



Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 27  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Theme of the Week: Diversity Week**  
**Week 1**

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
<b>Mon 7 Apr</b>	<b>8.50am:</b> Epic Ensemble Rehearsal	Drama Studio Approx. finish 9.10am	<b>1.15pm:</b> Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	<b>8.50am:</b> Prefects' Meeting	Sixth Form Common Rm	<b>1.15pm:</b> Explore: Years 9-13	Room 25 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>8.50am:</b> Prefect Residential trip departs	Meet 8.50am Sixth Form Café	<b>1.30pm:</b> Chess Club: All welcome	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>9.00am:</b> German GCSE Mock Speaking Exams	German Office Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> The Economics Learning Club Year 13	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>9.00am:</b> French GCSE Mock Speaking Exams	Committee Room Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Biology Support Session – selected Year 11 students	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>10.40am:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Design & Technology Support Session – Year 11	Design Studio Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>11.25am:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial	<b>1.30pm:</b> Pride Club: all welcome!	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>11.45am:</b> 8S Cookery (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) / Digital Citizenship (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Room 9 & Rooms 19/36 Finish 3.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Maths Mentoring Selected Year 8 students	Room 22 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>1.15pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial Finish 1.35pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Art Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.05pm Exploring 'sgraffitto', a technique using oil pastels
	<b>1.30pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Crafting with the Pride Society	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.15pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Rowing Club: Years 7-9	Gym Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> El Classico – <i>Gender in the Ancient World</i>	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> A Level Chemistry Drop in – selected Year 13 students	CGL Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Music Monday – Year 7	LFH	<b>1.35pm:</b> Chemistry Society: Years 11-13	Room 42 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>3.45pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Multicultural Evening Rehearsal – Mandarin Singers	Drama Studio Approx. finish 4.40pm	<b>1.40pm:</b> GCSE Mandarin Support Years 10 & 11	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>6.00pm:</b> Edward's Boys Tour Parents Information Meeting	Online via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	<b>1.50pm:</b> Year 7 Clarinets and Saxophones	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Fencing Years 7-9	Gym Finish 5.15pm
		<b>4.00pm:</b> Progression Rowing Year 10 & 11	SUABC Approx. finish 5.00pm	
		<b>4.00pm:</b> Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 6.00pm	
		<b>5.45pm:</b> Fencing Squad Training	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm	

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<b>Tues 8 Apr</b>	<i>Diversity Week:</i> Rainbow Dress Day - students are encouraged to wear a brightly coloured shirt/blouse, jumper or socks	Please note this is <u>not</u> a non-uniform day	<b>9.30am:</b> Saxophone Quartet	Room 19 Approx. finish 9.55am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Whole School Assembly	LFH	<b>1.15pm:</b> Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session: Year 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	<b>8.55am:</b> House Tutors' and Captains' Meeting	Dyson – Room 15 Fitzmaurice – Room 16 Spender – Room 38 Warneford – Room 32 Finish 9.25am	<b>1.30pm:</b> Biology Society	Room 44 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>8.55am:</b> Sixth Form Committee Meeting	TPS Library Finish 9.40am	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Design & Technology Support Session – Year 11	Design Studio Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>9.00am:</b> Spanish A Level Mock Speaking Exams	Committee Room Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>9.40am:</b> Personal Development (Year 12 to clear chairs)	See attached timetable Finish 10.40am	<b>1.30pm:</b> Maths Drop-In Support Session All year groups	Room 24 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>10.40am:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial	<b>1.30pm:</b> Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Gym Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>11.25am:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial	<b>1.30pm:</b> Politics & Economics Society: Years 12 & 13	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>1.15pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> Sale of Rainbow Ribbons, Laces and Nail Painting	Sundial Finish 1.35pm	<b>1.45pm:</b> Computer Science Club - all welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.10pm Priority for those with CS homework
	<b>1.15pm:</b> House Mixed Badminton Year 13	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	<b>3.50pm:</b> Chapel Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week:</i> El Classico – <i>Ethnicity in the Ancient World</i>	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm		
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Year 6 Maths Mentoring Programme – selected students	Room 21 Meet 2.00pm Approx. finish 3.00pm		
	<b>2.15pm:</b> RSC Workshop - Class 8E	Drama Studio Finish 3.45pm		
<b>Wed 9 Apr</b>	<b>8.55am:</b> Year 11 Assembly Year 12 & 13 Assembly	Chapel (SM) LFH (HM)	<b>8.30am:</b> Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 7-10 Tutor Groups	Various	<b>1.30pm:</b> KES Sounds	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>9.00am:</b> German GCSE Mock Speaking Exams	German Office Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>3.45pm:</b> Ultimate Frisbee Year 9, 10 & 11	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm

