



Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 7
 Half-Term Monday 21st October to Friday 31st October
Monday 3rd November to Sunday 9th November 2025
Theme of the Week: Fireworks (Sikhism: Guru Nanak Jayanti 5th November
Week 2

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes		
Tue 21 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym/LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm	HALF-TERM			
	8.30pm: Senior Hockey Tour Returns from Holland	Birmingham Airport Approx. return 8.30pm				
Weds 22 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym/LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Thur 23 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym/LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Sat 25 Oct	2.00pm: China Cultural Trip returns	Dairy Gate Approx. return 2.00pm				
Tues 28 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym Approx. finish 4.00pm				
	10.00am: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Rehearsal – Full cast	LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Weds 29 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym Approx. finish 4.00pm				
	10.00am: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Rehearsal – Full cast	LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Thur 30 Oct	9.30am: Fencing Training	Gym Approx. finish 4.00pm				
	10.00am: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Rehearsal – Full cast	LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Sun 2 Nov	10.00am: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Rehearsal – Full cast	LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm				
Mon 3 Nov	8.50am: Years 7-10, 12 & 13 Registration & Tutor Groups	Various			8.35am: King's Brass	LFH Approx. finish 9.00am
	8.55am: Prefects' Meeting	Sixth Form Common Rm			1.25pm: Piano Trio	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	8.55am: Sixth Form Committee Meeting	LFH Café	1.30pm: Chess Club - all welcome	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.15pm		
	9.00am: Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Gym Line up at 8.45am, 11.35am & 1.50pm Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Linguistics and Code-Breaking Club - all welcome	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.15pm		
	11.25am: Years 9-13 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.30pm: Maths Mentoring – selected Year 8 & 9 students	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.00pm		

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	2.00pm: Years 7 & 8 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.30pm: Rowing Years 7-9	Gym Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.15pm: Sixth Form Lecture	LFH Finish 3.00pm	1.30pm: Senior Debating Society Years 12-13	Room 32 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	2.30pm: Hockey U15B v Old Swinford Hospital	Home Meet 1.30pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 4.00pm	1.30pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	6.30pm: Parents' Art Workshop	Room 36 Approx. finish 8.30pm	1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm: Year 9 Greek – selected students	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.30pm: GCSE Computer Science Revision Session – Year 11	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm: Bar Mock Trial: Case One Meeting – selected students	Committee Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.35pm: GCSE Biology Support Session Selected Year 11 students	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Year 7 Book Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Chinese Society GCSE Mandarin students	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Origami Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.50pm: Year 7 Brass	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Year 7 Clarinets & Saxophones	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Years 7 & 8 Flutes & Double Reeds	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Year 7 Percussion	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			3.00pm: Year 13 Band	Sixth Form Common Room Approx. finish 4.30pm
			3.45pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.15pm
			3.45pm: Fencing - Years 7 & 8	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			3.50pm: Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
			3.50pm: Concert Band	LFH Approx. finish 4.50pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Senior Netball	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.00pm: Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 6.00pm
			4.00pm: Progression Rowing Year 10	SUABC Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm: Senior Rugby Training	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			4.15pm: Senior Hockey Training	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Tue 4 Nov	8.50am: Years 7-13 Registration	Various	9.30am: Saxophone Quartet	Room 17 Approx. finish 9.55am

