

Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 31
Monday 18th May to Sunday 24th May 2026
Theme of the Week: UN Goal - Ending Poverty
Week 1

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
Mon 18 May	8.55am: Extended Prefects' Meeting	Sixth Form Common Rm Finish 9.55am	8.35am: King's Brass	LFH Approx. finish 9.00am
	8.55am: Recycling Duty – Year 9 students in D4, F4, S4 & W4	Meet 8.55am Sundial Approx. finish 9.10am	1.25pm: Piano Trio	Room 18 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	10.40am: Years 7 & 8 Sports Captains' Meeting	PE Office	1.30pm: Maths Mentoring – selected Year 8 & 9 students	Room 22 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	11.25am: Years 9-13 Sports Captains' Meeting	PE Office	1.30pm: Linguistics and Code-Breaking Club – all welcome	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	12.30pm Saxophone Workshop with Jess Gillam – selected students	Chipping Campden School Meet 12.30pm Room 17 Approx. return 3.00pm	1.30pm: Senior Debating Society Years 12-13	Room 32 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	2.15pm: Music Mondays (Year 7)	LFH Finish 3.00pm	1.30pm: Magistrates' Court Mock Trial (Prosecution Team)	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.20pm: Cricket U15A v Tudor Grange Academy	Away (B91 1SN) Meet 2.00pm PE Foyer Approx. finish 6.00pm Approx. return 7.00pm	1.30pm: Chemistry Society Years 11-13	Room 42 Approx. finish 2.00pm
			1.30pm: Rowing Years 7-9	LFH Balcony Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.30pm: Year 9 Greek – selected students	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.35pm: GCSE Biology Support Session Selected Year 11 students	Room 43 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: NRCQ Book Club – by invitation only	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Origami Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.40pm: Philosophy Society: Years 11-13	Room 30 Approx. finish 2.15pm
			1.45pm: Computer Science Club - all welcome	Area 51 Approx. finish 2.15pm Priority for those with CS homework
			1.50pm: Year 7 Brass	Room 18 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
			3.00pm: Year 13 Band	Sixth Form Common Room Approx. finish 4.30pm
		3.45pm: Fencing - Years 7 & 8	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm	
		3.50pm: Strings	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm	

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			3.50pm: Concert Band	LFH Approx. finish 4.50pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 9 Hockey	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: Athletics Training – all years	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			4.15pm: Senior Cricket Training	Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Tue 19 May	8.30am: GCSE English Revision Session – Year 11	Rooms 47/48/49 Finish 9.00am	1.15pm: Year 10 Band	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 12 Registration	Various	1.30pm: Art & Design Club: Years 7 & 8	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	8.55am: Whole School Assembly (W7 to clear chairs)	LFH	1.30pm: Biology Society - Years 12 & 13	Room 44 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	8.55am: School Council Meeting	DC Conference Room Finish 9.40am	1.30pm: Epic Ensemble Years 7 & 8	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	8.55am: House Tutors and Captains Meeting	TPS Library Approx. finish 9.40am	1.30pm: AI & Cyber Society	Room 52 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	8.55am: Year 7 Community Day	Various Finish 5.30pm	1.30pm: Sixth Form Martial Arts Club (non-contact)	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm
	9.40am: Personal Development	See attached timetable Finish 10.40am	1.30pm: ESAT Physics and Maths Preparation: Years 12-13	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	1.15pm: House Badminton Year 12 Mixed Doubles	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.45pm: GCSE Latin & Greek Mentoring	Room 13 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	2.15pm: Year 5 Maths Mentoring Programme – selected students	Room 21 Meet 2.00pm Approx. finish 3.00pm	1.50pm: Years 8 Guitars	Room 19 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	5.30pm: Year 7 Community Day Parents' & Grandparents' Reception	LFH Approx. finish 6.30pm	3.50pm: Chapel Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 4.50pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – K.E.S. Group 1	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			4.15pm: Year 8 Cricket Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
			4.15pm: Year 12 Football Club	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
Wed 20 May	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 12 Registration	Various	8.30am: Chapel Choir	Guild Chapel Approx. finish 8.50am
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Years 9 & 10 Assembly	Chapel (SM) LFH (CD)	1.15pm: Indian Music Group	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Year 12 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Trading Card Club	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.00pm
	1.30pm: House Debating Year 8	Room 32 Approx. finish 2.15pm	1.30pm: Scrabble Club – all welcome	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.05pm
	2.30pm: Cricket 1 st XI v King Henry VIII School	Home Meet 1.15pm Manor Rd Approx. finish 5.30pm	1.30pm: Junior Debating Society Years 7-9	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.00pm
			1.30pm: Middle School Book Club	Room 48 Approx. finish 2.05pm

