

# Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

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**Happy Spring, the sun is shining again! Welcome to the April/May newsletter! It's only been a short few weeks, however here is some of the best bits that students had the opportunity to take part in. We hope you have a lovely half term break!**

## Student Shoutouts!

### Jaden Hale

Excellent quality of work produced in IT, with great attitude towards learning and a polite young person who is determined and focused.

### Zach Aziz

Congratulations to Zach, who is one of our TASS athletes, has qualified in the Youth Nationals and will be competing in sailing for Team GB!

### Evie Mellor

She is studying Chemistry, Physics and Maths and has been successfully chosen to attend the XMaS Scientist Experience. This is a nationwide opportunity for any female/female-identifying Year 12 UK Physics students to join us on an all-expenses-paid 4-day trip to the Grenoble, France, at the end of June/beginning of July!

### Daniel Oyeleye, Louis Phillips, James Morris, Jake Jowett

We have 4 students competing in the WorldSkills mechanical Engineering CAD competition this year, up 2 from last year. The qualifier will be held on the 30th April!

# Even More Student Shoutouts!

## Y1 Sociology D Block (Mark Walford)

Since day one, your high levels of engagement have been seriously impressive. You've coped with the step up to Level 3 brilliantly, showing maturity, curiosity, and commitment every step of the way. Your tremendous work ethic hasn't gone unnoticed - it's clear you care about your learning and each other. On top of all that... you're just lovely, lovely people. Keep it up - you're smashing it.

## Bikram Uppal

Achieved a merit in their external assessment which demonstrates their consistent efforts for progression.

Good luck to all Route 2 students with final coursework's being submitted and exams that are now ongoing - from Gayle, Ryan and all Level 2 teachers.



## Bike Locks

There have been recent bike thefts that have taken place on college site. The police have advised for students to use a strong D-Lock rather than thin cable locks when securing their bike. This will help to prevent these thefts.

The college does not take responsibility for any theft, loss or damage to vehicles on college site. Should the above happen, we will assist the police as best we can.





# **THEATRE FOR SCHOOLS**

**The students watched a powerful Drama performance called Unacceptable by Theatre for Schools on Friday 4th April. The production took students on a journey of 5 stories and was aimed at raising awareness, kick-starting conversations and promoting cultural change around sexism, misogyny, sexual harassment and sexual violence.**

## **Important Exams Notice 2nd Year Students Only!**

**Please remember your Student ID Badges for all of your exams, you need it to get yourself into the exam. If you don't have any form of Photo ID you won't be let into the exam.**

**If you do not feel confident that you will remember your pass, please leave it in reception so you can collect it the next morning!**



**We have received a number of Privately Commissioned Dyslexia Assessments and requests for Exam Access Arrangements alongside these. The following regulations are in place for these Assessments:**

**A privately commissioned assessment, where the centre has not been involved, cannot be used to award access arrangements and cannot be used to process an application using Access arrangements online. This would be where the assessor has not contacted the centre, has not established a working relationship with the centre, has not been approved by the head of centre.**

**Please contact Sharon Berrill or Julie Sloan, Specialist Support if you are considering a Privately Commissioned Assessment for your young person.**

## **BIBLE STUDIES GUEST SPEAKER**

**On April 30th, our Bible Studies Enrichment group were blessed to have Lewis, visiting from Christian Life Ministries church, Lewis joined us in the Unity Hub to share his powerful testimony with some of our students. His story of transformation and faith resonated deeply, inspiring many through his honesty and heartfelt words. It was a meaningful moment that encouraged open conversation and reflection among those who attended. We would like to thank Lewis for coming to visit KE6 and all the students involved in getting this organised.**



# STUDENT VOICE!

## May your mind thrive

### Some important student tips this May by Katie Bell

As the world moves forward and pressures increase in day to day life, mental health is the most recognised and represented it has ever been; this relevancy being extremely important for students like ourselves where work seems to follow us home (through the need for a majority of work to be online and on our devices) and managing leisure/college life balance. One study even found that 54% of students who dropped out of college cited a lack of work/life balance as a key reason. Additionally, other factors such as financial pressure, social challenges and mental health issues largely contributed to students struggling with a work/life balance. Therefore, the contemporary relevance of mental health and wellbeing is ever growing for students and it's vital we stay true to managing our health alongside busy exams and coursework deadlines. This is a hard time in our lives, balancing school, friends, hobbies, part-time work and so on, therefore I have put together some helpful tips and ideas that I personally feel are necessary to helping us thrive in this part of our life.

### College Support

As many of you know, our college offers fantastic support through dedicated staff, including personal progress leaders who are always available to help. Still, it's completely understandable that opening up can be difficult—especially when support comes from someone in a more formal role.