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	8.55am: House Meetings	LFH 8.55am: Fitzmaurice 9.10am Dyson 9.25am: Spender 9.40am: Warneford	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	9.00am: Year 11 Mock GCSE Listening Examinations	Register with tutors and then line up at 8.55am: Spanish – Drama Studio German – Room 10 French – Room 5 Mandarin – Room 12	1.15pm: Year 10 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	9.55am: Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Gym Line up at 9.55am, 11.35am & 1.50pm Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Physics PAT/ESAT Preparation Session - Year 13	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	11.25am: Senior House Captains' Meeting	The Hub Approx. finish 11.45am	1.30pm: Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.15pm: Michaelmas Concert Rehearsal – selected students	LFH Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Art & Design Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	2.15pm: Year 5 Maths Mentoring Programme – selected students	Room 21 Meet 2.00pm Approx. finish 3.00pm	1.30pm: Medical Society - Years 12 & 13	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	2.30pm: Road Safety Filming – selected Year 8 students	Chapel Lane Meet 2.15pm Drama St.	1.30pm: Junior Quiz - Years 7 & 8	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	2.30pm: Rugby U14A, U14B & U14C v Solihull School	Home Meet 1.30pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.40pm: GCSE Mandarin Speaking Session – Years 10 & 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.00pm: Netball 1 st VII v King Edward VI High School for Girls	Away (B15 2UB) Meet 1.30pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 4.15pm Approx. return 5.15pm	1.45pm: GCSE Latin & Greek Mentoring	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	5.30pm: Year 12 Geography Field Trip Parents' Information Meeting	Room 29 Approx. finish 6.30pm	1.45pm: Computer Science - all welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.15pm Priority for those with CS homework
	6.30pm: FoKES Meeting	Online via MS Teams Approx. finish 8.00pm	1.50pm: Year 7 Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Years 7 & 8 Guitars	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			3.00pm: New Views Playwriting Session	Drama Studio Approx. finish 4.30pm
			3.45pm: Robotics Club – Year 8	Room 28 Approx. finish 5.15pm
			4.00pm: Netball Training	LFH Approx. finish 5.15pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Senior Rugby Forwards	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm: Hockey Training – Year 7	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm

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Wed 5 Nov	8.50am: Years 7-10, 12 & 13 Registration	Various	8.30am: Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	8.55am: Years 7-10 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	LFH (CD) Chapel (HM)	1.15pm: Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Year 13 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Scrabble Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
	8.55am: Year 12 Mentoring – all Year 12 students from VTGs D1-D4	Sixth Form Common Rm	1.30pm: Junior Debating Society Years 7-9	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.00am: 7E Residential Trip Departs	Meet 8.50am	1.30pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.00am: Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Gym Line up at 8.45am, 11.35am & 1.50pm Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Middle School Book Club	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: Linguistics Olympiad – selected students	Room 48 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: K.E.S. Sounds	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	2.15pm: Hockey 1 st XI Girls v Solihull School	Home Meet 1.15pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 3.30pm	3.45pm: Ultimate Frisbee Training Years 8-13	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm
	2.15pm: Hockey 2 nd XI v K.E.S. Camp Hill at Olton & West Works Hockey Club	Away (B91 1DA) Meet 12.45pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.45pm Approx. return 4.30pm	3.45pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.15pm
	2.15pm: Hockey 1 st XI v Bishop Vesey's Grammar School at Wyndley Leisure Centre	Away (B73 6EB) Meet 12.30pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.45pm Approx. return 5.00pm	3.45pm: Fencing – Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	2.30pm: Netball 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd VII v Solihull School	Away (B91 3DJ) Meet 1.15pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.45pm Approx. return 4.30pm	4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 9 Rugby	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
		5.30pm: Fencing Club – Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm	
Thur 6 Nov	8.50am: Years 7-10, 12 & 13 Registration	Various	8.40am: Sixth Form Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.50am: Middle School Academic Conference – selected Year 10 students	Big School / Oxford University Approx. return 5.30pm	8.40am: Middle School Choir Year 10	Drama Studio Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9 & 10 Assembly	Chapel (HM) LFH (LJN)	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	8.55am: Years 12 & 13 Tutor Groups	Various	1.25pm: Year 9 Band 2	PR6 Approx. finish 1.50pm
	9.00am: Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Gym Line up at 8.45am, 11.35am & 1.50pm Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: GCSE Music Composition Year 10	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.00pm

