



King Edward VI School Lichfield

Summer Festival

4.30 – 8.00 pm Thursday 29th June 2017

Entry by Wristband £4 per adult, £2 per child, Under 5s free

Family set of wristbands £10 (For 2 adults and up to 3 children)

Students, staff, future students and their families are invited to join us to celebrate the Arts and our students' achievements, highlights include:

Musical performances from Year 7 to Year 13 – come and listen or bring your own instrument and join in

Performance extracts from 'Matilda'

Sculpture Trail

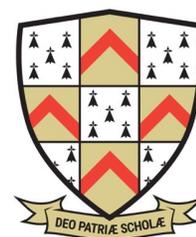
Art Exhibition and Live Workshops

Book reading and signing by Laura Wood of her latest novel

Poetry performances by the Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate

**Barbecue, Strawberries & Cream, Cakes, Drinks,
Ice Cream, Pick 'n Mix**

All funds raised will go to support the school via PTA funds and the School Trust Fund



**KING EDWARD VI
SCHOOL LICHFIELD**

2017 Summer Term Diary Dates

May half term

Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Training day for staff

Wednesday 28 June

Early closure of school—end of term

Friday 21 July - 1.30

External assessments and examinations

Monday 15 May - Thursday 29 June

Thursday 17 August - A Level results

Thursday 24 August - GCSE results

Summer reports

w/c Monday 26 June - Y8/Y10

w/c Monday 3 July - Y7/9

Curriculum enhancement day

Thursday 13 July

Work experience (Y10)

w/c 3 July and w/c 10 July

PTA meetings

Tuesday 6 June

Summer Festival

Thursday 29 June 4.30-8pm

Y11 Prom

Wednesday 28 June 7.30pm

Y13 Ball

Friday 30 June 7.30pm

New Y7 induction arrangements

Tues 20 June & Weds 21 June - Y6 Full Day Induction

Thursday 22 June - Y6 Parents' Evening

From the Headteacher

Trust Fund Building Appeal

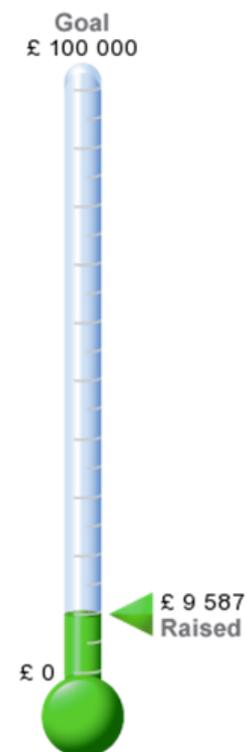
Thank you for your generous support of the school. We have reached 10% of our target of raising £100,000 by 2018. We have started planning work for the summer and will give regular updates on how the funds have been used so far.

We have identified three categories of priorities:

- Structural maintenance: roofs, guttering, fencing, corridor flooring, tarmac etc.
- The school environment: classroom and corridor decoration, classroom furniture, carpets, blinds, noticeboards & displays to celebrate student achievement and share information.
- Improvement projects: toilets, science laboratories, ICT resources, student social spaces.

We will seek to make headway in all three areas and we will start to see the difference in the next few weeks. New blinds in classrooms make all the difference (especially when it's sunny) and our new noticeboards which will be arriving shortly will keep students informed about the wide range of support on offer to them. This is as a result of direct feedback from our students.

I would also like to thank parents who have come forward to share their ideas or expertise. If you have a particular skill, a trade or advice about sponsorship sources then please get in touch via office@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk.



School update

It's been a busy half-term, with staff and students working hard to prepare for formal examinations. These are now well underway and we look forward to celebrating their success in the summer. We also look forward to a number of events at the end of June to celebrate the end of the examination season. The Year 11 Prom takes place on Wednesday 28th June and the Year 13 Ball on Friday 30th June.

