

Student & Parent/Carer Newsletter

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KE6

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Happy Spring, the sun is shining again! Welcome to the March/April newsletter! It's been a very busy few months and we would love to share what we have been up to during this term. We hope you have a lovely end of term break!

Student Shoutouts!

Hangso Limbu

Consistently improving their grade in internal assessments and demonstrating willingness and desire to achieve high grades.

Olivia Bevington

Showing dedication to her programme of study alongside further developing wider skills by being an excellent member of KE6 unity. Olivia has been enthusiastic and motivated during her time working with me and really supported the spirit of King Eds by creating the KEGs got talent event last term.

Darius Piron

He is a thoughtful, creative and quietly confident young man who is always eager to take initiative and build on his skills!

Darcie Morris

Thank you for becoming a volunteer for the library! We really appreciate the help!

Even More Student Shoutouts!

Caitlin Williams

She has shown an incredible amount of initiative and resilience to overcome multiple technical challenges, and still produce an amazing project.

Jaden Hale

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

Y2 Psychology E Block (Mark Walford)

Since January, I've been really impressed by your focus, maturity, and consistent effort. You've taken on board feedback, engaged thoughtfully, and shown a real commitment to doing your best with the exam coming up. There's a great atmosphere in the room - calm, purposeful, and supportive - and that's entirely down to you. Keep that momentum going - you're absolutely on the right track.

Athalia Owusu

Gained a tremendous boost in confidence whilst presenting their Higher Project Qualification.

Congratulations to the 3 winners from the random prize draw for everyone getting 100% attendance so far this year!!

Route 2's monthly attendance draw!

**Peter
Balazs-Hegedus**

**Jude
Thorpe**

**February:
Ashleigh
Wisdom**

Ethan Morris

**March:
Harvey
Tipping**

GIVE BACK WEEK!

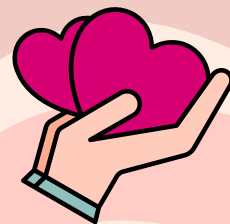
To celebrate Comic Relief, we got involved with a community give back week for all students and staff to get involved with!



We had popcorn and candy floss machines in the lounge all week!



KE6
clothing drive!



**Thank you for
all donations!**



We had a bake sale, thank you to all students that took the time to create everything that was available! All proceeds did go to Comic Relief!

FUTURE YOU WEEK!

As part of our annual 'Future You' week, we recently hosted two careers' events on the 11th and 13th February. These events were designed to provide our students with valuable insights into how their subjects could open doors to various career paths.

During these sessions, we welcomed a range of guest speakers from prominent companies and diverse career fields. Our aim was to give students a real-world perspective on the skills and knowledge they develop in school and how these can be applied to careers beyond the classroom.



We were thrilled to have speakers from well-known organisations such as Gymshark, McLaren Applied Racing, Unilever, JLR, and Sheldon Bosley Knight Estate Agents. Additionally, our students heard from professionals working in exciting careers, including barristers, graphic designers, radiologists, cyber security experts, and commercial banking professionals.

These interactive sessions have opened students' eyes to the various routes available, inspiring confidence in their ability to pursue careers they are passionate about.

Thank you to all our guest speakers for their dedication to our students. These events play an important role in helping our students take the next step toward achieving their career ambitions.

Spring in the Quad

---- Faith Rose ----



The air is lighter, soft with sun,
Exams still loom, but winter is done.

The daffodils along the path
Glow golden bright—spring's aftermath.



The library's full, yet no one speaks,
Save birds that chirp from chimney peaks.
We should be reading, heads down low,
But watch pink blossoms start to grow.



The scent of rain still clings to stone,
Old college walls now overgrown.
A breeze that dances through the quad
Lifts scattered notes—a playful god.



The canteen spills with students free,
Sprawled out with books but sipping coffee.
For though the deadlines steal our time,
Spring reminds us: life still shines.

EXTENDED/HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION!

Congratulations to all of the HPQ/EPQ students who have completed their presentations! It was lovely to see all of your hard work!

