



Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 14
Monday 16th December to Sunday 22nd December 2024
Theme of the Week: Life (Christmas)

Week 2

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
Mon 16 Dec	8.50am: Prefects' Meeting	Sixth Form Common Rm	1.30pm: Chess Club: All welcome	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.00am: Year 7 PSHE Session	Gym Approx. finish 10.00am	1.30pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Memorial Lib. Approx. finish 2.10pm
	10.00am: 7K PSHE Group Activity	Gym Approx. finish 10.25am	1.30pm: Pride Club: all welcome!	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	10.30am: 7E PSHE Group Activity	Gym Approx. finish 10.50am	1.30pm: The Economics Learning Club Year 13	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	10.55am: 7S PSHE Group Activity	Gym Approx. finish 11.15am	1.30pm: GCSE Biology Support Session – selected Year 11 students	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	11.25am: Years 9-13 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.30pm: GCSE Design & Technology Support Session – Year 11	Design Studio Approx. finish 2.10pm
	11.45am: 7S Cookery (2 nd) / Digital Citizenship (1 st)	Room 9 & Room 19/17 Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Maths Mentoring Selected Year 8 students	Room 22 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: House Basketball Year 12	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.35pm: Chemistry Society: Years 11-13	Room 42 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	2.00pm: Years 7 & 8 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.40pm: GCSE Mandarin Support Years 10 & 11	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.15pm: Rugby U15A v Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne National Bowl	Away Meet 10.40pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.30pm Approx. return 6.00pm	3.45pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
			3.45pm: Fencing Years 7-9	Gym Finish 5.15pm
			4.00pm: Progression Rowing Year 10 & 11	SUABC Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.00pm: Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 6.00pm
		5.45pm: Fencing Squad Training	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm	
Tues 17 Dec	8.55am: Sixth Form Jolly Jumper Day	Donations via <i>ParentPay</i> please for the School's chosen charities	1.15pm: Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session: Year 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	8.55am: Whole School Assembly (D6 to clear chairs)	LFH	1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	8.55am: House Tutors and Captains Meeting	Dyson – Room 15 Fitzmaurice – Room 16 Spender – Room 38 Warneford – Room 32	1.30pm: Physics and Engineering Interview Practice Session Selected Year 13 Students	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.15pm

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	10.00am: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Years 7-10 Readers' Rehearsal (RBS)	Holy Trinity Church Meet 9.45 Spender Quad	1.30pm: GCSE Design & Technology Support Session – Year 11	Design Studio Approx. finish 2.10pm
	10.45am: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Rehearsal for Chapel Choir	Holy Trinity Church Meet 10.30am Spender Quad	1.30pm: Maths Drop-In Support Session All year groups	Room 24 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	11.45am: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Rehearsal for Christmas Choirs	Holy Trinity Church Meet 11.30am Spender Quad Approx. finish 1.15pm	1.30pm: The Politics & Economics Society: Years 12 & 13	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	12.30pm: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Rehearsal for King's Brass	Holy Trinity Church Meet 12.15pm Spender Quad Approx. finish 1.15pm	1.30pm: Junior Quiz Selected Years 7 & 8 students	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	1.15pm: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Years 11-13 & Staff Readers' Rehearsal (RBS)	Holy Trinity Church Meet 1.00pm Spender Quad	1.30pm: UKMT Maths Challenge & Puzzles Club – Years 7 & 8	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: House Basketball Year 10	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.15pm: Year 6 Maths Mentoring Programme – selected students	Room 21 Meet 2.00pm Approx. finish 3.00pm	1.35pm: Chinese Society: All welcome	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	4.00pm: Netball Year 13 Girls v Staff	LFH Approx. finish 4.45pm	1.45pm: Computer Science Club - All welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.10pm Priority for those with Computer Science homework
	7.00pm: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	Holy Trinity Church Choristers to meet at the Parish Centre at 6.30pm Approx. finish 8.30pm		
Wed 18 Dec	8.55am: Year 13 Assembly	LFH (SM)	1.30pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Memorial Lib. Approx. finish 2.05pm
	8.55am: Years 7 - 12 Tutor Groups	Various	3.45pm: Fencing Years 7-9	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	10.00am: Carol Service Christmas Choirs and King's Brass Rehearsal	Holy Trinity Church Meet 9.45am Spender Quad	3.45pm: Astronomy Club Years 7-13	Room 40 Approx. finish 5.00pm if cloudy Approx. finish 6.00pm if clear skies
	10.40am: Extended and Early Break - Year 12 & 13	Finish 11.10am	3.45pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
	11.10am: Years 12 & 13 Registration	Quad	5.45pm: Fencing Club Years 10-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
	11.30am: School Carol Service Years 12 & 13	Holy Trinity Church Approx. finish 12.30pm		
	12.45pm: Early Lunch for Choristers	Dining Hall		
	1.00pm: Old Edwardians Exam Certificate Collection and Mince Pies!	Sixth Form Café		