Following a successful Spring Concert, the music is joining together with other departments across the school to showcase and celebrate students' achievements as part of our Summer Festival. The festival will be an opportunity for parents and visitors to see the work of students produced in the art, music, drama and technology departments, alongside performances especially arranged for the evening. Highlights include a performance of key moments from the musical Matilda, an arts and sculpture trail and an exhibition of art work produced by sixth formers. Laura Wood (our Patron of Reading) has confirmed her attendance and will be signing/reading her latest novel Poppy Pym and The Smuggler's Secret at the Literature Tent; alongside readings from the Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate. Further details and a programme of events will be shared in the summer term but for now save the date – **June 29th from 4.30-8.00pm.**

Jane Rutherford

Headteacher

From the Senior Five and PTA

From the Senior Five

We would like to thank Ben, Saona, Harry, Katie and Dan for introducing us to our new roles over the past few weeks. The advice and guidance they have given us will be very useful for our new positions.

Over the next year we look forward to working with students and teachers, and are excited to see what new opportunities lie ahead. We are always open to suggestions, so if you have any ideas you would like to share you can tell us in person or send us an e-mail via senior5@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk.

Emily Danks

School Captain



(l-r): Bobby Newman, Billy Green, Emily Danks, Katie Sharp, Laura Bryan

From the PTA

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 6 June at 7pm in Bader Bistro. We are always keen to see new parents at the meetings – plus they are a great way to get to know other parents and find out more about what is happening at school.

Remember that you don't have to commit to the meetings or regular involvement with the PTA. If you would like to help out, either on a one-off or regular basis, we would love to hear from you – you may have a particular skill or ties with a company that you think could help the PTA. Any suggestions, ideas or questions can be sent to kingedwardspta@gmail.com.

Whilst the PTA committee currently comprises a dedicated team of parents and staff, the future of the PTA is very much dependent upon us keeping the flow of new members coming through as parents step down when their children leave the school. If you feel you want to get involved, please email the PTA or come along to a meeting.

What we have achieved

Some of the projects that we have recently contributed towards are:

- Annual donation towards the maintenance of the school minibus
- Achievement folders
- Chairs and carpet for anti-bullying room
- Trophies and engraving for Saxon Hill
- Duke of Edinburgh Licence
- 1st team Rugby Hoodies
- Basketball hoop for the sixth form
- Prize giving
- Author visit to the LRC

We have committed to contribute towards:

- Sound system for Bader Hall
- PTA noticeboard in Bader Bistro
- Accelerated reader scheme for year 7 (LRC)

PTA water bottles

As we enter the summer months, our KES-branded water bottles are on sale from Bader reception and Bader Bistro, priced £4 (L) and £3 (S) – cash only. Every bottle sold will generate money for the PTA.

Next event - Summer Festival

We will be organising food and refreshments at the Summer Festival on Thursday 29 June. The money that we raise at this event will go towards buying a much-needed new sound system for Bader Hall – something that the school has been wanting to buy for some time.

Help us raise money while you shop!

A simple way you can help raise money for the school is through your online shopping. Whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be collecting free donations for King Edward VI School Lichfield Parent Teacher Association.



1. Head to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register – this takes only a few minutes.
2. Every time you shop online, visit [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) first to select the site you want before starting shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will then make a donation to the school for no extra cost whatsoever.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's.

School updates

Attendance Update

Attendance figures

School attendance figures to 17 May 2017 against our target of 96% are:

Whole school:	95.5%
Years 7-11:	95.0%
Years 12-13:	97.2%

Attendance figures are reviewed on a regular basis by the Attendance Officer, Achievement Leaders, Pastoral Support Assistants and Education Welfare Worker in order to improve attendance and punctuality.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like to discuss it further, you should contact your child's Achievement Leader in the first instance. If your child has a medical condition that may affect their attendance at school, or are likely to be off sick or injured for an extended period of time, contact their Achievement Leader. This will help us put arrangements into place to help settle them back into school.

Absence reporting

It is essential that we receive communication from parents regarding any absence – not only is this for safeguarding purposes but also helps us apply the correct attendance mark to students. This is also the case for our sixth form students – any communication regarding absence or late arrival must come from parents and not the student.

Our preferred means of communicating student absence is now text. If your child is too ill to attend school, contact us on 07860 034183 by 9.15am on the first morning of the absence leaving the student's name, tutor group and a brief reason for the absence. You can also use this number to advise us in advance of any medical appointments.