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	9.00am: Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations	Room 13 Approx. finish 1.30pm	1.30pm: Sixth Form Book Club	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: House Basketball Year 9	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: Maths and Physics Society	Room 21 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: KES Small Change Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm	1.30pm: Senior Quiz - Years 9-13	Room 28 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: Senior Prefects' Meeting	HM Study Approx. finish 1.45pm	1.30pm: History Society – all welcome	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	2.30pm: Rugby U13A, U13B & U13C v Solihull School	Away (B91 2QG) Meet 1.00pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.30pm Approx. return 4.30pm	1.30pm: Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.50pm: School Detention	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 4.50pm	1.30pm: GCSE Physics Catch Up Session - Year 11	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio
			1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm: Law Society – Years 12 & 13	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.40pm: Psychology Society Years 11-13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Year 9 Band 1	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: GuitarKEstra	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			3.00pm: School Production Band	PR6 Approx. finish 5.00pm
			3.45pm: Fencing Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			3.45pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.15pm
			3.50pm: KERBB	Room 18 Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning - Senior Rugby Backs	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm: Rugby Training – Year 10	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			4.15pm: Hockey Training – Year 9	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Fri 7 Nov	8.50am: Years 7-10, 12 & 13 Registration	Various	8.40am: Middle School Choir: Year 9	Big School Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 9 & 10 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	Chapel (HM) LFH (RB)	8.40am: Lower School Choir: Years 7 & 8	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 7-8 & 13 Tutor Groups	Various	1.15pm: Explore Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm

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	9.00am: Year 11 GCSE Mock Examinations	Gym Line up at 8.45am, 11.35am & 1.50pm Finish 3.45pm	1.15pm: Jazzsquad!	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	1.15pm: House Football Year 13 Boys	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: Photography Society Years 8 – 13	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.30pm: House Linguistics	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: K.E.S. Investors' Society Years 12 & 13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	3.00pm: Visit to RSC: Macbeth Actor Talk	The Other Place, RSC Meet 2.45pm Drama St.	1.30pm: Bar Mock Trial: Case Two Meeting – selected students	Committee Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.00pm: Oxbridge Live Interview Session - selected Year 13 students	LFH Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Chinese Culture Club – Year 8	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	3.45pm: 7E Residential Trip returns	Approx. return 3.45pm to Dairy Gate	1.35pm: El Classico - all welcome	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Saxophone Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			2.00pm: Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 4.00pm
			3.45pm: Love's Labour's Lost – see rehearsal schedule	LFH Approx. finish 5.15pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 10 Rugby	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Sat 8 Nov	8.30am: Headmaster's Detention	TPS Library Finish 11.30am		
Sun 9 Nov	10.00am: <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> Rehearsal – Full cast	LFH Approx. finish 4.00pm		

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 3 rd Nov	Chenyi Ge	Advait Dash	Jing Jett So	Thomas Jackson
	Tuesday 4 th Nov	Nishad Gosavi	Andrew Mohammadi	Sammy Bowden-Williams	Luca Brady
	Wednesday 5 th Nov	Lucas Gosling	Martin Sijo	Keshav Nair	Leon Forrest
	Thursday 6 th Nov	Krutharth Gowda	Shriyan Nayak	Rajat Jadhav	Darshav Deepak
	Friday 7 th Nov	Shrey Gupta	Patrik Bulbasa	Noah Burdus-Cook	Ryan Chandra
	Those students on the Duty Boy rota should register and attend tutor group/assembly 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 .				

Michaelmas Concert – Thursday 13th November

You are warmly invited to support the School's senior musicians by attending the Michaelmas Concert on **Thursday 13th November** at **6.30pm** in the Levi Fox Hall. Some of our senior soloists will take the stage to share their individual pieces and there will be pieces from both large and smaller ensembles. Performances will include one from Middle School Choir, GuitarKEstra and our Strings Ensemble. In the second half of the concert, we are excited to be performing *The Armed Man: A Choral Suite* by Karl Jenkins. We are delighted that internationally renowned cellist, Peter Adams, will be playing the solo in the Benedictus. The film which has been made to accompany performances of this piece will be played on the screen. This does include some disturbing images of the consequence of war. We very much hope you will be able to join us, whether or not you have a son/daughter involved in the concert – all are welcome. Tickets are **£10.00** for adults and **£5.00** for students/under-18s. Please come and support them!

