

NEWSLETTER

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WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Hello, my name is Lynsey Smith, and it is a privilege to introduce myself as the Interim Principal here at King Edward VI Sixth Form College (KE6). I have worked in education for 20 years, beginning my career as a sports, fitness and health teacher before moving into wider leadership roles. As a former KE6 student myself, I know first-hand the power of a college community that believes in its young people. That experience continues to shape the way I lead today. I am dedicated to ensuring that every young person in our care thrives—academically, personally and socially. I look forward to working closely with students, staff, families and our wider community as we build on our strengths and create the best possible environment for all.



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Student Shoutouts

Michael Elleman

His engagement across both Level 3 Esports and our Overwatch 2 team has been excellent. Michael is becoming an integral part of our esports set up, continuously demonstrating our college values and leading by example.

Sociology Year 2 (D Block)

I'm genuinely so proud of you all. The effort, determination, and resilience you show as a group is incredible, and it's been a real pleasure working with you both this year and last. You support each other, you keep going when things are tough, and you never shy away from putting the work in. I feel very lucky to work with you.

Hallie Martin

Thank you for making the cakes and cookies at Christmas for our progress group. It was a lovely contribution to help us celebrate
- Amanda Sharp

Biron Gurung

An exceptional work rate is shown every single lesson. Biron works extremely hard inside and outside of the classroom. His consistency is admirable and I am certain his hard work will pay off.



Student Shoutouts

Psychology (F Block)

I've been really impressed with how you've developed over time. You come in willing to learn, you give things a go even when they feel tricky, and you back each other along the way. There's a real sense of effort and positivity in the room, and that makes a huge difference. I feel very fortunate to work with you all.

Harrison Willmott

Accepted onto a Cambridge University Law Taster course, as a result of applying through the High Achievers Programme. Well done! -
Richard Bradley

Stanley Haagensen

He has been selected to play for Midlands Rugby. He has put in a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication, and his selection is thoroughly deserved. He will play in fixtures against the North and South of the England soon!

Sociology Year 2 (B Block)

I've only been working with you since September, but I've seen a big shift in how you approach the subject and each other. Your commitment has grown, you're more willing to have a go, try new things, and push yourselves, and the way you support one another really stands out. You should be proud of the progress you're making.

Kasey Merricks

Joel Henederson

She had her GB try-outs recently, and on Friday she received an email confirming she has been selected to compete at the European Martial Arts Games in Germany!

WELL DONE!

Monthly 100% Attendance Draw:

**December
Winner:**

Donell Sapala

**January
Winner:**

Keziah Dimena

Route 2 Application Events!

Over the last few weeks, Ryan and Gayle have ran our R2 Application Events, where all of our R2 students have a chance to talk to subject teachers about the classes they want to study from next year!

We are happy to share that Route 2 students have now completed their applications for Level 3 study next year.

Our Route 2 teachers are working closely with the students to ensure they are fully prepared and confident as they transition onto new courses next year.

A huge thank you to the entire Route 2 teaching team, for their continued hard work and support.



Community Page

A former KE6 student, Kelsey Hall, returned to college to talk to our Year 12 Chemistry students. Kelsey gave an inspiring talk and demonstration about her journey from KE6 to her PhD studies into coatings for solar panels at the University of Warwick, giving our students an insight into the world of research.



We had NatWest deliver a Financial Education (Building Blocks) workshop to help students build confidence with money and understand how to manage it in everyday life. The session focused on essential money skills that support both current needs and future independence.

Students explored banking basics, including how bank accounts work and the different types available. They developed a better understanding of income and spending, how to make informed financial choices, and how to plan and track a budget.

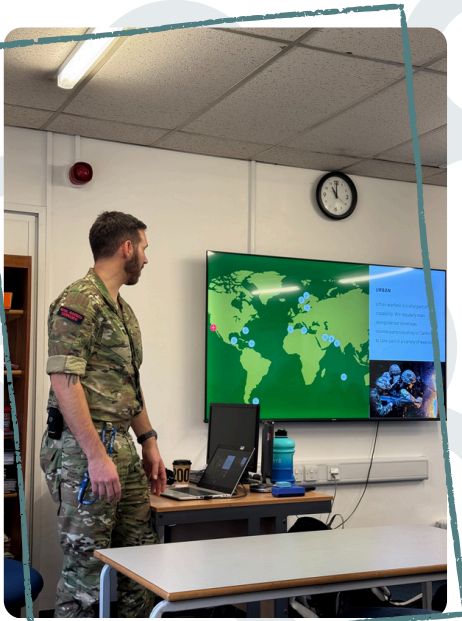
The workshop also introduced borrowing and credit, covering loans, credit cards, interest, and how credit scores work, why they matter, and ways to improve them. Overall, the session gave students practical, real-world knowledge they can use now and carry forward into adulthood.



