

Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 29
Monday 4th May to Sunday 10th May 2026
Theme of the Week: Fair Trade
Week 1

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
Mon 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday	School Closed		
	Rowing Junior Sculling Regatta	Away See MS Teams for further details		
Tue 5 May	8.50am: Years 7-11 & 13 Registration	Various	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	8.55am: Headmaster for the Day – James Gayton (W1/13)	Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: AI & Cyber Society	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	8.55am: Year 11 Assembly	Chapel (CD) Approx. finish 9.45am	1.30pm: Art & Design Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	8.55am: Whole School Assembly	LFH	1.30pm: Biology Society - Years 12 & 13	Room 44 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.00am: A Level Art Exam	Art Hut Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio 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	1.40pm: GCSE Mandarin Speaking Session – Years 10 & 11	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.40am: Personal Development	See attached timetable Finish 10.40am	1.45pm: GCSE Latin & Greek Mentoring	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.45am: Year 11 Trip to Go Ape departs	Meet 9.45am Dairy Gate Approx. return 4.00pm	1.50pm: Year 7 Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	12.30pm: Biology Challenge – selected Year 10 students	Room 51 Approx. finish 1.45pm	1.50pm: Years 7 & 8 Guitars	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.30pm: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12 <i>NB set up from 11.45am</i>	LFH/Committee Room Line up: 1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	3.50pm: Chapel Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
	2.30pm: Cricket U14A v K.E.S. Camp Hill	Home Meet 1.15pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm	4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – K.E.S. Group 1	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
	5.30pm: Governors' Finance and General Purposes Group	Committee Room	4.15pm: Year 12 Football Club	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
	6.30pm: <i>faux pas</i> Meeting	LFH Foyer Approx. finish 8.00pm	4.15pm: Year 7 Cricket Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
Wed 6 May	3.00am: Year 10 Geography trip to Iceland departs	Meet 3.00am at Stratford Leisure Centre Coach Park	8.30am: Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 13 Registration	Various	1.15pm: Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Year 13 Assembly	LFH (ST) Chapel (HM)	1.30pm: Trading Card Club	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.00pm

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	8.55am: Years 9 & 10 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Scrabble Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.05pm
	9.00am: A Level Art Exam	Art Hut Finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Junior Debating Society Years 7-9	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Exams Year 12	Gym Line up: 8.55am/1.10pm Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Middle School Book Club	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.05pm
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Speaking Exams - Year 12	Room 51 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: K.E.S. Sounds	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.00am: French GCSE Speaking Exams	Committee Rm / The Hub Approx. finish 3.45pm	3.45pm: Fencing – Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
	10.40am: Early break for Year 13	Finish 11.00am	4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 10 Hockey	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
	11.00am Year 13 Leavers' & Staff Photograph	Quad / LFH Staff to join at 11.25am Finish 11.45am	5.30pm: Fencing Club – Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
	11.25am: Late break for Years 7-10	Finish 11.45am		
	1.00pm: Athletics Combined Events Championship at Pingles Stadium – selected Years 8 & 9 students	Away (CV11 4LX) Meet PE Foyer: Y8 at 11.00am; Y9 at 11.25am Approx. finish 5.30pm Approx. return 6.30pm		
	2.15pm: Cricket 1st XI v Bablake School	Home Meet 1.15pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm		
	4.00pm: Character Education Working Party Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 5.00pm		
Thur 7 May	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 13 Registration	Various	8.40am: Sixth Form Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Year 8 Assembly Years 9 & 10 Assembly	Drama Studio (MEB) Chapel (HM)	1.15pm: Year 11 Mandarin GCSE Speaking Session	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.15pm Please arrive at your allocated time
	8.55am: Years 7 & 13 Tutor Groups	Various	1.15pm: Year 9 Band A	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	9.00am: German GCSE Speaking	Room 10 Approx. finish 1.00pm	1.25pm: Saxophone Quartet	Room 17 Approx. finish 1.50pm
	9.00am: French GCSE Speaking Exams	Committee Rm / The Hub Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.10am: Year 13 Leavers' Assembly	LFH Approx. finish 10.30am	1.30pm: Science Club – Years 9-11	CGL 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 Physics Catch Up Session - Year 11	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	10.30am: Year 13 trip to Delta Force Paintballing departs	Meet 10.30am Quad Approx. return 3.30pm	1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	12.30pm: Biology Challenge – selected Year 9 students	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm	1.30pm: History Society – all welcome	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.10pm

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	1.15pm: House Badminton Year 7	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.45pm: Cube Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.50pm: School Detention (SM)	DC Conference Room Finish 4.50pm	1.50pm: GCSE Music Composition Year 10	Room 17 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	7.30pm: Drama Trip to RSC's <i>The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui</i>	RSC's Swan Theatre Meet 7.15pm at theatre Approx. finish 10.00pm	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
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – 1 st & 2 nd XI Hockey	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm Year 9 Cricket Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Fri 8 May	8.50am: Years 7-10 Registration	Various	8.40am: Middle School Choir: Year 9 and 10	Big School Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9 & 10 Assembly	Chapel (HM) LFH (SM)	8.40am: Lower School Choir: Years 7 & 8	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	9.00am: German GCSE Speaking Exams	Room 10 / German Office Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.15pm: Jazzsquad!	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	9.00am: Mandarin A Level Speaking Exams	Room 51/52 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
	9.15am: Mid A Level Mock Art Exam Year 12	Room 36 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm K.E.S. Investors' Society Years 12 & 13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	11.30am: Mandarin A Level Speaking Exam	Room 51 & 52 Approx. finish 3.45pm	1.30pm: Magistrates' Court Mock Trial (Defence Team)	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.30pm: Chinese Culture Club – Year 8	Room 12 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.30pm KESonomics – Year 9	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			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 – Rowing	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
		5.30pm: Fencing Squad	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm	
Sat 9 May	8.30am: Headmaster's Detention	TPS Library Finish 11.30am		
	9.30am: Cricket U15A v King Henry VIII School	Away (CV3 6AQ) Meet 9.00am at venue Approx. finish 12.30pm		

