



Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 28
Monday 27th April to Sunday 3rd May 2026
Theme of the Week: Love of Learning
Week 2

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
Mon 27 Apr	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration & Tutor Groups	Various	8.35am: King's Brass	LFH Approx. finish 9.00am
	8.55am: Recycling Duty – Year 9 students in D8, F8, S8 & W8	Meet 8.55am Sundial Approx. finish 9.10am	1.25pm: Piano Trio	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.00am: French A Level Speaking Exams	S.G.G.S. Approx. finish 1.00pm	1.30pm: Chess Club – all welcome	Room 23 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.00am: Mid A Level Mock Art Exam Year 12	Room 36 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Maths Mentoring – selected Year 8 & 9 students	Room 22 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	Gym/Committee Room Line up: 8.55am/1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Linguistics and Code-Breaking Club – all welcome	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	10.40am: Years 7 & 8 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.30pm: Senior Debating Society Years 12-13	Room 32 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	11.00am: Year 7 Chinese Cookery Lesson	Room 9 - 1 st half of 7S: Alexander to Mohammadi Finish 1.15pm	1.30pm: Chemistry Society Years 11-13	Room 42 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	11.25am: Years 9-13 Sports Captains' Meeting	HM Study	1.30pm: Magistrates' Court Mock Trial (Prosecution Team)	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	4.00pm: Silver DofE Route Planning Session	Room 32 Approx. finish 5.30pm	1.30pm: Year 9 Greek – selected students	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.30pm: Rowing Years 7-9	LFH Balcony Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.35pm: GCSE Biology Support Session Selected Year 11 students	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Philosophy Society: Years 11-13	Room 30 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.40pm: Year 7 Book Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Origami Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Chinese Society GCSE Mandarin students	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Philosophy Society: Years 11-13	Room 30 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.45pm: Computer Science Club - all welcome	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.15pm Priority for those with CS homework
			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: Years 7 – 9 Percussion Ensemble	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm	

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			3.00pm: Year 13 Band	Sixth Form Common Room Approx. finish 4.30pm
			3.45pm: Fencing - Years 7 & 8	Dining Hall 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 – 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 Cricket Training	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			4.15pm: Athletics Training – all years	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Tue 28 Apr	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration	Various	1.15pm: Year 10 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Whole School Assembly (W5 to clear chairs)	LFH	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	9.00am: Spanish A Level Speaking Exams	Committee Rm / The Hub Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: AI & Cyber Society	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	Gym/DC Conference Rm Line up: 8.55am/1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Art & Design Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	9.30am: Biennial Student Survey (Years 8-11 and 13)	Tutor Rooms Finish 9.55am	1.30pm: Medical Society - Years 12 & 13	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	1.15pm: House Volleyball Year 10	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: Bronze DofE Route Planning – selected students	Room 37 Approx. finish 2.00pm	1.40pm: GCSE Mandarin Speaking Session – Years 10 & 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.30pm: Cricket U14A & U14B v Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	Home Meet 1.15pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm	1.45pm: GCSE Latin & Greek Mentoring	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Year 7 Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: Years 7 & 8 Guitars	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			3.50pm: Chapel Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Senior Rugby	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm: Rugby Sevens Training U13A	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
		4.15pm: Year 12 Football Club	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm	
		4.15pm: Year 8 Cricket Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm	
Wed 29 Apr	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration	Various	8.30am: Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Year 13 Assembly	LFH (ST) Chapel (HM)	1.15pm: Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Years 9-11 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Trading Card Club	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.00am: Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams	Committee Rm / The Hub Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Scrabble Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.05pm

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	9.15am: Junior Maths Challenge – Year 7	Gym Line up 9.10am Approx. finish 10.15am	1.30pm: Junior Debating Society Years 7-9	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	10.30am: Rugby Sevens U13A Regional Schools Competition	Away (NN74 5BG) Meet 9.00am PE Foyer Approx. finish 4.00pm Approx. return 5.30pm	1.30pm: Middle School Book Club	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.05pm
	11.00am: Junior Maths Challenge – Year 8	Gym Line up 10.55am Approx. finish 12 noon	1.30pm: K.E.S. Sounds	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	1.15pm: Bronze DofE Route Planning – selected students	Room 37 Approx. finish 2.00pm	3.45pm: Ultimate Frisbee Training Years 7-13	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm
	1.30pm: House Debating Year 7	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.10pm	3.45pm: Fencing – Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	1.30pm: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	LFH/Gym/Committee Rm Line up: 1.10pm Approx. finish 3.30pm	4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 9 Rugby	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
	2.30pm: Cricket 1 st XI v Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	Away (B74 2NH) Meet 12.45pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 5.30pm Approx. return 6.30pm	5.30pm: Fencing Club – Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Thur 30 Apr	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration	Various	8.40am: Sixth Form Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9-11 Assembly	Chapel (RSM) LFH (LWG)	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	8.55am: Year 13 Tutor Groups	Various	1.15pm: Year 9 Band A	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	9.00am: Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams	Committee Rm / The Hub Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.25pm: Saxophone Quartet	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.50pm
	9.00am: Mandarin GCSE Speaking Exams	Room 10 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: GCSE Music Composition Years 10	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	Gym/DC Conference Rm Line up: 8.55am/1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: GCSE Computer Science Revision Session – Year 11	Room 51 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: Bronze DofE Route Planning – selected students	Room 37 Approx. finish 2.00pm	1.30pm: Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.30pm: Cricket U13A & U13B v Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	Away (B74 2NH) Meet 1.00pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 5.30pm Approx. return 6.30pm	1.30pm: Science Club – Years 9-11	CGL Approx. finish 2.00pm
	5.15pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening	Online Finish 8.00pm	1.30pm: GCSE Physics Catch Up Session - Year 11	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
		1.45pm: Cube Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.15pm	