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			3.45pm: Ultimate Frisbee Training Years 7-13	LFH Approx. finish 5.00pm
			3.45pm: Fencing – Year 7	Gym Approx. finish 5.15pm
			4.00pm: Strength and Conditioning – Year 10 Hockey	The Cave Approx. finish 5.00pm
			5.30pm: Fencing Club – Years 8-13	Gym Approx. finish 7.30pm
Thur 21 May	8.30am: GCSE English Revision Session – Year 11	Rooms 47/48/49 Finish 9.00am	8.40am: Sixth Form Choir	Room 18 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 12 Registration	Various	1.15pm: Year 9 Band A	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Year 8 Assembly Years 9 & 10 Assembly Year 12 Extended Assembly	Drama Studio (MEB) Chapel (SM) LFH (RB)	1.25pm: Saxophone Quartet	Room 19 Approx. finish 1.50pm
	8.55am: Years 7 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Middle School Drama Club	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	9.00am: Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Final rehearsal – selected Year 9 students	Stratford Town Hall Meet 9.00am Student Services Approx return 10.40am	1.30pm: Science Club – Years 9-11	CGL Approx. finish 2.00pm
	9.55am: Careers Talk: <i>How modern medical advances link to the curriculum</i> – Year 12 selected students	DC Conference Room Finish 10.40am	1.30pm: Maths and Physics Society	Room 24 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	1.15pm: House Badminton Year 9	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm: Law Society – Years 12 & 13	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.50pm: School Detention	DC Conference Room Finish 4.50pm	1.30pm: GCSE Physics Catch Up Session - Year 11	Room 40 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	5.15pm: Year 10 Parents' Evening	Online Finish 8.00pm	1.30pm: GCSE Art Catch Up Session Years 9-11	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	5.30pm: Governors' Education Group Meeting	DC Conference Room	1.30pm: History Society – all welcome	Room 31 Approx. finish 2.10pm
			1.45pm: Cube Club	TPS Library Approx. finish 2.15pm
			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 22 May	Non-Uniform Day	Donations via <i>ParentPay</i>	8.40am: Lower School Choir	Room 17 Approx. finish 9.10am
	8.50am: Years 7-10 & 12 Registration	Various	1.15pm: Jazzsquad!	Room 18 Approx. finish 1.45pm
	8.55am: Years 7 & 8 Assembly Year 10 Assembly Year 12 Assembly	Chapel (ST) Drama Studio (FJR) LFH (JWH)	1.15pm: Explore Meeting	DC Conference Room Approx. finish 2.15pm
	8.55am: Year 9 Tutor Groups	Various	1.30pm: Sixth Form Book Club	Room 47 Approx. finish 2.10pm

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	9.55am: Year 12 A Level French Mock Speaking Exam	Room 22 Approx. finish 1.15pm	1.30pm: Edinburgh Fringe Devising Session	Drama Studio Approx. finish 2.15pm
	10.40am: KES Small Change Fundraising Bake Sale	Sundial Finish 11.00am	1.30pm K.E.S. Investors' Society Years 12 & 13	Room 27 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	11.25am: KES Small Change Fundraising Bake Sale	Sundial Finish 11.45am	1.30pm: Photography Society Years 8 – 13	Room 36 Approx. finish 2.10pm
	1.15pm: House Badminton Year 12 Boys	LFH Approx. finish 2.10pm	1.30pm KESonomics – Year 9	Room 16 Approx. finish 2.15pm
	3.00pm: Oxbridge Session with Prof. Judith Buchanan – Year 12 students (optional)	LFH Approx. finish 3.45pm	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 23 May				
Sun 24 May				

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 18 th May	Jackson Thomas	Vihaan Agarkar	Aren Dias	Nimay Shah
Tuesday 19 th May		Kian Sharif	Suvir Singh	Fraser Skidmore
Wednesday 20 th May	Liam Tran-Thanh	Myles Bowley	Archie Protherough	Daniel Williams
Thursday 21 st May	Devaharshith Vishnu Akhila	Richard Ashton	Hersh Desai	Cian Raaj
Friday 22 nd May	Robert Voiculescu	Archie Slatter	Nicholas Smith Ortiz	Joel Sommerville

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**.