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	<b>9.00am:</b> French GCSE Mock Speaking Exams	Committee Room Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>3.45pm:</b> Fencing Years 7-9	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> Shakespeare Birthday Lecture – Year 13 English students	Stratford Town Hall Approx. return 3.45pm	<b>5.45pm:</b> Fencing Club Years 10-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week: El Classico – Sexuality in the Ancient World</i>	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm		
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Three Rivers Alliance: Student Panel – selected Years 7 & 8 students	Room 16 - please drop books at 1.15pm Approx. finish 3.00pm		
	<b>3.45pm:</b> Prefect Residential trip returns	Approx. return 3.45pm		
<b>Thur 10 Apr</b>	<b>Diversity Week: Cultural Dress / Non-Uniform Day</b>	<i>Donations please via ParentPay</i>	<b>8.40am:</b> Middle School Choir	Drama Studio Approx. finish 9.10am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9 - 11 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	Chapel (ST) Gym (LJN) LFH (SM)	<b>1.15pm:</b> Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session Year 11	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	<b>8.55am:</b> Year 13 Tutor Groups	Various	<b>1.15pm:</b> Chemistry Club – Years 9-11	CGL Approx. finish 1.45pm
	<b>9.10am:</b> Latin and Greek Reading Competition – selected students	Big School Approx. finish 1.15pm	<b>1.25pm:</b> Middle School Piano Trio	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>9.10am:</b> <i>Diversity Week: West African Drumming Workshop – Year 8</i>	LFH 9.10am 8K 9.55am 8E 11.00am 8S	<b>1.30pm:</b> Maths and Physics Society	Room 21 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>10.30am:</b> Junior Cricket Tour to Sri Lanka departs	Meet 10.30am Zone D Departures Birmingham Airport	<b>1.30pm:</b> The Guild of Economists Year 13	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>11.45am:</b> <i>Diversity Week: West African Drumming Workshop – selected Year 8 students</i>	LFH Approx. finish 1.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Maths Mentoring Selected Year 9 students	Room 25 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>1.15pm:</b> Senior Prefects' Meeting	Committee Room	<b>1.30pm:</b> Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week: El Classico – Disability in the Ancient World</i>	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Music Composition Club Years 10 & 11	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>2.00pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week: Multicultural Celebration Rehearsals</i>	LFH	<b>1.30pm:</b> Psychology Clinic – Year 13	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Subject Ambassadors' Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 3.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Book Club: Years 12 & 13	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>3.50pm:</b> School Detention (TMW)	DC Conference Room	<b>1.30pm:</b> Art Society All welcome	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>5.30pm:</b> Bronze DofE Parent Information Meeting	Online via MS Teams	<b>1.40pm:</b> Psychology Society Years 11-13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>7.00pm:</b> <i>Diversity Week: Multicultural Celebration</i>	LFH Approx. finish 9.00pm	<b>1.45pm:</b> Computer Science Club All welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.10pm Priority for those with CS homework
		<b>2.15pm:</b> Year 12 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 3.15pm	