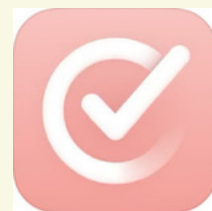
If that sounds familiar, you're not alone. That's why I've gathered a few motivational and self-care resources that take a more relaxed, down-to-earth approach—perfect for when you need a little encouragement or a moment to recharge.

I am

'I am' is an app which sends daily positive affirmations as a notification to your phone. We, as a generation spend a lot of time online so why not receive some positive affirmations while we doom scroll?

Research suggests that affirmations can be a useful tool for many, religious or not, with some studies indicating that they can improve self control, academic achievement and overall well being, especially for those experiencing stress.

'Structured' is an app which allows you to create daily to do lists with times, offering a whole new level of organisation, especially for those active with busy exam periods.



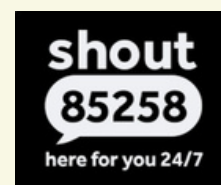
Organisation is key to having a better mental health. According to 'Timewatch', 91% of people report that better time management leads to reduced work-related stress.



'Finch' is an app where you get the chance to own a digital pet and will be given self care tasks to complete in real life in order to feed them.

I personally feel this is a great way to stay consistent in self care, leading to a better mental health overall. A study of US youth found that over 90% use self care methods to manage mental health.

Shout is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. Messages will not appear on your phone bill.



## Corridor Conversations

Upon speaking with our peers around college, I have collected some tips and advice which may help when it comes to college mental health. Out of everyone I have spoken to, I have found everyone agrees that taking a break and spending time with family and friends is most beneficial to tough times at college. Additionally, I found that everyone's definition of self care varies from skin care and journaling to playing sports and listening to music. However, an improvement goal I found widely recognised is having a better sleep schedule and diet: if you feel this way, you are not alone. Everyone's definition of self care is different so figure out yours and embrace it!

Finally, I have some top tips for first years going into second from one of our very own second years who will be shortly leaving us:

- Think about revision on a week to week basis and understand what you learnt in class by the end of the week.
- Understand the harder topics, don't just memorise them.
- Reset and relax during college breaks and transport rather than revising, it's important.
- Staying up late is counterproductive, keep a regular sleep schedule and stay focused in the day too.
- Spend breaks on hobbies rather than just scrolling on social media.
- Create a separation between free time and revision and make strict time limits for each, it's rewarding when you keep to your times.
- Complete homework the day you get it, it's tricky to stay consistent but it leaves the time to focus on your own personal revision goals.

**Student Voice is an exciting new addition to our newsletters, crafted by the talented first-year student, Katie Bell.**

**This section will focus on the latest events and happenings that matter to students across the college!**

**YOU ARE  
NOT ALONE**

**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
IS THE  
PRIORITY**

# BIOLOGY BRAINS!

Over Easter, biology students were asked to create labelled brain models! Congratulations to the winner Ayesha Akhter, with her teddy bear brain! Well done to runners up Isabella Tomlinson with her fabric brain and Lily-Mai Benfell Dodd who embroidered her brain!



## PERFORMANCES IN DRAMA...

**From Emily Bentkowski:**

2nd Drama students of 2025 performed their Component 2 scripted pieces on 7th April at the Abbey Theatre.

Never in all my years of experience so far have I seen a group of students perform to such a standard. Not to mention the level of professionalism, support system and positivity they have dedicated throughout this year!!

I am beyond proud of them for their efforts this year. A huge well done!

# **Engineering News!**

**Daniel Oyeleye and Jake Jowett (L3 2nd year engineering students) have qualified for the next round of WorldSkills Mechanical Engineering CAD competition.**

**They were successful at the entry stage and beat hundreds of other entrants, they now have the opportunity to represent the UK in the WorldSkills competition in Croatia, if they are successful in the next round. This has never happened at KE6 before, no students have got this far before so a huge well done to them both!**

## **Talent in the making...**

**Before Christmas, our GCSE English students were invited to take part in a writing competition organised by "Young Writers". This was founded in 1991 to inspire and encourage creative writing. The theme was Fight or Flight which inspired the students to explore a critical decision, whether to stand and face a challenge or to escape.**

**Around 80 students took part and received a certificate for their stories. 27 students were successful in the competition and went on to get their stories published in a book, alongside students from other schools, including only 6 students from Eton College!**

**This was a truly amazing achievement and all the students should be commended for their achievement.**

# Trips recap...

## London Dungeons

This Criminology trip allowed learners to enjoy and immersive experience of the history of crime and punishment in England including a range of infamous crimes such as Guy Fawkes, Jack the Ripper and the witch trials. They were also able to see the sights by the Thames including Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament where new laws are passed.