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			1.50pm: Year 9 Band B	PR6 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.50pm: GuitarKEstra	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			3.45pm: Fencing Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			3.50pm: KERBB	Room 18 Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – K.E.S. Group 2	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm Year 10 Cricket Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Fri 1 May	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration	Various	8.40am: Middle School Choir: Year 9	Big School Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Year 9 Assembly Years 10 & 11 Assembly Year 13 Assembly	Drama Studio (D8/CD) Chapel (HM) LFH (AB)	8.40am: Lower School Choir: Years 7 & 8	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Tutor Groups	Various	1.15pm: Jazzsquad!	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	9.00am: A Level Art Exam	Art Hut Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.15pm: Explore Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	Gym/Committee Room Line up: 8.55am/1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Edinburgh Fringe Devising Session	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: Bronze DofE Route Planning – selected students	Room 37 Approx. finish 2.00pm	1.30pm KESonomics – Year 9	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: House Volleyball Year 8	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm K.E.S. Investors' Society Years 12 & 13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: Cricket U12A & U12B v Bishop Vesey's Grammar School	Meet 12.30pm PE Foyer Bring packed lunch Approx. finish 4.00pm	1.30pm: Magistrates' Court Mock Trial (Defence Team)	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.30pm: Github Club – Years 9 & 10	Area 51 Approx. finish 2.00pm
			1.30pm: Chinese Culture Club – Year 8	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			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: Year 10 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 5.00pm
		4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 10 Rugby	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm	
		5.30pm: Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm	
Sat 2 May	TBC Rowing Evesham Regatta	See MS Teams for further details		
Sun 3 May				

Parent Notices:

Shakespeare Birthday Parade & Official re-opening of Manor Road Sports Ground: Saturday 25th April

Following the Headmaster's Start of Term Update, please see below the arrangements for the day. We look forward to welcoming parents and students to the Official re-opening of Manor Road. Please note that there will be no parking at Manor Road on the day. The nearest public car parks are the Bridgeway Multi-Storey and Leisure Centre Car Parks (CV37 6YX).

For the Parade:

- Students should arrive at School by **10.00am** at the latest. Please note that all of the central roads will be closed from 7.00am so students will need to be dropped outside the town centre and walk in.
- Students should have with them a small posy of flowers, traditionally blue and yellow. Those who have ordered these from *faux pas* should collect these from outside the Drama Studio upon arrival.
- In the event of inclement weather students should not wear topcoats. They should carry an umbrella (of plain design) to protect themselves from the rain.
- Those attending the re-opening of Manor Road Sports Ground in the afternoon will be able to leave their sports bags at School during the Parade.
- At approximately **10.25am** students will be registered by their Tutors.
- We will leave, as usual, by the gate under the Guildhall at approximately **10.40am**. The School will then parade down Chapel Lane, along Waterside and up Bridge Street and along the High Street, passing the Guildhall and onto Holy Trinity Church.
- Once students have laid their flowers at Shakespeare's grave at approximately **11.45am** they will be dismissed and are free to go home but can make their own way back to School along Southern Lane for doughnuts provided by FoKES.
- **Students (and parents!) may also head straight to Manor Road where they can visit the various street food vans that will be available from 12 noon at Manor Road. The options include loaded fries, pizzas and gourmet burgers, as well as a coffee van.**

For the official reopening of Manor Road

- The festivities at Manor Road Sports Ground will begin at **1.00pm** with a showcase hockey match between a combined King Edward VI School & Old Edwardians XI against the England Masters XI who are preparing for the Masters World Cup in Rotterdam, Netherlands in July. There will be catering outlets available to purchase food and SportKES parents' association will be operating a licenced bar.
- The official re-opening ceremony will take place at **2.30pm**.
- Gillman & Soame will take a commemorative group photograph of all K.E.S. sportsmen and women in front of the pavilion at **3.00pm**. Students will be able to change into K.E.S. branded sports kit in advance of this in the pavilion changing rooms.

