruce from our 2nd year engineering group competing in this year's WorldSkills Mechanical Engineering CAD competition. If they are selected for the Team UK, they will travel to Lyon in France (all expenses paid) to compete against other countries in the Computer Aided Design category. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain essential skills in communication, team working and problem solving and will be a great addition to their university references and CV's!

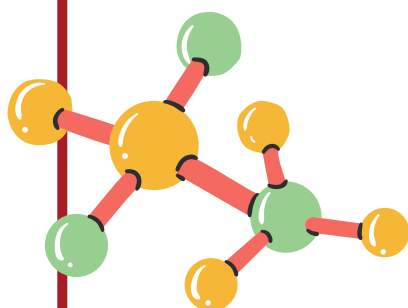


Royal Society of Chemistry 54th International Chemistry Olympiad 2024

Congratulations to the following students who took part in Round 1 of the RSC Chemistry Olympiad this term:



Harvey Parsons
Darren Afolabi
Diella Stephens
Callum King



This is a fantastic achievement!
Well done!

FREE BREAKFAST



If you are in second year and sitting a 9am exam in the coming weeks – you are entitled to a free breakfast from the canteen. This is applicable only if your exam is at 9am and the canteen do have a list of names supplied by exams to check your name against. Please try to collect your breakfast before 8:30am to ensure you are not late for your exam. Good luck for all those sitting exams over the coming weeks. If you are a bursary student this will not affect your card balance.

ENJOY!

Linc Activity



Interior Design Challenge

Participate in the Interior Design Link – Monday 2.30pm in R1.2 (some lunchtimes also available) – to have the opportunity to re vamp the College Common Room. Join in the Challenge and improve your skills – Problem Solving, Teamwork, Adaptability, Time Management, Creativity and Critical Thinking.

We are running a competition for a winning student to re-design the common room in college this summer. We will hold weekly meetings in college on a Monday at 2.30pm as a Linc option, to create a mood board that will be judged by a panel including members of the Senior Leadership Team in May. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Tracey Pinfold – tracey.pinfold@ke6n.ac.uk

WELCOME

Following a call for nominations, we received one nomination and are delighted to welcome Vicki Ensor as Parent Governor with effect from January 2024, joining Sarah Baker who was appointed in January 2023. Vicki is a former student at King Edward's, and as the first in her family to go to university she knows that education is a strong driver of social mobility. Vicki is keen to ensure the parent voice is heard within the college. If you would like to get in touch with her please e-mail vicki.ensor@ke6n.ac.uk For any other information about the Local Governing Body please contact Rae Overton, Clerk to the LGB at rae.overton@ke6n.ac.uk

We also currently have vacancies for Community Governors and would welcome anyone with a passion for education in general, and KE6 in particular, to apply - more information can be found by clicking the button below:

CLICK HERE



Farewell KE6 Leavers! Party Event

Join us for an unforgettable evening of glitz and glam as we bid a final farewell to the classes of 2024 with the theme 'A night on the red carpet'.

Get ready to dance the night away, create lasting memories and celebrate our journey together, your hard work and achievements.

Formal wear is optional, just glitz and glam your way through the Hollywood red carpet entrance.

Take your best selfies in our photo booth and entrance photo also available.

Free raffle ticket on entry for a fabulous prize at the end of the night.

Date: Friday 21st June

Time: 7pm-11pm

Venue: Old Eds, Weddington, Nuneaton

Price: £18 (Wisepay finance office)

DJ, Disco and Domino's Pizza (included in the price)

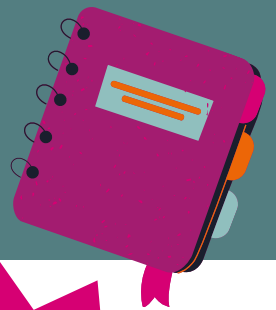
Fully serviced alcoholic bar at very economical prices!

Look out for details around the college and let's make this a night to remember!





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
parent/carers
section on our
website!**

[CLICK HERE](#)



BURSARY - PAY MY STUDENT 2024/2025

Please remember! You will need to reapply for the bursary when you return in September. You will be able to log in with the password that you have already created and update your family income details.



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code for more information!

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



first years

Over the next term we will be providing lots of support to students in their tutorials to explore and engage with making UCAS and apprenticeships application, lots of universities will be holding their open days and to support with this we are holding our own Careers and HE Fair on Thursday 25th April - Students will be able to attend in the college during the college day, and parents and carers between 4.30pm and 6pm. Keep an eye open on our socials for more information and how to book on once bookings open.

Year 12 Residential, Tuesday 30th July - Wednesday 31st July
We're excited to announce that applications for our Year 12 one-night residential are now open. Taking place on Tuesday 30th July at 10:30am until 3pm on Wednesday 31st July, this is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience life as a university student. This is completely free event for students and all travel to the University will be covered. As a partner school or college, your students have additional consideration as part of the selection process. More information can be found on our [website](#).

If you or your students have any questions, please email summerschool@le.ac.uk

second years

UCAS

If you have changed your mind about applying to University, Universities are still taking applications for a number of courses. Check out www.ucas.com for more information - if you decided to apply, please speak to your progress coach so they can support your application.

Student Finance

Student Finance is now open for students who are starting university or a HNC course in 2024. You should apply using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance>

Careers Guidance or Application Support

Not sure what to do after college or need application or interview support please make an appointment with our careers team using one of the following links:

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

Stacey Cooksey [Calendly - Stacey Cooksey](#)



If you are in Year 13 and hold an offer to study law at a UK university, you could be eligible to apply for Sidley's Undergraduate Bursary programme!