## Shrewsbury Prison

Criminology students had the opportunity to visit Shrewsbury prison to gain an overview of the prison, they gained knowledge into the history, in particular focusing on how the prison ran in the Victorian era. Students further developed their knowledge into capital punishments particularly focusing on the miscarriages of justice. Students then had the chance to partake in an escape room based in the prison cells.

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS



# Open Evening Recap!

We hosted our final open evening on Wednesday 2nd April, open to everyone and here is a recap of everything going on!



Thank you to all of our student reps and subject helpers that were there on the night, you were absolutely amazing and we appreciate it so much!



# Sports Fixtures



## Football...

**KE6 Boys 8 - 0 NWSLC**

**Solihull 6th Form Boys 0 - 1 KE6 Boys**

**KE6 Ladies 5 - 1 Birmingham Met**

**KE6 Ladies 4 - 4 Solihull 6th Form  
Ladies**

## Netball...

**KE6 14 - 3 Windsor High School**

## Upcoming trips for students!

27.05.25 - Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice

05.06.25 - DMU Science Taster Day  
(Medical/Applied Science)

05.06.25 - Hartshill Hayes (Geography)

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# END OF YEAR BALL

**WHO:** All Year Groups

**WHAT:** Live DJ, Food Truck, Dancing

**WHEN:** Friday 27th June 2025 7pm

**WHERE:** Old Ed's Rugby Club

**DRESS CODE:** Semi Formal

**TICKETS:** £12 Each

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
NUNEATON'S BIG PARTY

# NUNEATON *Let's Party* COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 24TH  
AUGUST 2025

THEME: LET'S PARTY

DO YOU WANT TO  
BE PART OF THIS  
AMAZING EVENT?

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING:

PROCESSION  
TRADE AND CRAFT STALLS  
ENTERTAINMENT/STAGE ACTS  
FOOD VENDORS  
VOLUNTEERS  
SPONSORS

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE



Please email us on [enquiries@nuneatoncommunitycarnival.com](mailto:enquiries@nuneatoncommunitycarnival.com)

# Bursary Information

At present, funding is intended to support students from households under the limit of £27,500. However, all students are encouraged to fill out the application, as some benefits declared are not taken into consideration in our assessment. Students who meet the general eligibility criteria will need to provide evidence of their parent/carer's income (see QR Code).

You could be eligible for free college meals if your annual gross income is no more than £16,190.

Any questions, please contact Anne-Marie Boyd via email [anne-marie.boyd@ke6n.ac.uk](mailto:anne-marie.boyd@ke6n.ac.uk).

## Bursary Information



**Scan me!**

# **Exam Breakfasts**

**We are pleased to announce that starting from 28th April, free exam breakfasts will be available for 2nd year students sitting 9am exams.**

**The breakfast will include a pastry and a choice of water or juice.**

**The canteen staff will have a list of names for verification, please make sure you bring your college ID.**

**Please ensure you have collected your breakfast by 08:30am to allow enough time to arrive at your exam before it begins.**

**Best of luck with your exams!**

# Dates for your Diary

**2024/2025**

## **Summer Term 2025**

**Bank Holiday - Monday 26 May**

**Half Term - Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May**

**Term Ends - Friday 4 July**

## **Important Dates!**

**Parents/Carers evening YEAR 12 ONLY -  
Thursday 26th June**

**2025/2026**

## **Autumn Term 2025**

**Term Starts - Monday 1 Sept**

**Half term - Monday 20 Oct - Friday 31 Oct**

**Term Starts - Monday 3 Nov - Friday 19 Dec**

**Holidays - Monday 22 Dec to Friday 2 Jan**

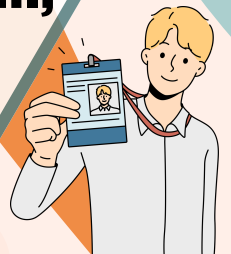
## **Notice Board**

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

**CLICK HERE**



# College Services



## Communication with us:

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

Please report all absences as soon as possible 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.

# Finance

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

We are a cashless college, and we do all of our payments through Wisepay! If you telephone to speak to our Finance team during college opening hours, please use the main number and press 6.

**Trips**

**Stationery  
+ resources**

**Art  
Shop**

**Exam  
fees**

**Printing  
Credits**

**ID Cards**

**Pay fines**

## Lesson Start and Finish Times

**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. If you're going to be late, please message your teachers on teams or email college services.**

# 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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