Community Page

On Thursday 8th January, our Year 12 Uniformed Protective Services students were visited by SGT Andy Mattock from the Royal Marines. He delivered a careers-focused presentation covering the roles available, the lifestyle of a Royal Marine, and the application process. Students also asked thoughtful questions about his experiences, from training in extreme conditions to the food in the Marines—and even his favourite animal.

SGT Mattock has kindly offered to return to support our Expedition Skills unit, where students will learn outdoor cooking Royal Marine-style. This visit follows earlier sessions in the Autumn term from the Royal Navy and RAF.



Celestina, who studied Economics, Maths and Physics in last year's Year 13 cohort, is now studying Economics at the University of Birmingham. She returned to KE6 to speak passionately to our Economics students, offering strong exam tips for Year 13 and advising Year 12 on keeping up with homework, following world events, and building solid foundations for Year 13.

Since leaving KE6, Celestina has flourished. She plays an active role in the university's Economics Society, writes regular articles, and is involved in The Black Apprentice Network and the Black Undergraduate Network. She also maintains a growing LinkedIn presence.

After her visit, she wrote: "I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to my former college... You have shaped me into the scholar I am today and I am forever grateful."

Her visit highlights the strong relationships KE6 builds with students and the local community. Celestina will return after Easter to offer further exam advice to Year 13.



KE6 GOT TALENT!

Well done to everyone who performed in our talent show. It was amazing to see everyone's talents and it was an amazing afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came to watch, we raised £95 which went to our KE6 Prom Budget!



Congratulations to Athena Cybulska who won with her beautiful acoustic rendition of Creep by Radiohead!!

Amsterdam!



David B, Emma and I had the pleasure of taking 28 students to Amsterdam for the Creative Arts trip-five days packed with fun, relationship-building, exploring, and, of course, Art. The trip gave students a real chance to grow their independence, with the freedom to roam the city and choose activities that took their fancy. Highlights included Body Worlds, the Cat Museum, the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank House, Wondr, the Moco Museum, Madame Tussauds, and the A'Dam Lookout... to name just a few! We genuinely couldn't have asked for a better group. They gelled brilliantly, looked out for one another, and were consistently mature and respectful throughout. One of our whole-group activities was a visit to Straat, where every student had a go at spray-painting in the legal street-art area. As you'll see from the photos, many took to it like ducks to water- we may well have a few future graffiti artists in our midst. It was especially lovely watching new friendships form. Quite a few students didn't know anyone at the start, yet by the end one newly formed group was already planning a summer holiday together.

Huge shoutout to David and Emma for organising and running such a fantastic trip.

- Ria Jenkins

Bar Mock Trial

The Bar Mock Trial Competition, organised by Young Citizens, provides students with the opportunity to undertake all court roles, including barristers, witnesses, court clerk, usher and defendant. Our team competed at Birmingham Crown Court on 17 January 2026.



The competition is based on two fictional criminal cases; this year's scenarios concerned possession of drugs with intent to supply and possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. The students delivered outstanding performances throughout, demonstrating exceptional preparation and advocacy, although they were not the winning team on this occasion.



A dress rehearsal was held the previous day in the Town Council Chamber, which was attended by the local Member of Parliament, Jodie Gosling. The Bar Mock Trial Competition remains a highly prestigious and enriching experience and has served as a springboard for a number of former students who have gone on to pursue careers at the Bar.

Sports

Football Scores...

In the boys most recent match away against Coventry College, they brought home a win of 2 - 1. Amazing job from Harrison Snell and Ryan Sarson who scored a goal each. Well done to Howie Nowik, our goalie for saving a penalty! Player of the Match was Frankie Skelton!

Netball Scores...

Recently the girls played a friendly match away against Higham Lane, where we unfortunately we lost 32 - 7.

