

Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 15  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**Theme of the Week: Icon**  
**Week 1**

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
<b>Mon 5 Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b> <b>No School for Students</b>			
<b>Tue 6 Jan</b>	<b>Lent Term Begins</b>		<b>9.30am:</b> Saxophone Quartet	Room 17 Approx. finish 9.55am
	<b>8.50am:</b> Years 7-12 Registration	Various	<b>1.15pm:</b> Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	<b>8.55am:</b> House Meetings	LFH 8.55am: Fitzmaurice 9.05am Dyson 9.15am: Spender 9.25am: Warneford	<b>1.15pm:</b> Year 10 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	<b>8.55am:</b> Year 12 Temporary Prefects' Meeting	Dining Hall	<b>1.30pm:</b> Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>9.15am:</b> A Level Mock Examinations Year 13	Gym/DC Conference Rm Arrive by 9.00am for AM and 1.15pm for PM sessions Approx. finish 4.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Art & Design Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>9.40am:</b> Personal Development	See attached timetable Finish 10.40am	<b>1.30pm:</b> Biology Society - Years 12 & 13	Room 44 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Year 5 Maths Mentoring Programme – selected students	Room 21 Meet 2.00pm Approx. finish 3.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Junior Quiz - Years 7 & 8	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
			<b>1.40pm:</b> GCSE Mandarin Speaking Session – Years 10 & 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.45pm:</b> GCSE Latin & Greek Mentoring	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.45pm:</b> Computer Science - all welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.15pm Priority for those with CS homework
			<b>1.50pm:</b> Year 7 Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.50pm:</b> Years 7 & 8 Guitars	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>3.00pm:</b> New Views Playwriting Session	Room 21 Approx. finish 4.30pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Robotics Club – Year 8	Room 28 Approx. finish 5.15pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Chapel Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
			<b>4.00pm:</b> Strength and Conditioning – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
		<b>4.00pm:</b> Netball Training	LFH Approx. finish 5.15pm	
		<b>4.15pm:</b> Rugby Training – Year 7	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm	
		<b>4.15pm:</b> Hockey Training – Year 8	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm	

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<b>Wed 7 Jan</b>	<b>8.50am:</b> Years 7-12 Registration	Various	<b>8.30am:</b> Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 7 & 8 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	LFH (ST) Chapel (HM)	<b>1.15pm:</b> Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 9-11 Tutor Groups	Various	<b>1.30pm:</b> Scrabble Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.05pm
	<b>9.15am:</b> A Level Mock Examinations Year 13	Gym/DC Conference Rm Arrive by 9.00am for AM, 1.15pm for PM sessions Approx. finish 4.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Junior Debating Society Years 7-9	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Further Maths Mock Exam – selected Year 11 students	Gym Line up at 1.15pm Approx. finish xx	<b>1.30pm:</b> Middle School Book Club	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.05pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Hockey 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v K.E.S. Five Ways	Away (B32 4BT) Meet 12.45pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 3.30pm Approx. return 4.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Memorial Library Approx. finish 2.05pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Hockey 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v K.E.S. Five Ways	Home Meet 1.30pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 3.30pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> K.E.S. Sounds	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
			<b>1.50pm:</b> Years 7 – 9 Percussion Ensemble	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Ultimate Frisbee Training Years 8-13	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Fencing – Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
			<b>4.00pm:</b> Strength and Conditioning – Year 10 Hockey	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			<b>5.30pm:</b> Fencing Club – Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
<b>Thur 8 Jan</b>	<b>8.50am:</b> Years 7-12 Registration	Various	<b>8.40am:</b> Sixth Form Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9-11 Assembly	Chapel (HM) LFH (CD)	<b>1.15pm:</b> Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 12 Tutor Groups	Various	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Music Composition Year 10	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	<b>9.00am:</b> LAMDA Exams	Drama Studio, Rooms 16, 22 & 25. See schedule on MS Teams Approx. finish 5.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Sixth Form Book Club	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>9.15am:</b> A Level Mock Examinations Year 13	Gym/DC Conference Rm Arrive by 9.00am for AM and 1.15pm for PM sessions Approx. finish 4.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Maths and Physics Society	Room 21 Approx. finish 2.15pm