As part of our ongoing commitment to increasing diversity at Sidley and in the wider legal profession, our bursary programme will provide financial support to talented law students from less advantaged backgrounds for the duration of their undergraduate study. We hope that our financial support will minimise financial concerns and enable recipients to focus more on their studies and making the most of opportunities available to them during their time at university. The scheme will also guarantee work experience and mentoring opportunities for up to five successful candidates.

Why you should apply?

Build connections within a premier international law firm.

Gain work experience sitting alongside our partners, associates and trainees.

Receive £3,500 per year for the duration of your legal studies.

Apply here: [London Opportunities](#) | [Europe](#) | [Sidley Careers](#)

Fully-funded Undergraduate Degree with the NAO!

The NAO are offering you the opportunity to study towards fully funded ACA qualifications, earn a competitive salary, gain a fully-funded undergraduate degree and invaluable work experience!

- Accountancy Apprenticeship Scheme
- Digital Finance Audit Apprenticeship - NEW!

Apply Here: [National Audit Office - Success at School](#)

Parents

How can you support your child with the next steps after college. Over the next term we will be providing lots of support to students in their tutorials to explore and engage with making UCAS and apprenticeships application, please ensure they are regularly attending the tutorial session so they don't miss this vital information. As a parent we have the following information to be able to help you. Access to www.unifrog.org using the parent code KECNparent

March Apprenticeship guide for parents/carers

[Support for parents and guardians \(apprenticeships.gov.uk\)](http://apprenticeships.gov.uk)

All first years attended "The Next Steps" on 12th March where they had the chance to sample 2 taster lectures and meet 2 different employers, they are reflecting on this in tutorial this week - have a talk with them about what they got out of the day, is University something they want to explore further - if so Universities will start to have open days in the summer term.

If they are preferring an apprenticeship for once they have finished their course they can find lots of information on the following websites:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](#)

[NGTU | Home \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](http://notgoingtouni.co.uk)

[School Leaver Jobs | AllAboutSchoolLeavers](#)

[GetMyFirstJob | Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, Work Experience & Graduate Jobs](#)

www.unifrog.org



MEET THE ARMY

WHAT IS THE ARMY ENGAGEMENT GROUP?

The Army Engagement Group tours the country engaging with a wide variety of people to give them a greater understanding of the British Army, who we are, what we do and how we contribute to society.

**FREE
EVENT**



COME AND MEET THE ARMY IN WARWICK

The Bridge House Theatre, Warwick School, Myton Road,
WARWICK CV34 6PP

Wednesday 17th April 2024

6.30pm to 7.00pm Reception/refreshments served

7.00pm to 7.45pm Presentation

7.45pm to 8.15pm for Questions

8.15pm to 9.00pm buffet

RSVP Register [HERE](#) or Email: RC-AEG-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk



Please scan the QR Code to register your place.



The Black Achievement Conference: Year 12

The LSE Black Achievement Conference is aimed at high-achieving African-Caribbean heritage students in years 10-13 of a London state school, and their families.

 London School of Economics and Political Science

[Click here for more info!](#)

The Black Achievement Conference: Year 12

The Black Achievement Conference is a long-standing event organised by the LSE Widening Participation team since 2007. The event is a half-day online conference which celebrates the achievements and contributions of the black community at LSE.



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Hidden Careers in Construction!
5 days

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
8th April 10am – 3.30pm
Deadline: 15/03/24

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care UK

Explore Careers in Care with Care UK

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
12th April 10am – 3pm
Deadline: 20/03/24

[Apply now](#)



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and Maudsley
NHS Foundation Trust

Opportunity to find out more on
Mental health clinical & non-clinical
roles within the NHS and SLaM

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29th April 10am – 12.30pm
Deadline: 01/04/24

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Ready, Set, Code! 3-day Tech Work
Experience (Virtual Event - UK
wide)

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
7th May 10am – 3pm
Deadline: 09/04/24

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VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
8th July 9.30m – 2.30pm
Deadline: 10/06/24

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part of changing the world's energy
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VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE
13th June 10am – 2pm
Deadline: 16/05/24

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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!

Student Travel Discount for Summer 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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For more information
& how to apply

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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

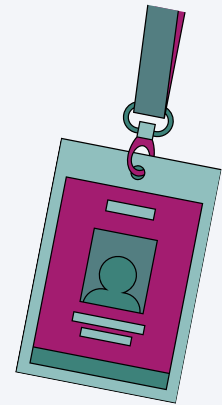
We send an automated email to parents/carers of students who have an absence mark on registers. This is to ensure students are supported through any absence and to enable us to keep you informed.

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.

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



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.

The Finance office is 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.

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.



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

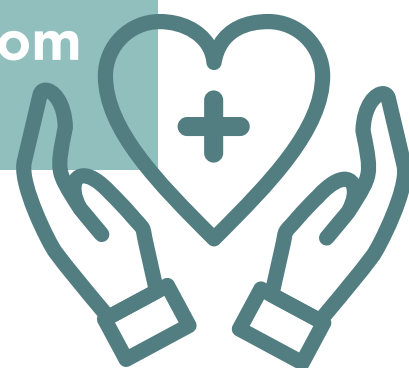


If you still require a lanyard please collect from the library.

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:



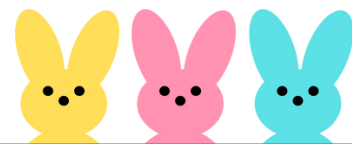
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