I'd like to have a shout out to my HPQ students for all submitting their projects on time, and completing their presentations with confidence! -

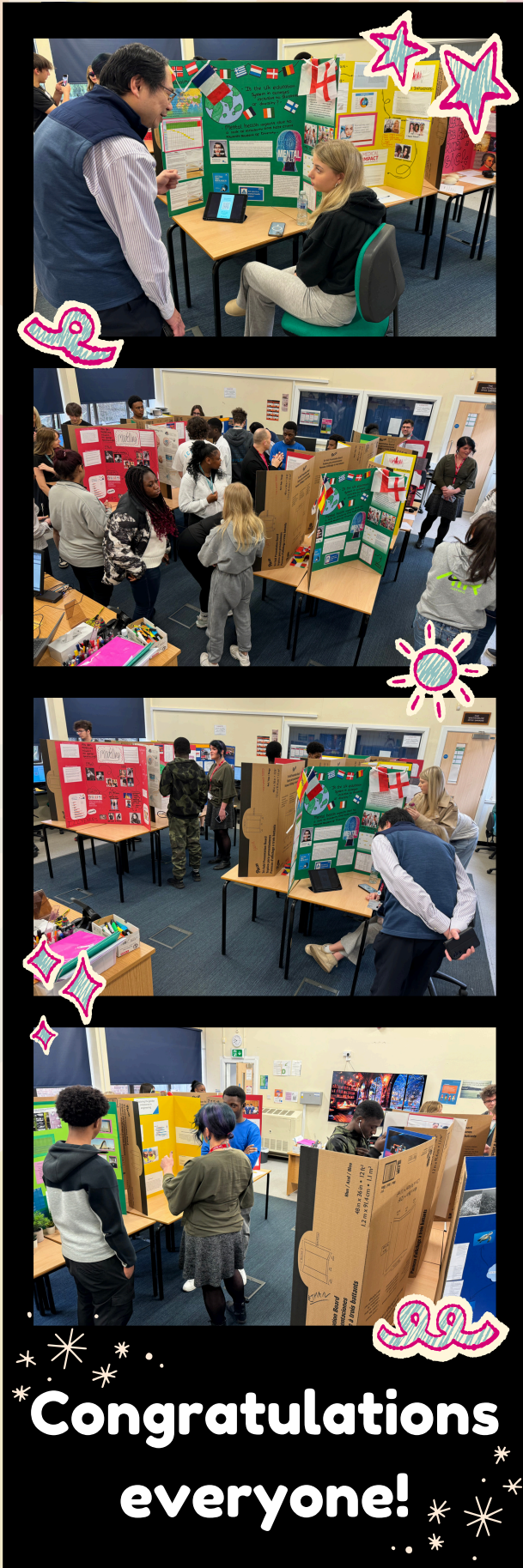
Rhianne Masters-Hopkins



The 2025 EPQ and HPQ students have done a spectacular job, delivering research into all kinds of interesting topics, from social media and the effect on neurodevelopment to investigations of the world's mysteries, to the psychology of serial killers, to the societal impact of anime and music, and everything in between. The EPQ and HPQ students have worked incredibly hard, and in doing so, have improved their academic skills enormously. Well done, Squad! It's been a joy to teach you all, and I hope what you have learned will be helpful in your future endeavours!

- Ruth Postlethwaite

EVEN MORE EPQ/HPQ...



You've all put an incredible amount of effort into your reports and presentations, and I couldn't be prouder of your hard work and dedication. Well done!

– Paulina

Summary of HPQ/EPQ...

The AQA Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) is an exciting, flexible course designed to let you explore a topic you're genuinely passionate about! You get to choose your own question or project idea—whether that's creating a film, building a prototype, writing an essay, or producing a performance. Throughout the HPQ, you'll develop valuable skills like research, independent thinking, planning, and problem-solving, all while working at your own pace. It's a fantastic chance to dive deeply into something you love, gain skills useful for future studies, university or careers.

- Travis Atkins

Congratulations everyone!





E-Sports News!



KE6 Vanguard's Overwatch 2 team Garrison won the British Esports Student Championships Open Division 1 with a 3-0 win in the final vs Barnsley Griffins.

From a starting point of over 160 teams we are so proud to have our team finish in the number one spot!

Well done for KE6 Vanguard's Overwatch 1 team, for making it to the semi finals!

Photos to follow when the trophy arrives! But congratulations to everyone in the teams, it is an amazing achievement!

KE6 Vanguard Scores

KE6V League of Legends vs Coventry Crosshairs 1-0

KE6V Overwatch 2 vs Weston Waveriders 3-2

BSA Griffins Red vs KE6V Overwatch 2 2-3

KE6V VALORANT vs Derby Diamonds 13-7

KE6V VALORANT Womens vs GY Galaxy 13-5

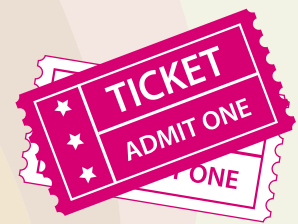
Trips Recap...

NEC – What University? What Career?