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	<b>1.15pm:</b> House Dodgeball Year 10	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> Senior Quiz - Years 9-13	Room 28 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>2.15pm:</b> Hockey U13A & B v K.E.S. Aston Sports College	Home Meet 1.30pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 3.45pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> History Society – all welcome	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	<b>6.30pm:</b> GCSE Preparation Evening Year 11 Parents only	LFH Approx. finish 8.00pm	<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Physics Catch Up Session - Year 11	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> Law Society – Years 12 & 13	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Memorial Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.40pm:</b> Psychology Society Years 11-13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.50pm:</b> Year 9 Band	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.50pm:</b> GuitarKEStRa	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Fencing Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			<b>3.50pm:</b> KERBB	Room 18 Approx. finish 5.00pm
			<b>4.00pm:</b> Strength and Conditioning – Group 1	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			<b>4.15pm:</b> Rugby Training – Year 9	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			<b>4.15pm:</b> Hockey Training – Year 9 & 10	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			<b>5.30pm:</b> Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
<b>Fri 9 Jan</b>	<b>8.50am:</b> Years 7-12 Registration	Various	<b>8.40am:</b> Middle School Choir: Year 9	Big School Approx. finish 9.10am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Year 9 Assembly Years 10 & 11 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	Drama Studio (CD/D7) Chapel (HM) LFH (AB)	<b>8.40am:</b> Lower School Choir: Years 7 & 8	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	<b>8.55am:</b> Years 7 & 8 Tutor Groups	Various	<b>1.15pm:</b> Explore Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
	<b>9.15am:</b> A Level Mock Examinations Year 13	Gym Arrive by 9.00am	<b>1.15pm:</b> Jazzsquad!	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	<b>1.30pm:</b> A Level Mock Examinations Year 13	LFH/DC Conference Rm Arrive by 1.15pm Finish	<b>1.30pm:</b> Photography Society Years 8 – 13	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> K.E.S. Investors' Society Years 12 & 13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.30pm:</b> Chinese Culture Club – Year 8	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			<b>1.35pm:</b> El Classico - all welcome	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			<b>1.50pm:</b> Saxophone Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm

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			<b>2.00pm:</b> Performance Rowing	SUABC Approx. finish 4.00pm
			<b>3.45pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.45pm
			<b>4.00pm:</b> Strength and Conditioning – Rowing	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			<b>5.30pm:</b> Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
<b>Sat 10 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am:</b> Silver DofE Expedition Training Day	Room 32 Approx. finish 4.00pm		
<b>Sun 11 Jan</b>	<b>9.00am:</b> Fencing British Youth Championships Qualifiers	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm		
	<b>2.00pm:</b> Edward's Boys Rehearsal for <i>Knight</i> – selected students	Drama Studio Approx. finish 5.00pm		

### 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		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Vihaan Agarkar	Archer Eftichiou	Sebastian Aspru	Aaron Blackmore-Wright
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Gethin Alexander	Thomas Coxson	Ben Dawson	Devaharshith Vishnu Akhila
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Arnau Alvira-Berdejo	Llywellyn Wong	Dhairya Prabhu	Vaanviyan Prasadh
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Richard Ashton	Krutharth Gowda	Shrey Gupta	Pierce Hallahan

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](mailto:cal@kes.net). Those on Lunch Duty should report to the Prefects in the Dining Hall at **1.45pm**.

#### FoKES Annual Christmas Raffle

FoKES would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Raffle such a huge success. We sold 893 tickets, gave away 42 prizes including 11 hampers and raised over **£2,200** for our School! We couldn't have done this without the support of local businesses and our team of 17 helpers. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### IST Online Reply Slips

Parents of students in Year 7-11 are reminded, if they have not already done so, the deadline to complete the online IST reply slips is today, **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. The link to the reply form can be found in the reminder email sent with this bulletin.

#### Year 11 Further Maths Mock Exam – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 1.15pm

Please note the exam will be held under formal public examinations. In particular, please note the following:

- No mobiles phones or watches of any kind
- Pencil case and water bottles must be clear (no writing/logos allowed)
- Please bring all necessary stationery and maths equipment
- No outdoor coats or bags allowed in the exam hall

**Love's Labour's Lost**

Our sell out production of *Love's Labour's Lost* is now available to view online. If you would like access to a copy to enjoy over the festive break please pay **£20.00** via *ParentPay*. All proceeds will go towards future Drama events.