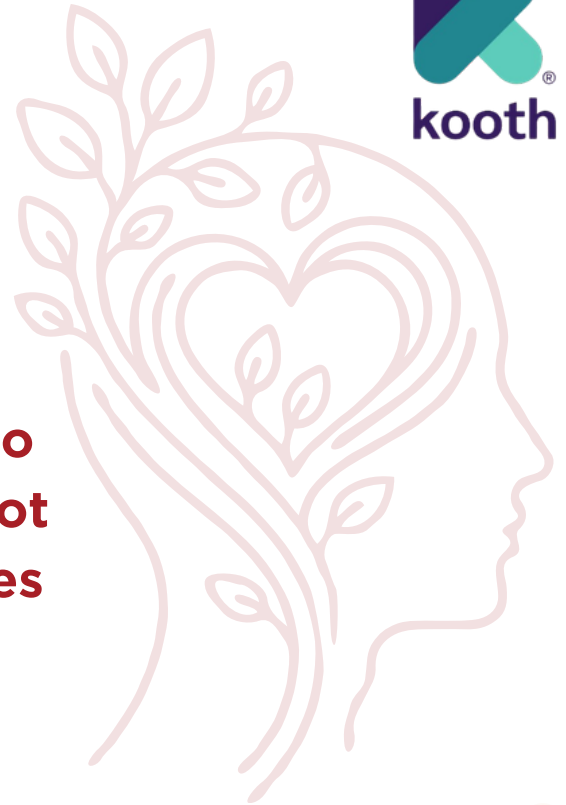
However, we came back strong with a win against St. Thomas Moore, in the awful weather, with a score of 18 - 3. Well done girls, that's amazing!!

Useful Links

Mental health matters



Please click on the icon above to go to the 'Kooth' website who have a lot of support and resources for families and young people who deal with mental health.



Careers News...

We still have a few places available on the trip to the Warwickshire Skills Show on Tuesday 3rd March.

Warwickshire Skills Show and Future Careers Fair: Inspiring young people about career opportunities in all business sectors.

If you would like to attend please collect a letter from your tutor, the student lounge or community hub and return the consent form to your tutor or the Community Hub.

We are expecting to travel by train and are leaving college at 1pm, students will be asked to pay for travel it's a maximum of £5 return depending on whether they have a rail card.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2026!

Term Starts - Mon 23 Feb - Fri 27 Mar

Holidays - Mon 30 Mar to Fri 10 Apr

23th - 27th Feb - Year 1 Med
Science Controlled Assessments

2nd - 6th March - National Careers
Week

3rd March - Warwickshire Skills
and Careers Hub - CBS Arena

9th - 13th March - Year 1 Med
Science and Applied Science
Controlled Assessments

9th March - International Women's
Day (community event)

10th March - National
Apprenticeship Trip - CBS Arena

16th - 20th March - Year 1 Med
Science Controlled Assessments

19th March - Drama Trip + Parents
Webinar (Student Finance)*

23rd - 27th March - Art Exams +
Year 1 Med Science Controlled
Assessments

24th March - College Closed
Staff Training

25th - 26th March - Ancient History
Trip (South Wales/Bath)

27th March - Spring Celebration
Day (community event)

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

*19th March - Parents Webinar (Student Finance)

6pm - 7pm - Click [here](#) to join.

Delivered by Coventry University

Summer Term 2026!

Term Starts - Mon 13 April

Bank Holidays - Mon 4 May & Mon 25 May

Half term - Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May

Term Starts - Mon 1 June - Fri 10 July

Bursary Information

At present, funding is intended to support students from households under the limit of £30,000.

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.



Click me!

Any questions, please contact the bursary team via email bursary@ke6n.ac.uk

We are also located in Reception/College Services if you need to talk to us!