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	2.00pm: Old Edwardians & Senior Rugby ' <i>A Touch of Christmas</i> '	Approx. finish 3.30pm		
	2.00pm: Registration Years 7-10 Christmas Choristers	Drama Studio		
	2.10pm: Registration Years 7-11	Quad		
	2.30pm: School Carol Service Years 7-11	Holy Trinity Church Approx. finish 3.30pm		
	4.00pm: Ultimate Frisbee Staff v students	LFH Approx. finish 4.45pm		
Thur 19 Dec	Non-Uniform Day		1.30pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Memorial Lib. Approx. finish 2.05pm
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9 - 11 Assembly	Chapel (HM) Gym (CD)	3.45pm: Edward's Boys' Rehearsal	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
	8.55am: Years 12 & 13 Extended Assembly	LFH (RB) Approx. finish 9.30am	3.45pm: Fencing Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	9.30am: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Chapel Choir Rehearsal	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 10.40am		
	10.45am: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Readers' Rehearsal	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 11.15am		
	1.15pm: KEstival Setup	Various		
	1.30pm: KEstival	Various		
	2.45pm: KEstival Clear Up	Various		
	3.00pm: Afternoon Registration	Tutor Rooms		
	3.05pm: KEstival Tug-o-War	LFH Approx. finish 3.45pm		
	3.50pm: School Detention (SM)	DC Conference Room		
	7.00pm: Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	Guild Chapel Chapel Choir meet in Room 18 at 6.40pm Approx. finish 8.30pm		
Fri 20 Dec	8.55am: Tutor Groups	Various	2.00pm: Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 4.00pm
	9.55am: Final Assembly Rehearsal Concert Band & Strings	LFH Approx. finish 10.20am	5.00pm: Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.00pm
	10.20am: Final Assembly Rehearsal King's Brass	LFH Approx. finish 10.45am		
	11.45am: Tutor Groups	Various		
	12 noon: Final Assembly	LFH		
	12.55pm: Tutor Groups and Registration	Various		
	1.00pm: School finishes approx.			
	1.15pm: Stratford Hospital Carol Singing Selected singers	Meet in Room 17 after Final Assembly Approx. finish 2.45pm		

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Sat 21 Dec				
Sun 22 Dec				

Parent Notices:

Duty Boy & Lunch Duty

The following students from Years 7 & 8 are on Duty this week either as Duty Boy in the School Office or on Lunch Duty:

Date	Duty Boy	Lunch Duty		
Monday 16 th Dec	Azlan Gazi	Ayomide Adegoke	Eddie Begg	Safian Khan
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Ryan Ramezani	Lucas Lam	Aiden Nelloora	Daniel Waldron
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Dylan Randhawa	Kian Sharif	Archie Slatter	Louis Wingfield
Thursday 19 th Dec	Elliot Roe			

Those students on the Duty Boy rota should register and attend tutor group/assembly/personal development as normal before reporting to the School Office. Please bring School books and a reading book with you. If your son has a musical instrument lesson, in class tests/practicals or Games on his Duty Day, he will still attend these. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Long via cal@kes.net. Those on Lunch Duty should report to the Prefects in the Dining Hall at **1.45pm**.

FoKES Annual Christmas Raffle – last chance!

Thank you to those of you who have purchased tickets already. Tickets for the annual FoKES Christmas Raffle are still on sale via *ParentPay* and ShopKES until **Sunday 15th December**. This is a virtual raffle and tickets cost £1.00 each. The draw will take place on **Monday 16th December**. We have a selection of great prizes including £100 voucher for Sabai Sabai restaurant, £50 voucher from Presto Music, and many more amazing prizes. All proceeds raised by FoKES go towards projects within School.

Winter KESTival – Thursday 19th December

Thursday 19th December is a non-uniform day for KESTival (House Fundraising), students should dress as per non-uniform days noting that fancy dress is not permitted. Please note that KESTival is now a cashless event and those students who have purchased tokens will be given these via Tutors on the day of KESTival. All monies raised are going to our chosen charities *Boys in Mind* and *KES Small Change*. All students will be off-timetable from **1.15pm**, with PM attendance optional for Sixth Form students. A limited lunch service will be available. KESTival set up starts at **1.15pm**, with KESTival events running from **1.30-2.45pm**. A bell will sound at **2.45pm**, after which students should quickly clear away any activities that their House has been running and all tokens received should be taken to the Bursary. Afternoon registration is at **3.00pm** after which students should proceed to the LFH for KESTival tug-o-war, with all year groups competing for virtual cash prizes that will contribute to each House's KESTival total.