Love's Labour's Lost – tickets now on sale

The Drama Department is proud to present its annual Michaelmas Term production, which this year is Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*. Set against the backdrop of a vibrant 1960s Oxford University, this bold reimagining of Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* follows four idealistic male students who vow to renounce romance in pursuit of intellectual greatness. Their plans unravel when four equally sharp and spirited female students arrive, challenging their resolve and igniting a battle of wit, charm, and desire. With vintage fashion, radical ideas, and the spirit of rebellion in the air, this production blends Shakespearean language with the energy of a decade defined by change. A live band brings the era to life, performing hits from The Who, Elvis Presley, and The Rolling Stones. Expect jiving, waltzing, and even a touch of Russian dancing as the cast moves through a world of laughter, longing, and mod magic. There will be a matinée performance for our local Primary Schools on students Wednesday 26th November. Tickets are now on sale via the School Website for the evening performances on **Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November**.

Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations

We are aware the NHS Flu vaccinations session coincides with both the 7E Residential and Year 10 Academic Conference. If your son is unable to take up his vaccination in School, and you have given consent, the NHS Immunisation team will be touch to offer times/places at local clinics for you to attend. Students in Year 11 who have their Mock Exams will be able to attend the vaccination session in School. Any queries about vaccinations should be direct to the NHS Immunisation Team and not the School Office/Student Services. NHS do not offer flu immunisations to students in Years 12 or 13 via the in-school programme. Thank you.

This week's Parents' Bulletin attachments

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Whole School

Headmaster's Update
Arrangements for Sixth Form Open Evening – TMW
Love's Labour's Lost Poster
Michaelmas Concert Poster

Year 7

Year 7 Trip to RSC's *The Big Friendly Giant* - JRH
October Reading for Pleasure – KCB
SGGS Lower School Disco 7th November

Year 8

October Reading for Pleasure – KCB
SGGS Lower School Disco 7th November

Year 9

October Reading for Pleasure – KCB
Year 9 Activities Week Residential 2026 – LWG

Year 11

Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 – RB

Selected Students

1st XV Rugby Kit 2025-26 (additional students) – LWG
ABRSM Music Examination Michaelmas 2025 – EA
Strength and Conditioning Programme (Michaelmas 2) – TJW
Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip – ADP
Year 12 Speech Day Absence – TMW
Year 13 Speech Day Absence – TMW

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Forthcoming Events	Tuesday 11 th November	Sixth Form Open Evening – Year 11 students, School finishes at 1.15pm
	Wednesday 12 th November	SportKES Meeting
	Thursday 13 th November	Michaelmas Concert
	Monday 17 th – Thursday 20 th November	Year 12 Geography Field Trip
	Tuesday 18 th November	Year 12 Chemistry in Action Day Trip
	Wednesday 19 th – 21 st November	7S Residential Trip
	Thursday 20 th November	Silver DofE Parents' Information Meeting
	Thursday 27 th , Friday 28 th and Saturday 29 th November	Performances of Love's Labour's Lost
	Monday 1 st December	Parents' Art Workshop
	Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 13 Parents' Evening (in person)
	Friday 5 th December	Years 7 & 8 Disco
	Thursday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 11 th – Friday 12 th December	ABRSM Music Exams
	Tuesday 16 th December	Sixth Form Jolly Jumper Day
	Tuesday 16 th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (Holy Trinity Church)
	Thursday 18 th December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (Guild Chapel)
	Thursday 18 th December	KESTival (non-uniform day)
Friday 19 th December	End of Michaelmas Term (School finishes at 1.15pm)	

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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The cashback raised is used to support our extensive and diverse extra-curricular programme.



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