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 27 th Apr	Abhay Ramani	Aditya Dhankar	Ansh Sharma	Vaanviyan Prasadh
Tuesday 28 th Apr	Ilyas Rashid	Aaron Blackmore-Wright	Sebastian Aspru	Archer Eftichiou
Wednesday 29 th Apr	Charles Roe	Thomas Coxson	Shiv Menon	Aprameya Badhya
Thursday 30 th Apr	Tanish Saravana Kumar	Tanish Saravanakumar	Harry Sutti	Dhairya Prabhu
Friday 1 st May	Lewis Scriven	Edwin Offer	Shrey Pagaria	Aarav Paul

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**.

GCSE and A Level Public Exam Timetables

Students received their individual candidate timetables to the School email address on Thursday 23rd April. Parents will receive a copy of the timetable today via email. Please note that timetables may be subject to change with regards to rooms, but that the link in the email is a live link. Students can therefore check the link at any time in the email to check the rooming for their exam. Hard copies will be handed out by tutors next week. Thank you.

Spring Recital: Wednesday 13th May

This year's Spring Recital (for musicians in Years 7 to 10) will be held in the Levi Fox Hall on **Wednesday 13th May at 6.30pm**. It will feature a range of soloists as well as KES Sounds, Saxophone Choir, Year 9 Bands and JazzSquad! If students in Years 8 - 9 would like to nominate themselves to perform a solo in this concert, they should complete [this online form](#) with the title and composer of the piece by **Friday 1st May**. Do come along to support the students who will be performing. Tickets are available via [TicketSource](#).

Costume Request

The Drama Department is always looking to expand its costume store and would greatly appreciate any support that you can provide. Whilst they often require specific costume pieces for productions, there is also an ongoing need for general items such as suits and hats. Please see below the items that would be especially helpful. Donations can be handed in at Student Services. If you have any items that you would like to check before donating, please feel free to contact Mrs Nightingale, Head of Drama and Performance, at lin@kes.net.

Hats:

Boaters
Bowler hats
Flat caps

Uniform:

Police Jackets (Traditional style)
Military uniforms

Period:

Victorian-era gowns
Edwardian suits
1920s flapper dresses
1950s poodle skirts

Shakespearean/Medieval:

Peasant skirts & cloaks
Tunics & tights

Coats:

Fur Coats
Doctor's coats
Dinner Jackets
Tailcoats

Makeup:

Theatrical makeup palettes

Religious dress

Monk
Vicar
Nun
Choir

Accessories:

Period-appropriate jewellery
Gloves & fans
Petticoats
Wigs, feather boas
Brightly coloured ties

This week's Parents' Bulletin attachments

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Year 7

Year 7 Third Language Option – SM

Other (Selected students)

Great Debate Event – NWA
Senior Netball Tour Update – TJW
Senior Rugby Tour 2028 Confirmation – LWG
Year 6 Try Out Morning – DCM

Please note archived copies of Parents' Weekly Bulletins and letters can be accessed via the Parent Portal. 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	Monday 4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (No School for students)
	Tuesday 5 th May	Year 11 Activity Day and Study Leave begins
	Wednesday 6 th May – Saturday 9 th May	Year 10 Geography trip Iceland
	Wednesday 6 th May	Year 13 Leavers' Photograph
	Thursday 7 th May	Year 13 Activity Day and Study Leave begins
	Thursday 8 th May – Wednesday 24 th June	Public GCSE and A Level Examinations
	Wednesday 13 th May	Spring Recital
	Thursday 14 th May & Friday 15 th May	Year 10 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
	Tuesday 19 th May	Year 7 Community Day
	Thursday 21 st May	Year 10 Parents' Evening (online)
	Friday 22 nd May	Non-Uniform Day
	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half-term break
	w/c Monday 1 st June	School Examinations (Years 7-9)
	Thursday 4 th June – Friday 5 th June	Year 10 Bronze DofE Expedition
	Friday 5 th June	Year 8 Social Enterprise Day
	Friday 5 th June	Lower School Disco
	Friday 12 th June	Geoff Calcott Cricket Match
	Wednesday 17 th June	Performance Track and Field – 5.00pm start
	Sunday 21 st June – Monday 22 nd June	Gold DofE Wild Camp Expedition
	Monday 22 nd June	Physical Fellowship Workshop and Performance
	Tuesday 23 rd June	Leavers' Service and Reception
	Thursday 25 th June	End of Year Concert
	Friday 26 th June	INSET Day – no School for students
	Saturday 27 th June	Open Morning
	Monday 29 th June	Remote Learning Day / Sixth Form Orientation Day
	Wednesday 1 st July	Year 12 Parents' Evening (online)
Friday 3 rd July	Director of Sport's BBQ	
Saturday 4 th July	Second Hand Uniform Sale	
Tuesday 14 th July	Lower School Celebration	
Wednesday 15 th July	Last Day of Summer Term	

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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