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			<b>3.45pm:</b> Fencing Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			<b>3.50pm:</b> KERBB	Room 18 Approx. finish 5.00pm
<b>Fri 11 Apr</b>	<b>8.55am:</b> Tutor Groups	Various	<b>8.40am:</b> Sixth Form Choir	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 9.10am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Sixth Form Leadership Roles Rehearsal	LFH Approx. finish 9.10am	<b>2.00pm:</b> Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 4.00pm
	<b>9.10am:</b> Final Assembly Speakers' Rehearsal	LFH Approx. finish 9.30am	<b>5.00pm:</b> Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.00pm
	<b>9.55am:</b> Final Assembly Soloists Rehearsal	LFH Approx. finish 10.15am		
	<b>10.40am:</b> Final Assembly Rehearsal King's Brass	LFH Approx. finish 11.00am		
	<b>11.00am:</b> Final Assembly Rehearsal Lower School Choir	LFH Approx. finish 11.20am		
	<b>11.45am:</b> Tutor Groups	Various		
	<b>12 noon:</b> Final Assembly	LFH		
	<b>12.55pm:</b> Tutor Groups and Registration	Various		
	<b>1.00pm:</b> K.E.S. Gold DofE Practice Expedition departs	Meet 1.00pm Spender Quad		
	<b>1.00pm:</b> Silver DofE Practice Expedition departs	Meet 1.00pm in the Art Garden		
	<b>1.00pm approx.</b> School finishes			
<b>Sat 12 Apr</b>	<b>7.15am:</b> TAE Gold DofE Practice Expedition departs	Meet 7.00am Dairy Gate		
<b>Sun 13 Apr</b>	<b>8.00pm:</b> Silver DofE Practice Expedition returns	Approx. return 8.00pm Dairy Gate		
<b>Mon 14 Apr</b>	<b>5.00pm:</b> TAE Gold DofE Practice Expedition returns	Approx. return 5.00pm Dairy Gate		
	<b>7.30pm:</b> K.E.S. Gold DofE Practice Expedition returns	Meet 7.30pm Dairy Gate		

<b>Parent Notices:</b>	<p><b>Multicultural Celebration: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Food Donations Appeal</b></p> <p>Our aim to be able to offer a range of dishes that reflect, at least in part, the various nations which make up our School and we are therefore asking everyone to bring a dish that is traditional to their culture to share. Please contact Helen James, one of our FoKES committee members, via email on <a href="mailto:foodforfokes@gmail.com">foodforfokes@gmail.com</a> if you are able to provide a dish, including a short description and list of ingredients, including any allergens. There will be a bar at the event which is kindly being provided the <i>faux pas</i> Parents' Association. Thank you for your support and we look forward to celebrating with you!</p>
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### 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 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Jenson Moore	Theo Clifford	Ethan Zeng	Nishad Gosavi
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Thomas Moore	Patrik Bulbasa	Andrei Ungureanu	Advik Abhyankar
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Rayan Naved	Noah Jackson	Rayyan Ladak	Cameron Harper
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Aiden Nelloora	Noah Hubbard	Ruben Hawkswell	Rushil Mehta
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Edwin Offer			

Those students on the Duty Boy rota should register and attend Tutor period, Assembly and/or 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](mailto:cal@kes.net). Those on Lunch Duty should report to the Prefects in the Dining Hall at **1.45pm**.

### Diversity Week

There are a variety of activities planned for this week to celebrate the diversity of everyone in our School Community. In particular, Rainbow Laces will be sold for **£2.50** a pair. These can be worn in School shoes or trainers for the duration of Diversity Week. Rainbow Ribbons will also be available to purchase for **£1.00** and can be worn on jackets or blazers, again for the duration of Diversity Week. These can both be purchased via *ParentPay* in advance, or will be available to purchase using cash or contactless payment at break and lunchtime from the sundial area on **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On **Tuesday**, we are hosting a *Rainbow Dress Day*, when students are encouraged to brighten up their usual uniform by coming into School wearing a brightly coloured shirt/blouse, jumper or socks. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day. On **Thursday**, we have planned a *Cultural Dress Day*. Students are encouraged to wear clothes that represent their culture or heritage to School, Please note this is a non-uniform day for all students. We would kindly request donations of **£2.00** per family.

### Music Tour to Loire Valley

We would like to remind parents that the deadline for final instalment for this trip is fast approaching. As per Mrs Madden's initial letter, please note that the total now paid should be **£600.00**, with a deadline of **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** for full payment of the total **£795**. Thank you.