This was a great opportunity for students to explore their options after college. Alongside picking up a few freebies, they had the chance to speak directly with professionals from a wide range of industries and universities. It's all about getting inspired, discovering new career paths, and finding out what's possible for their future.



Drama trip



All of the drama students went to see/evaluate a live performance of Peter James' 'Picture Me Dead' at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham. The students were given the opportunity to explore the city prior to the show and conducted themselves in a professional manner and really enjoyed the day. Moving forwards, they're now able to use the live evaluation as part of their comp 3 written exam which is all about analysing/evaluating live theatre from many different aspects.

Even more trips...

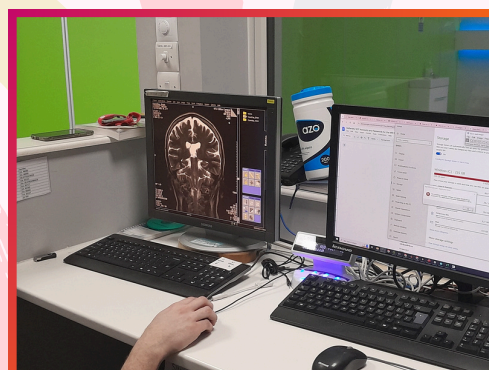
Warwick Uni Chemistry trip



Year 12 Chemistry students went to Warwick University where they used equipment that is not normally available to colleges. There was a lecture followed by a lab session where they prepared their own samples and ran infrared and NMR spectra. This was a great way to gain experience of how these techniques can be used in industry to find the concentration of some alcohol samples by comparing the spectra recorded from samples on known concentration.

Nottingham Uni Physics trip

On March, 1st Year Physics students attended a Physics and Astrophysics experience day at Nottingham Trent University. The day included a tour of the observatory, plasma physics labs and a demonstration of an MRI scanner. Students were also involved in an activity of stella classification based upon spectral data. A lovely day was had by all.



Art Trip!



On Friday 4th April, the art team and FAD went on a trip to London. The purpose of the trip was to gather primary resources for their final majors including first-hand photography, sketches, and gallery visits. There are also legal walls in London, so some of the students were able to paint while there too!



Auschwitz Reflection

Lessons from Auschwitz is a government subsidised course for people aged 16-18 to learn more about the Holocaust. We have been sending students on the course for over 15 years and I have been the college coordinator for over ten years. Each year the college sends up to four of our students on the course- applications are open to all students each autumn regardless of courses taken, and places are free for the students to attend. They take part in two seminars with other students from across the area and go on a one day visit to Auschwitz. The students are then asked to reflect and share their experience.

Then, I travelled to Poland to see Auschwitz 1 and Auschwitz 2, an experience I am so truly grateful for. However, it's hard to put into words how I felt to see the horrific conditions that held so many people for so long. To see million's of peoples hair collected effected me the most; such a personal part of ones identity to be cast away into a pile: I feel symbolised their identities being generified as they were marked with The Star of David in wider society and labelled as aliens to countries they had settled in long before any holocaust. To walk where not only the perpetrated, but also the perpetrators walked was very overwhelming and hard to understand how these people were able to do this to people of their own kind: humankind. I was told after visiting Auschwitz that I may leave with more questions than answers and that perfectly sums up how I feel to this day since my visit. My heart breaks for all the lost souls at Auschwitz and I hope they are liberated by the efforts made by the Holocaust association and their ambassadors to remember each and every one of them.

This is a part of Katie's Bell's reflection, if you would like to read the rest it is attached to the original email.

Careers Information!

Student finance

Student finance is now open for September 2025 - all students can apply for Student finance SFE - Student Finance England . The deadline is end of May to ensure finance is in place for the start of your course.

UCAS Dates

26 February: UCAS Extra opened for any applicants who received no offers, or who rejected all their offers.

4 June: Reply to offers if you've received your decisions. If you have decided that you would now like to put an application in you can do so at www.ucas.com - it is worth checking that there are still places available at individual universities apply by **30th June**.

5 July: UCAS Clearing opens.

Apprenticeships advertised:

Follow these links for apprenticeships being offered:

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

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

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

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/>

If you need any help/advice about anything to do with this information or general enquiries about careers, Rachael and Caroline are based in the community hub!

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.

Bursary Information



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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.

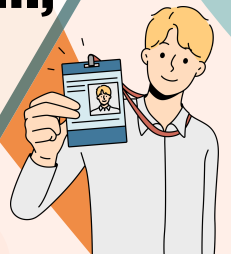
The breakfast will include a pastry and a choice of water or juice.

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!

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 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 email college services.

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