**GCSE Preparation Evening – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

This year's GCSE Preparation Evening takes place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at **6.3pm** in the Levi Fox Hall. This event is designed to help parents best support their son in preparing for the upcoming GCSE examinations. Please note it is for parents of Year 11 so students should not attend. It is expected that all parents of Year 11 will attend what promises to be a stimulating and useful evening.

**Sixth Form Transfer Applications - A Reminder to Year 11 Students.**

The deadline to apply to transfer into the Sixth Form for September 2026, is **12 noon** on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. The application process for your son to transfer into Sixth Form is online via our **Virtual Sixth Form Experience**. Your son has received a "welcome email" to his School email account with his username (which will be his School email account) and a temporary password. He will need to register via the link and re-set his password and then proceed to the online application form and proceed to the Courses step. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the Sixth Form office via email to [sixthform@kes.net](mailto:sixthform@kes.net). Thank you.

**SportKES Quiz Night - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm**

Please come and join us for our annual General Knowledge Quiz Night, organised by our SportKES Parents' Association. A superb opportunity to pit your wits against the 'Pedagogues' and a variety of other teams. Teams of up to 8 people and don't worry if you do not have a team, we will allocate you to one. It is a fantastic social occasion including a bar and a Pudding Auction. Tickets available from today via [ParentPay](#).

**Friday Night Lights – 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Bablake Photographs**

Friend of the School and former parent attended the match of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and took some amazing photos of our 1<sup>st</sup> XV team, which can now be bought and downloaded via [www.nickbimages.com](http://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 2025-2026.

**This week's  
Parents'  
Bulletin  
attachments**

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

**Whole School**

Headmaster's End of Term Update  
FoKES Christmas Raffle Thank You

**Year 7**

Year 7 Fencing Lent Term 2026 - JB

**Year 8**

Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 – JB

**Year 9**

Strength and Conditioning Programme – TJW  
Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 – JB

**Year 10**

Strength and Conditioning Programme – TJW  
Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 - JB

**Year 11**

Strength and Conditioning Programme – TJW  
Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 - JB

**Year 12**

Strength and Conditioning Programme – TJW  
Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 - JB

**Year 13**

Strength and Conditioning Programme – TJW  
Year 8 -13 2026 Shakespeare's Swords Fencing Lent 26 - JB

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<b>Forthcoming Events</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>FoKES Meeting – all welcome</b>
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 11 Spanish Trip Information Meeting</b>
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 11 German Trip Information Meeting</b>
	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b><i>faux pax</i> AGM</b>
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 12 Post-18 Options Evening</b>
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SportKES Quiz – come along and be social!</b>
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Parents' Forum</b>
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Visiting Music Teachers Parents' Evening</b>
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>SportKES Meeting – all welcome!</b>
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>Year 7 Parents' Evening</b>
	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>FoKES Second Hand Uniform Sale</b>
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Year 10 Supporting Students Well Being Event (parents only)</b>
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>House Drama Performance Evening</b>
	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SportKES Lower School Disco</b>
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 9 Parents' Evening</b>
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>S.G.G.S. Lower School Disco</b>
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 11 English Trip</b>
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parents' Art Workshop</b>
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Year 8 Music Trip to Symphony Hall</b>
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Non-uniform Day</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Jazz Night</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.



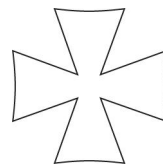
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The cashback raised is used to support our extensive and diverse extra-curricular programme.



Visit SHOPKES via the link at the bottom of the School's website's home page to purchase School and Parents' Association Merchandise.



### Personal Development: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

#### Years 7-11

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	AJD - Room 49	NWA – Room 15	JWH – Room 23	SLK – Room 27	EE – Room 30	
E	NPT – Room 13	SPF – Room 21	CLS – Room 24	SEM – Room 28	RSM – Room 31	
S	ZVL – Room 14	AHS – Room 22	AXW – Room 25	LJN – Drama Studio	SM – Room 32	

#### Sixth Form

Sixth Form								
Pillar	e Safety	Driving and Car Maintenance	Democracy and the Rule of Law	Diversity and Social Justice	Consumer Rights	Personal Strengths	Leadership: Attributes & Styles'	Dealing with a Health Emergency
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Year 12	ORR – 46	SC – CGL	BLL – 42	AC – 43	MEB – 44	FJR – 39	HM – 45	GHM – 40
Year 13	Mock Examinations							