Official Re-Opening of Manor Road Sport Ground Group Photograph

The recent Official Re-Opening of Manor Road Sport Ground group photograph is now online and available to order with delivery direct to your home address. Please use the following link, and your email address when prompted, to view and order on the Gillman & Soame website: <https://www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk/?cardRef=426138&cardPass=399861&loginType=editOrder>. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Gillman & Soame directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200.

Prefect and Sports Teams Photographs

If parents are already registered with Gillman and Soame, then they were emailed directly on Thursday this week by Gillman and Soame with details of how to order the Prefects and Sports Team Photographs. If parents are not already registered, then please use [this link](#) to create an account with Gillman and Soame. The Year 13 Leavers' photograph will also be available in due course. Thank you.

Year 8 Activities Week

Thank you to those who have already made payment in full for Year 8 Activities week trip to Devon. The final payment was due by **Friday 3rd April** and we would kindly request final payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 7 Activities Week

Thank you to those who have already made payment for Year 7 Activities week. As per the letter dated Friday 20th March, please note that payment is due by **Friday 22nd May** via *ParentPay*. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 22nd May

We will hold our termly Non-Uniform Day next Friday for our School charities, 'Boys in Mind' and 'KES Small Change'. For a recommended, minimum donation of **£2.00** per family, students are welcome to come to School in casual clothes. We ask that donations are paid via *ParentPay* in advance of **Friday 22nd May**. Please remind your son/daughter that whilst Friday is a Non-Uniform Day, there should be no baseball caps and no clothing that might cause offence. Students should also be reminded to bring their bus pass and locker key to School.

Lost Property

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 (**Friday 22nd May**).

Weekly Friday Evening Site Clearance

Starting after half-term, our staff will be clearing all items left on site on a Friday evening. Bags left on site on a Friday will be placed in Bag Jail and all other items will be put into lost property store, in line with the notice above. Students will be advised of the new process next week and will be reminded that all personal items, including bags should be placed in their lockers when not in use. Oversize PE bags may be left on the PE bag racks but should also be brought home by Friday evening. Thank you.

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.

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'
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attachments**

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Whole School

Arrangements for Performance Track and Field 2026 – TMW
KES Small Change Charity Bake Sale – FEH

Year 7

Year 7 New Tutors and Reorganisation – ST
Year 7 Community Day Update – ST

Year 8

Year 8 Teaching Group Reorganisation – ST
Year 8 Community Day – MEB

Year 12

KES Small Change Charity Fundraising Walk – FEH

Year 13

Leavers' Service Arrangements – HM

Other (Selected students)

Absent Students Shakespeare Parade – TMW
Year 10 GCSE Spanish Trip – FEH

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Forthcoming Events	Thursday 8 th May – Wednesday 24 th June	Public GCSE and A Level Examinations
	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
	Monday 8 th June	Parents' Art Workshop
	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.



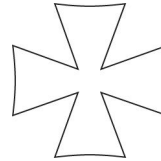
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The cashback raised is used to support our extensive and diverse extra-curricular programme.



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Personal Development: Tuesday 19th 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.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
K	Community Day	SPF - Room 15	CLS - Room 23	SEM – Room 27
E		AHS - Room 21	AXW - Room 24	PG – Room 28
S		SKL - Room 22	JWH - Room 25	AMG – Room 29

Sixth Form								
Pillar	Consumer Rights	Personal Strengths	Leadership: Attributes & Styles	Dealing with a Health Emergency	e Safety	Driving and Car Maintenance	Democracy and the Rule of Law	Diversity and Social Justice

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Year 12	MEB – 46	FJR – CGL	TPS Library - Private Study	GHM – 43	ORR – 44	SC – 39	BLL – 45	AC – 40