### May Ball 2025 – last chance!

Tickets for the May Ball 2025 on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** are now on sale via *ParentPay*. This is a major social event in the School's calendar and a great opportunity to consolidate existing, and build new, friendships with other parents both within and across year groups. It is also the biggest single fundraiser for our three Parents' Associations, so please support the ball if you are able. This year the event will take place at the Welcombe Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon and tickets will cost **£70.00** per person to include welcome drinks, a seated 3-course meal, live music from our very own King Eddie's Revival Big Band, a silent auction and disco, along with other fundraising activities. Welcome Drinks will be served from 6.45pm with carriages at midnight. We look forward to welcoming you to what is always a superb event. **Please book tickets by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April to ensure we can confirm the booking with the venue.**

### Shakespeare Birthday Parade: *faux pas* Flowers

If you would like to help raise funds for the arts at K.E.S., then please be aware that *faux pas* are once again selling small posies of flowers for students to carry and place on Shakespeare's grave as part of the Birthday Parade ceremonies. These are available for **£6.50** via *ParentPay*, but please note the deadline of next **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** so that orders can be placed with the flower wholesalers.

### Cultural Tour to Beijing/Shanghai

We would like to remind parents that the next instalment for this trip is now due. As per Miss Wang's letter, please note that the total payment of **£2,490.00 is due this weekend**, with a deadline of **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** for full payment of the total **£2,990**. Thank you.

Deposit	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	£490.00	
Payment 1	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	£500.00	£990.00
Payment 2	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	£500.00	£1,490.00
Payment 3	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	£500.00	£1,990.00
<b>Payment 4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>£500.00</b>	<b>£2,490.00</b>
Final Payment	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	£410.00	£2,900.00

### Solihull Rugby Sevens Photographs

Long-time friend (and former parent of the School) Nick Browning was at the recent Solihull Sevens Rugby Tournament taking professional photos of the event. These can now be purchased via his website [www.nickbimages.com](http://www.nickbimages.com). There is a general folder for the event, but also a specific folder of just our players. 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. Thank you as always to Nick for these great action shots!

### Lockers, Padlocks & Musical Instruments

Students are reminded that all lockers must be emptied and padlocks taken home by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest. Site staff will be asked to remove any remaining locks and all contents will be disposed of during the Easter break. **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

*faux pas* Parade Flowers 2025  
Multicultural Celebration Flyer

#### Year 7

Year 7 Charlie Higson Author Visit – KCB

**Year 11**  
JCQ Examination Guidance

**Year 13**  
JCQ Examination Guidance  
A Level Certificate Postage – YK

**Other (Selected Students)**  
Bronze DofE Expedition Update – SC  
Marriage of Figaro Trip – DCM

**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](http://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.

<b>Forthcoming Events</b>	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Shakespeare's Birthday Parade</b>
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET Day (No School for students)</b>
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Lent Term Begins</b>
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Year 12 Mock A Level Exams Begin</b>
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Year 9 Immunisations</b>
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Year 8 Parents Evening (online)</b>
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Day Bank Holiday (No School for students)</b>
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 11 Activity Day and Study Leave begins</b>
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 13 Leavers' Photograph</b>
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 13 Activity Day and Study Leave begins</b>
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 10 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition</b>

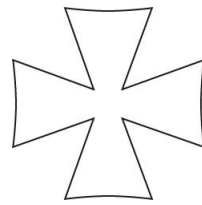
**Safeguarding:** The Designated Safeguarding Lead at King Edward VI School is Mr Chris Dunford, Assistant Head. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are the Heads of School, Assistant Heads of Schools and Deputy Heads of Sixth Form. If none of these members of staff are available, reference should be made to the Headmaster.



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**Personal Development: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Years 7-11						
Pillar	1. Learning to learn	2. Knowing yourself and others	3. UK in the Wider World	4. Global Citizenship	5. Financial and Political Awareness	6. Life after K.E.S.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
K	NPT - Room 49	SPF - Room 15	CLS - Room 23	SEM - Room 27	SM - Room 30
E	ZVL - Room 47	AHS - Room 21	AXW - Room 24	PG - Room 28	AKW - Room 31
S	AJD - Room 48	SKL - Room 22	JWH - Room 25	RMB - Room 29	RSM - Room 32

Sixth Form								
Pillar	Reading for Pleasure	Preparing to Leave Home	Positive Relationships	Navigating Friendships	Basic First Aid	Democracy, Voting and Elections	Economical Shopping and Eating	Managing Finances

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Year 12	Lecture - LFH							
Year 13	AB - 39	DCM - CGL	MXB - 40	RAO - 42	JM - 43	ARD - 44	FEH - Library	REH - Library