Year 9 Activities Week Residential to France and Belgium

We would like to remind parents that today is the deadline for the payment of the deposit of **£130.00** for this trip as per Mr Gardiner's letter on **Friday 11th October**. Payments are then scheduled as follows:

- Deposit £130 Friday 6th December 2024
- Payment 1 £200 Friday 7th February 2025
- Payment 2 £200 Friday 7th March 2025
- Payment 3 £200 Friday 4th April 2025

Please contact Mr Gardiner (lwg@kes.net) if you have any queries.

Music Lessons Timetabling

We would like to remind parents about the arrangements for the timetabling of Music Lessons. We understand that occasionally, changes need to be made to the timetable due to planned student absence (e.g., orthodontist). If this is the case, the teacher should be informed at least 48 hours before the day of the lesson and a swap will be made if it is possible. With almost 400 weekly lessons, excellent student organisation and timely communication is crucial. Thank you.

Robin Hood – Rehearsal Photographs and Production Film

These can now be downloaded via www.nickbimages.com. Please go to 'find my photos', select King Edward VI School and enter the password 'Stratford'. You will then be able to find the photos in the folder 2024-25/Robin Hood. Photos can be downloaded free of charge. Our huge thank you to OE Parent, Nick Browning for such stunning photographs. In addition, the production was professionally filmed during one of the evening performances and is now available to purchase. If you would like a copy of the film, please pay **£20.00** via *ParentPay* by **Friday 20th December**.

Nasal 'Flu' Immunisations – Years 7-11

Any parents who did not submit their child's nasal 'flu' consent form before the portal closed can now book on and attend a local clinic venue for the 'flu' vaccination. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link [here](#).

Lockers, Padlocks & Musical Instruments

Students are reminded that all lockers must be emptied and padlocks taken home by **Friday 20th December** at the latest. Site staff will be asked to remove any remaining locks and all contents will be disposed of during. **Musical instruments** must also be taken home.

Lost Property Reminder

Please can we remind parents and students of the following:

- All named items that are handed in to Student Services are returned directly to students, so please ensure all items are clearly named (especially any items you have bought second-hand at our regular uniform sales which may have the original owner's name on it).
- Unnamed items are taken to the Lost Property Store, where students can re-claim lost items
- The Lost Property Store is opened daily at the start of both break times; please encourage your sons & daughters to check the lost property store thoroughly if they have mislaid an item
- Any unnamed lost property will be retained for a few weeks
- Please note that valuables such as calculators, keys, glasses and electronic items are kept in the School Office

Any unclaimed items, including coats, water bottles etc are donated to charity at the end of each half-term.

This week's Parents' Bulletin attachments

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Whole School

FoKES Raffle Flyer

BrickES Invitation – ST

End of Michaelmas Term 2024 – TMW

Year 7

Year 7 Duty Boy – ST

Year 7 Parents' Evening – HM

Year 8

Year 8 Trip to Symphony Hall – RSM

Year 10

Year 10 Work Experience – FJR

Year 12

Post 18 Options Evening – RB

Other (Selected Students)

Maths Mentoring Invitation – LD

French Trip to Paris Parent Information Meeting – AC

Trumpet Flute Music Lessons Mon 6th Jan – DCM

Sri Lanka Cricket Tour 2025 Update – TJW

Year 12 Gold DofE using AAP confirmation – AKW

Please note archived copies of Parents' Weekly Bulletins and letters can be accessed via the Parent Portal. The portal can be found via www.kes.net/parents. The login is 'parent' and the password is 'bigschool'. The initials at the end of each letter's title denotes the staff member who has written the letter and can be used as their email address by prefixing it to @kes.net.

Forthcoming Events	Friday 20 th December	Michaelmas Term Ends (School finishes at 1.00pm)
	Monday 6 th January	INSET Day (School closed to students)
	Tuesday 7 th January	Lent Term Begins
	Tuesday 7 th January	Year 13 Mock Examinations Begin
	Thursday 9 th January	GCSE Preparation Evening (Year 11 parents)
	Monday 13 th January	Parents' Forum
	Thursday 16 th January	Post 18 Options Evening (Year 12 students and parents)
	Friday 17 th January	SportKES Quiz – all welcome!

Safeguarding: The Designated Safeguarding Lead at King Edward VI School is Mr Chris Dunford, Assistant Head. In his absence, the second designated persons are Mr Ben Lanoe and Miss Rachel Biggs. If neither of these members of staff are available, reference should be made to the Headmaster.



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