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	9.30am: Cricket U13A & U12A v King Henry VIII School	Home Meet 9.00am Manor Rd Approx. finish 12.30pm		
	10.30am: New Year 7 Music Try Out Morning – selected students	LFH Approx. finish 12 noon		
	5.20pm: Year 10 Geography trip to Iceland returns	Approx. return 5.20pm to Stratford Leisure Centre Coach Park		
Sun 10 May	TBC Rowing Ball Cup South Regatta – selected students	Away See MS teams for further details		

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:																									
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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 23 rd April. Parents received a copy of the timetable today via on Friday 24 th April. 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.																										
Year 8 GCSE Plus Options Choices																										
We would like to remind parents that the deadline for students to have made their GCSE Plus Options choices is Tuesday 5th May . Students should submit their choices via the online form set as an assignment on the Year 8 Team.																										
Year 11 GCSE Study Leave																										
Study leave for Year 11 students attending the GoApe trip will begin on Wednesday 6th May . Those not attending the GoApe trip will be dismissed to begin their study leave after their final assembly on Tuesday 5th May at approximately 10.00am . We continue to offer Study Leave as we recognise that many of our students benefit from an increase in independent study in the build-up to the public examinations. We also recognise that others may wish to continue with their timetabled lessons to gain access to teacher support and resources. During the period of study leave your son may choose to come into School as their subject staff will be available to help with revision during normal timetabled lesson times until Friday 22nd May . Students may attend School in non-uniform unless they have an exam.																										

Year 13 A Level Study Leave

Study leave for Year 13 students attending the Paintballing trip will begin on **Friday 8th May**. Those not attending the Paintballing trip will be dismissed to begin their study leave after their final assembly on **Thursday 7th May** at approximately **10.30am**. Students who wish come onto the School site during the study leave will need to sign in using the signing in machines in the LFH and should study in the TPS Library. Students may attend School in non-uniform unless they have an exam.

Year 13 ParentPay Lunch Balance

Please can we remind parents of Year 13 students to review your son/daughter's *ParentPay* Lunch balance before they use this for the last time and check for any historic credits or debits that may have been forgotten about. Please ensure you pay any debts outstanding or if the account is in credit, then advise finance@kes.net if you would like a refund.

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

Period:

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

Coats:

Fur Coats
Doctor's coats
Dinner Jackets
Tailcoats

Religious dress

Monk
Vicar
Nun
Choir

Accessories:

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

Uniform:

Police Jackets (Traditional style)
Military uniforms

Shakespearean/Medieval:

Peasant skirts & cloaks
Tunics & tights

Makeup:

Theatrical makeup palettes

This week's Parents' Bulletin attachments

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Whole School

Parents' Art Workshop - ESC

Year 7

Lower School Disco at S.G.G.S.
Year 7 School Examinations – ST
Subject Revision Guidance Year 7 School Examinations
Years 7-9 School Examinations Timetable 2026
JCQ Guidance

Year 8

Lower School Disco at S.G.G.S.
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Year 9

Lower School Disco at S.G.G.S.
Year 9 School Examinations – CD
Years 7-9 School Examinations Timetable 2026
JCQ Guidance

Year 10

Year 10 Parents Evening – HM

Year 11

Sixth Form Orientation Day Information – RB

Other (Selected students)

ABRSM Music Examination Summer 2026 – EA
Ancient Worlds Study Day – NPT
Rowing Programme and Payment – TJW
Saxophone Workshop at Chipping Campden School – DCM
Year 12 Psychology Trip – MXB

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Forthcoming Events	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
	Friday 15 th May	Lower School Disco at S.G.G.S.
	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
Monday 6 th July – Friday 10 th July	Activities Week	
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.



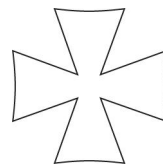
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The cashback raised is used to support our extensive and diverse extra-curricular programme.



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 5th May

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.
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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
K	NPT – Room 49	SPF – Room 15	CLS – Room 23	SEM – Room 27	CD – Room 30
E	ZVL – Room 13	AHS – Room 21	AXW – Room 24	PG – Room 28	AKW – Room 31
S	AJD – Room 14	SKL – Room 22	JWH – Room 25	AMG – Room 29	RSM – Room 32

Sixth Form

Pillar	Democracy, Voting and Elections	Economical Shopping and Eating	Managing Finances	Reading for Pleasure	Preparing to Leave Home	Positive Relationships	Navigating Friendships	Basic First Aid
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	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Year 12	Mid A Level Mock Exams							
Year 13	ARD – 39	FEH – CGL	REH – 40	AB – 42	DCM – 43	MXB – 44	RAO – 45	JM – 46