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

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

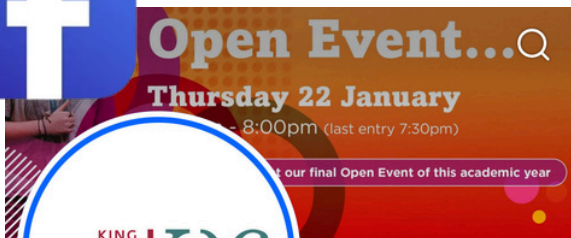
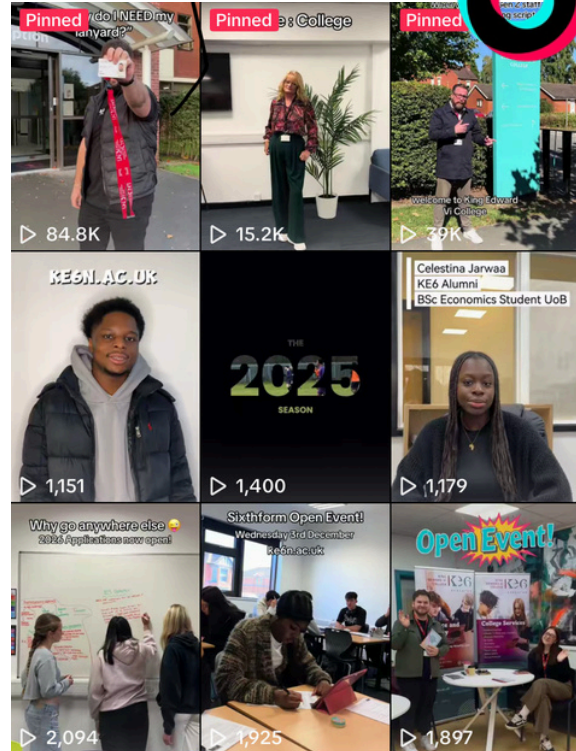
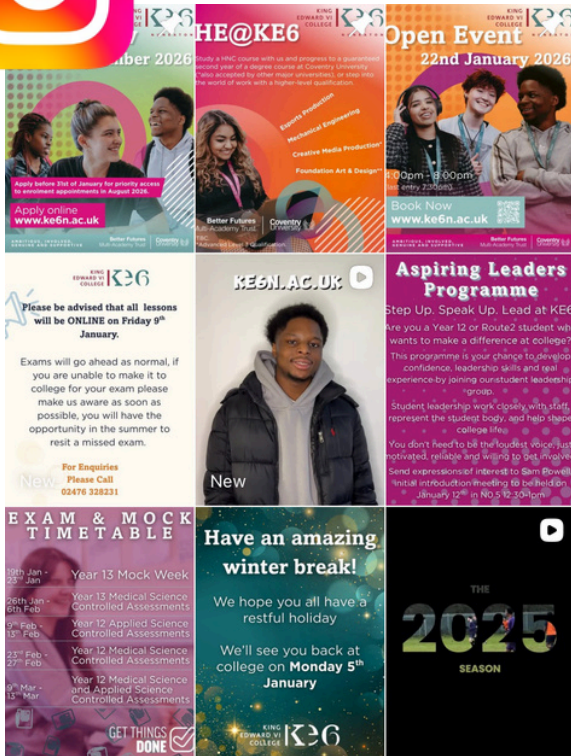
**9 - 10:30
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13:10 - 14:40
15:00 - 16:30**

Wednesdays, Fridays

**9 - 10:30
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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.

Please feel free to click on the Social Media pages below:



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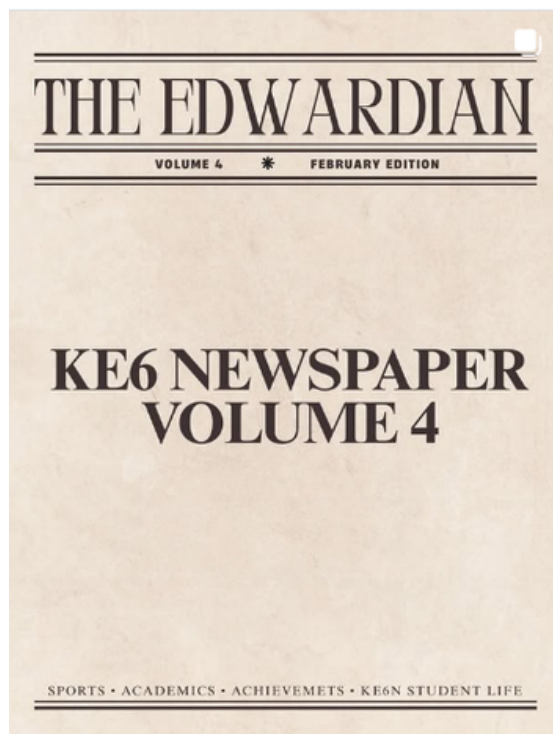
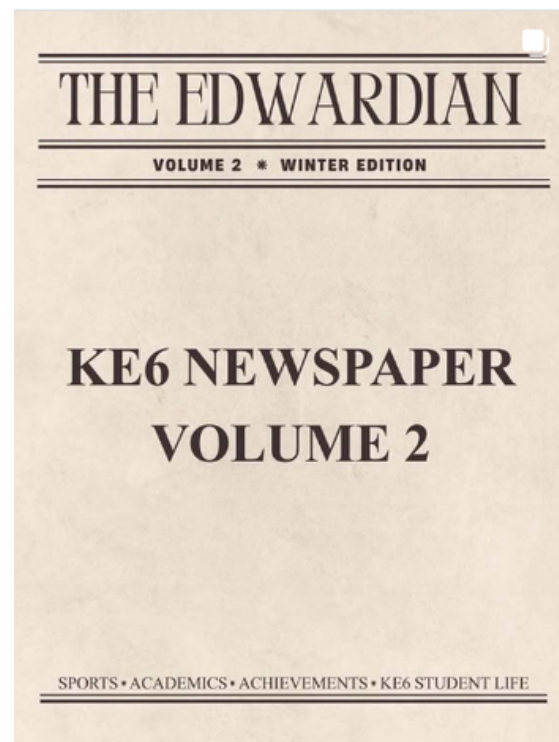
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Season 3 Episode 2: Christmas Special



THE EDWARDIAN



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