

# POST-16 COURSES EVENING

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Thursday 9th November 2023



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# Post-16 Courses for 2024

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Joe Ryman and Layna Suzuki



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# Format of the evening

- Presentation
  - Life in the Sixth Form
  - Sixth Form Curriculum & Entry Criteria
  - Maximising achievement
  - The application process
- Opportunities to visit departments and meet students



# Why choose to study at King Edward VI Sixth Form?

- Strong Sixth form community
- Opportunity to develop leadership skills especially through house system.
- Chance to be involved in the wider community
- University Masterclasses
- Opportunity to take part in plays, musicals, sporting activities, trips, debating, young enterprise, DoE etc.

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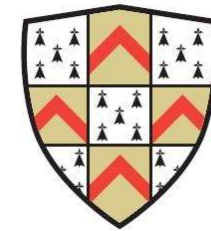
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# Why choose to study at King Edward VI Sixth Form?

- One of the top performing schools in Staffordshire, year on year
- Positive learning environment with excellent support from specialist staff
- 80% of applicants went to their first choice of university
- Support for all students in meeting their aims for further study, apprenticeships or employment



# Why choose to study at King Edward VI Sixth Form?



In 2023:

## A-levels

- 19% of entries at Grade A\*/A
- 47% of entries at Grade A\*/A or B
- 72% of entries at Grade A\*-C
- Subject pass rate 97%
- Top-performing students achieved 3 A\* grades



## BTEC & OCR Nationals

- 100% pass rate
- 100% Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit



# Why choose to study at King Edward VI Sixth Form?

- **High expectations**
  - ❖ A number of Oxbridge students over the last few years
  - ❖ In 2023 **30%** of university applicants went to Russell Group universities
  - ❖ **70%** of students went directly to university
  - ❖ **12%** Gap year & 2023 UCAS applications
  - ❖ **15%** direct employment, apprenticeships, further education or the services



# Why choose to study at King Edward VI Sixth Form?

- Breadth of subjects available
  - 27 Advanced Level subjects
- Range of courses available
  - to meet all abilities and talents
- Competition of high calibre students
  - to stretch students, maximising potential
- Strong specialist teaching staff





# A two year programme

- Longer-term focus for A-level requires different skills and emphasis
- 3 course programme for most students
  - (A-levels, BTEC, Cambridge Technical)
- Option to discuss 4 courses for students with a xxx GCSE point score
- High achievement in 3 courses to access university places and opportunities beyond school



# Entry criteria

## Our Approach

- We believe that you should start courses at King Edward VI Sixth Form with at least a reasonable chance of success. The vast majority of our students will need to focus on successful completion of the equivalent of three courses across two years.
- As a general rule, students will be guided towards following course combinations dependent upon their GCSE results.
- Note: Some departments have higher individual subject requirements, established in the light of experience. These are shown in the course descriptions and we would strongly encourage you to use the teachers' experience and advice when deliberating over subject choices.



# General Entry Requirements

Admission to Year 12 is subject to students meeting the following minimum entry requirements:

1. Gaining a minimum of **33** points from the student's 7 best GCSE results which must include English (Language and/or Literature) and Maths at Grade 4 or above.
2. Meeting each of the subject specific entry requirements that are outlined on each subject page. For example, students are also expected to have at least a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics to study A level Mathematics.

A summary of all the entrance requirements for each subject can be found on page 21.



# General Entry Requirements

## Calculating your Point Score

- Points have the same numerical value as the grade achieved. For example, a Grade 5 is equivalent to 5 points.
- Combined Science GCSE counts as two GCSEs and the two grades should be combined. For example a 7/6 would be 13 points.
- For students who have studied other Level 2 equivalent courses the following conversions should be used:

GCSE Grade	BTEC/Cache or equivalent grade	Points score
9		9
8	Level 2 Distinction*	8
7	Level 2 Distinction	7
6		6
5	Level 2 Merit	5
4	Level 2 Pass	4
3	Level 1 Distinction	3
2	Level 1 Merit	2
1	Level 1 Pass	1



# Entry requirements

In addition to basic requirements, e.g.

