



13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Reminders – End of Term, Rewards and Expectations

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a very busy but productive and exciting few weeks in school. Before the end of term, we felt it important to share some key reminders about our end of term arrangements, the rewards system in school, and our school expectations of students.

End of term arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 20th December. Students will attend lessons 1-2 in the morning, followed by the trolley dash charity event. We will then dismiss students for their holidays during lesson three. Students should bring their usual equipment to school on this day.

Student rewards – Mrs Russell and Mrs Baker (Lead Teachers for Relationships, Rewards and Student Leadership)

As we approach the end of the school year, staff are working hard behind the scenes ensuring that the effort and commitment shown by our students is recognised.

Gold and Platinum awards are currently being awarded on GO 4 Schools for the whole school community (Years 7 to 13.) You can view these awards on GO 4 Schools at any point. A congratulatory email will also be sent to the parents/carers of all students who have achieved one or more of these awards.

Two students in each tutor group have also been nominated for individual Achievement Leader prizes which are not directly linked to the points system. Certificates and small prizes for this will be distributed this week and next.

School Uniform expectation reminders – Mr Larkin (Assistant Headteacher)

At King Edward VI School, we pride ourselves on our high-quality teaching, learning and inclusivity and have high expectations of all students. Our aim is to support students in reaching their potential and this is reinforced through our whole school values and vision: *Wellbeing, Collaboration and Aspiration*.

We are working hard to ensure greater consistency in promoting high standards of uniform, punctuality and attendance which will improve learning and teaching within our classrooms. Our staff and students received key messages from myself, and their tutors and we reward those who consistently get their uniform right. We need this to continue in the New Year.

The “**ready**” element of our code of conduct, emphasises that students should wear the correct uniform at all times. We believe that this demonstrates pride in one’s appearance and the school and sets the tone for a positive learning community built on personal responsibility and respect. Upon our return to school in January we would like to see every student “ready” with the correct uniform and we therefore ask for your support in ensuring your child/children adhere to our high standards of uniform. Details of the school uniform can be found on the school website. This includes the wearing of the school blazer and Sixth Form lanyard. On a large and open site, the wearing of the blazer and lanyard is essential for safeguarding.

Mobile Phones – students in Years 7-11 – Mr Larkin (Assistant Headteacher)

If your child chooses to bring their mobile phone into school, mobile phones must be turned off and kept in school bags between 8:50am – 3:15pm. Thank you to all parents who have supported this. Any student who chooses to use their mobile phone during the school day will receive a negative log on GO 4 Schools. Persistent mobile phone use will result in an after-school detention and the risk of the phone being confiscated until parents/carers are able to collect it. Students are allowed to wear Smartwatches, but these must not be linked to their mobile phones and any student using these to check notifications, messages etc will receive a negative infringement in the same way they would for using their mobile phone. If your child needs to contact you during the school day, they should speak to a member of our student reception team.

For Sixth Form students, they have the privilege of being allowed their mobile phone with them in school and only to be used in the Sixth Form block. Any student who chooses to use their mobile phone during the school day around the school site will receive a negative log on GO 4 Schools.

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend. Next Friday we will be sending out our final newsletter of 2024. It is set to be a jumbo issue and we hope that you enjoy reading about all the successes and activities of the last few weeks.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs L Hurn, Deputy Head Teacher.
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