



# KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, LICHFIELD

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Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of the King Edward VI School Community,

As we embark on a new academic year, I have been delighted to welcome students and staff back into school. The first week back has been characterised by a flurry of activities designed to reacquaint our students with the school environment and reconnect them with their peers.

Our induction day activities have been an opportunity to familiarise students with school routines, ensuring a smooth transition into the academic year. These sessions have provided an excellent opportunity for students to readjust to the rhythm of school life and forge stronger bonds with their classmates.

In our assemblies this week, we have taken the time to reinforce our school's expectations and values. These sessions serve as a crucial reminder of the standards we uphold and the principles that guide our educational community. It is through these shared values that we cultivate a community and an environment to support academic excellence and personal growth.

It was a great pleasure to be in school in August as students received their recent A Level and GCSE results. Their results are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the unwavering support of our staff and parents. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to hearing how they are progressing in the future.

Looking ahead, there are several important events on the horizon. This half term there are a number of opportunities for parents and carers to visit the school. Year 7 parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet form teachers on September 19<sup>th</sup> and there are parent information evenings scheduled for Years 8, 11, 12, and 13 later in the half term. These sessions are designed to provide you with information about your child's academic journey and to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Additionally, I would like to extend an invitation to our first PTA meeting and AGM, which will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup>, following the Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' evening. Your involvement in these events is greatly appreciated and contributes significantly to the vibrant community spirit of our school.

In the assemblies on Wednesday, I told students how proud I was to be taking up the position of Headteacher at King Edward VI School. As we progress through this academic year, I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and achievements of our students. Together, we will nurture their talents, support their aspirations, and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I am excited to go on this journey with students, and look forward to seeing parents and carers over the next year as I take up this position.

With best wishes for an exciting school year

*C Forster*

Catharine Forster  
Headteacher

## Some key information/reminders

### Uniform

At King Edward VI School, we pride ourselves on our high-quality teaching and learning and inclusivity and therefore 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 this year 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 the Headteacher, Mrs Forster and the Senior team during our training days and assemblies.

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 September, we have identified a number of students wearing skirts of an inappropriate length, which have deliberately been rolled, incorrect footwear and excessive make-up and jewellery, which are not part of our uniform policy. We have recently worked collaboratively with Student Voice to change our policy to enable students to wear one ring, one bracelet, one necklace, smartwatches and subtle make-up. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring your child/children adhere to our high standards of uniform.

The Back to School Bank launched this summer to support families with free uniform donations. The final Uniform Bank event takes place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 12am at Curborough Community Centre, Reynolds Close, Lichfield, WS13 7NY. If you need any pre-loved Uniform then please attend this event. [City council to host final Back to School Bank session for Lichfield families - Lichfield Live®](#)

### Mobile Phones – students in Years 7-11

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. Any student who chooses to use their mobile phone during the school day will receive a negative log on GO4Schools. 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.

### Rail Travel

West Midlands Railway are offering a Student Season Ticket available for the Autumn Term. This special discounted ticket offers students up to 50% savings on travel between two chosen rail stations, valid for travel until 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (evenings, weekends and school holidays included) For more details please visit [Termly Student Discount Train Tickets | Train Ticket Types \(westmidlandsrailway.co.uk\)](#)

### Contacting school

If you are contacting school by email via the [office@keslichfield.org.uk](mailto:office@keslichfield.org.uk) email address, please ensure that you include your child’s name and tutor group into the subject heading. This will enable us to process any enquiry as quickly as possible. We endeavour to respond to queries within two working days.