



Parents' Weekly Bulletin No. 1
Monday 31st August to Sunday 6th September 2026
Theme of the Week: Start
Week 1

	Events	Notes	Extra-Curricular	Notes
Mon 31 Aug	BANK HOLIDAY	School closed		
Tues 1 Sep	INSET DAY	School closed to students		
Wed 2 Sep	INSET DAY	School closed to students		
Thur 3 Sep	Michaelmas Term begins Years 7, 12 & Prefects Only		4.00pm: Senior Rugby Training	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
	8.50am: Year 7 Induction Day Year 12 Induction Day	Various	4.00pm: Rugby Training – Year 9	Manor Road Approx. finish 5.30pm
	9.20am: Year 7 & 12 Photos	Drama Approx. finish 3.30pm		
	3.45pm: Auditions for the School production of <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Drama Studio Years 12 & 13 and selected students Approx. finish 5.45pm		
	6.30pm: Year 7 Standards Evening	LFH Approx. finish 8.00pm		
Fri 4 Sep	8.50am: Extended Tutor Period	Various Finish 9.55am		
	3.45pm: Recall auditions for the School production of <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Drama Studio Selected students Approx. finish 5.45pm		
	4.00pm: Benefactors' Netball match: 1 st VII v Old Edwardians	LFH Approx. finish 5.15pm		
	5.15pm: Benefactors' Rugby match: 1 st XV v Old Edwardians	Stratford Rugby Club Meet 4.00pm Approx. finish 6.45pm		
	7.00pm: Benefactors' Hockey match: 1 st XI vs Old Edwardians	Manor Road Approx. finish 8.00pm		
Sat 5 Sep	<i>Please note the planned Rugby fixture vs Lutterworth School has been cancelled</i>			
Sun 6 Sep				

Parent Notices:	IST Reports If you have not already done so, we would be grateful if the parents of Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students would ensure that the online IST Report reply forms are completed. These can be accessed via the reply button on the original IST Report email you received.
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Accessing the School site

Following completion of the building works in the Art Department, the Dairy Gate entrance to the School site is now open. Middle School students (Years 9-11) will again need to use the Dairy Gate (Church Street ///doing.fortunate.shaped) to access the School site in the mornings. A reminder to all parents that students in Years 7 and 8 should enter via the Levi Fox gate (via The Paddocks ///firmly.dice.like) and Sixth Form students should enter via the main entrance (Chapel Lane ///assure.wished.invite). Students may use any exit at the end of the day to leave the School site.

Medication and Care Plans

Medication held at School was returned to students at the end of last term, to be checked by parents that it is still relevant and within its use by date. When your son/daughter starts/returns to School, please ensure they bring any medication to be stored in School, to Student Services in the School Office. Please can we request that medication is in its original packaging, in date and clearly marked with the student's name. It is also important that any student who has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis brings in a spare auto-adrenaline injector and other relevant medication, that is to be held at School, on their first day back. Thank you.

School Drama Production Auditions

We are excited to announce that we are holding auditions for this term's School production, *Beauty and the Beast*. Please see the bulletin above for details of the auditions on **Thursday 3rd September** for Years 12 and 13 and selected students and **Friday 4th September** for recall auditions based on auditions that took place before the summer break. Those who are already on the *Beauty and the Beast* Team please make sure you have checked messages for who is required for auditions this week. Please contact Mrs Nightingale directly via email lin@kes.net if you have any questions.

Year 7 Standards Evening – Thursday 3rd September

The Year 7 Standards Evening takes place on **Thursday 3rd September at 6.30pm**. All students and parents are expected to attend. Students should attend in their School uniform. During the evening there will be presentations explaining how the School operates and our expectations of students at K.E.S. This meeting will be immediately followed by a social event, allowing parents to meet each other, as well as the chance to get to know representatives of K.E.S. Parents' Associations. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and good company. Please note that the Chapel Lane car park is operated as a pay and display car park by a commercial partner after 5.00pm on weekdays and all day at weekends and holidays, with EV chargers also available.

Music Lessons

Music lessons will begin on **Friday 4th September**. A parent (Priority contact) of students new to the School will receive an email inviting them to sign up to *Involve* in the coming week which will give details about timetables. Students will be able to check lesson times at the beginning of the day on the two screens in the Music Department. Further information will be sent about this on **Friday 4th September**.

This week's Parents' Bulletin attachments

This week's Dispatch includes the following:

Whole School

Headmaster's Start of Term Update

Please note archived copies of Parents' Weekly Bulletins can be accessed via the Parent Portal. The portal can be found via www.kes.net/parents. The login is 'parent' and the password is 'bigschool'. 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	Tuesday 8 th September	Chapel Choir Auditions
	Wednesday 9 th September	FoKES Meeting
	Thursday 10 th September	Year 12 Standards Evening
	Friday 11 th September	Benefactors' Rowing Regatta (6.00pm at SUABC)
	Monday 14 th September	Year 10 Photographs
	Thursday 17 th September	School finishes at 1.15pm
	Thursday 17 th September	Speech Day (Years 12 & 13 students)
	Friday 18 th September	House Winners Trip to Drayton Manor (Dyson Year 8 and above)
	Monday 21 st September	Year 11 Digital Strategy Parents' Information Meeting
	Thursday 24 th September	GCSE Standards Evening (Year 9)
	Monday 28 th September	Whole School Photograph
	Thursday 1 st October	Study Abroad Careers Talk (Year 12)
	Thursday 1 st October	A Level Drama Trip
	Thursday 1 st October	FoKES AGM
	Tuesday 6 th October	Year 7 Residential Parent Information Meeting
	Wednesday 7 th October	Year 9 Art, Music and Arts Award students' trip to Warner Bros. Studio
	Thursday 8 th October	Year 8 Science and History trip to London
	Friday 9 th October	Year 7 & 8 Family Bingo Night
	Monday 12 th October	Sixth Form Trip to the Holocaust Museum
	Tuesday 13 th October	Year 12 Parents' Evening (in-person)
	Wednesday 14 th – Friday 17 th October	7K Residential Trip
	Thursday 15 th October	Autumn Concert
	Friday 16 th October	Non-Uniform Day

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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