- Grade 6 in two sciences for Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Grade 6 in English Language & Literature for both courses
- Two grades 6's in Science, 5 in English and Maths for Psychology
- Recommend at least a 6 at GCSE in the subject you're taking

*See page 21 & individual subject pages*



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# Oversubscription Criteria for External Applicants

King Edward VI Lichfield operates a waiting list process for Year 12 admissions in the event that the Year 12 admissions number is oversubscribed. Applicants who are placed on the waiting list will only be offered a place in Year 12 if places become available in the subjects chosen by the applicant. Places will be allocated in accordance with the oversubscription criteria:

- Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children (in public care)
- Students who live nearest to King Edward VI Lichfield (straight line distance measured from home to school)

In the event that individual subjects are oversubscribed following the admissions process, places will again be allocated for each subject based on the oversubscription criteria above.

Students who are unable to study a subject (due to oversubscription) will be offered the opportunity to discuss a possible alternative subject where available.



# Consultation for Sixth Form Admission

***Please be aware that there is a consultation in process for admission to the Sixth Form at King Edward VI School.***

This is available via the school website and will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This is due to the additional students already on roll at King Edward VI School in Year 11 and the limited capacity to offer Sixth Form places to external students. Children already in the school will not be required to apply formally for places in Year 12 but should have reached the minimum entry qualifications for admission into the sixth form, in addition to those for individual subjects, details of which are included in the prospectus.

We value the contribution that external students make to our Sixth Form, we are happy to offer places where they are available on courses. The proposed waiting list for external students will remain in operation until 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The full consultation is available via [www.keslichfield.org.uk](http://www.keslichfield.org.uk) . Feedback can be sent via [office@keslichfield.org.uk](mailto:office@keslichfield.org.uk)



# Personal Development Programme

For all students:

- Tutor programme
- Additional options:
  - Personal Development Programme
  - Core Mathematical Studies
  - Young Enterprise
  - Support for university applications & careers





# Core Mathematical Studies

- Level 3 core maths qualification designed for students who have achieved a grade 5 or above in GCSE maths.
- An additional course that can be studied alongside your 3 A levels.
- Build on students' mathematical understanding and develop their application of mathematics to authentic problems.
- Builds mathematical understanding and skills to support the mathematical content in other Level 3 qualifications, e.g. Biology, Geography, Physics , Psychology & Economics.
- The equivalent UCAS points of an AS Level and will be studied over one year.



# Independent study

- Transition sessions to help students develop skills of independent study
- Emphasis on developing skills for lifelong learning
- Classwork and homework is just the beginning



# Tracking achievement

- Department tracking
- Go4Schools system enhances communication with home
- Monitoring through:
  - Staff feedback
  - Termly reports
  - End of year examinations



# Progression into Year 13

- Clear policy for progression into Year 13
- High levels of attendance
- Following the Code of Conduct
- Department tracking
- Termly reports
- Year 12 examinations



# Making the next step

Support throughout Year 12 and Year 13

- Pastoral programme
- Post 18 Options mornings
- Visiting speakers
- Returning students
- Additional opportunities such as Young Enterprise, Debating Society, Ashmole Society



# Support and Guidance

- Tutor
- Mrs Duval – 6<sup>th</sup> form academic mentor
- Mr Keen & Mrs Baker, Careers Advisors
- Subject staff
- University visits
- Experienced and skilled team of tutors for UCAS and other higher level applications
- Additional support for Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Law including mock interviews
- Mrs Gillson - Sixth Form administrator
- Resources in LRC and Common Room



# Application Process

- Find out about courses in options week (6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November)
- Year 12 Courses Evening Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Application deadline: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Apply online <https://apps.switchlp.com/6thFormApp>
- Individual interviews with Senior Staff for all internal applicants in January, February & March
- Short meetings with external applicants, where subject places are available, to discuss suitability for chosen courses
- Confirmation letter by the middle of April



# Bader Building plus Music, Design Technology





# Sixth Form Block (Y), Q Block & Johnson Buildings



# Subject Areas tonight

- In Johnson
- **RS, Maths, Further Maths & Core Maths** – Q Block (building parallel with the astro turf)
- **Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Medical Science** – Science Block (building next to 6<sup>th</sup> form Block)
- **6<sup>th</sup> form common room, Accounting, Business, Economics** – 6<sup>th</sup> form Block ( building at the end of the Astro turf)
- **All other subject areas** in this Bader building.
- Guides and staff available for information in Room 20&21 at the bottom of the steps if you go out right as you go out of the back door.

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- Talk to students
- Talk to staff
- We look forward to receiving your application



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