Leave of absence

If you need to apply for a leave of absence, including attending a funeral, religious observance or sporting fixtures, please ensure that you give as much notice as possible and complete the [Leave of Absence Form](#) on the website, sending it to school for the attention of the Headteacher via office@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk or Bader Reception. Leave of absence will only be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances for the request. If a leave of absence is not applied for in advance, then the absence may automatically be recorded as unauthorised.

Our full [Attendance Policy](#) is available on the website.

School communications

You can keep in touch with what's taking place at the school via:

- [Weekly school bulletin](#) – a look at the week ahead and extra curricular clubs and activities. Published online every Monday.
- [Kespress](#) – school newsletter published every half term.
- [Website](#) – we regularly post news items on the homepage and letters home to parents (via the 'Quick links' section).
- Twitter – follow [@keslichfield](#).



Term dates 2017/2018

Please take care when booking holidays as 2017/2018 holiday dates sometimes begin and end mid-week

Autumn Term 2017

Training Day for staff: Monday 4 September & Tuesday 5 September

Term starts: Wednesday 6 September

Training Day for staff: Friday 20 October

Half Term: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Training Day for staff: Friday 1st December

Term ends: Tuesday 19 December

Holiday: Wednesday 20 December – Tuesday 2 January

Spring Term 2018

Term starts: Wednesday 3 January

Half Term: Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February

Term ends: Thursday 29 March

Holiday: Friday 30 March – Wednesday 11 April

Summer Term 2018

Term starts: Thursday 12 April

May Day: Monday 7 May

Half Term: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

Training Day for staff: Wednesday 27th June

Term ends: Friday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 23 July – Friday 31 August

News from around the school

Summer Festival

Following a successful Spring Concert, the Music Department is working with other departments across the school to showcase and celebrate students' achievements as part of our Summer Festival. The festival will be an opportunity for parents and visitors to see the work of students produced in the Art, Music, Drama and Technology departments, alongside performances especially arranged for the evening. Highlights are set to include a performance of key moments from the musical *Matilda*, an arts and sculpture trail, and readings from the Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate. In addition, Laura Wood, our Patron of Reading, will be reading and signing copies of her latest novel *Poppy Pym and The Smuggler's Secret* at the Literature Tent.

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Y12 students working at their summer festival art exhibition

Anti-bullying event

Thank you to those parents and students who came along to the Sixth Form's anti-bullying information evening. The anti-bullying ambassadors did a fantastic job communicating how the school works to prevent and deal with issues of bullying.

For anyone who was unable to attend, you can visit our [anti-bullying webpage](#), where you will find a link to the slides from the presentation plus lots more information related to anti-bullying at King Edward VI.

We were very grateful for the suggestions from parents as to how we can take forward the work in this important area. Please feel free to email antibullying@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk if you have any thoughts or ideas of how we can enhance our efforts to support students.

And remember, the first and most important step towards dealing with an issue of bullying is to tell someone. Speak to a member of

staff, one of our anti-bullying ambassadors, or use the email address antibullying@kingedwardvi-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk.



Anti-bullying ambassadors Laura, Amy, Jacob, Rosie and Maria

ICT

Congratulations to our Y13 Cambridge Technicals students who have successfully completed their Introductory Diploma. High praise from the OCR Moderator:

Congratulations to the learners and staff on completion of this qualification. It is clear you have all worked very hard and it was a pleasure to moderate the evidence. I particularly enjoyed the animations!

Well done to all.



Y11 students receive Asdan Personal Development Award certificates: Jack Saunders, Morgan Wheeler, Shipa Khanom, Josh Tranter and Tobi Farnsworth.

News from around the school

Young Enterprise

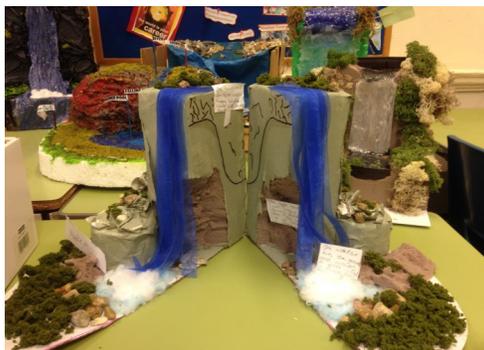
Our 2016 Young Enterprise team continue to go from strength to strength and have most recently been celebrating the news that their At Risk Disk is to be stocked by Halfords in its stores nationwide. The product, which uses a vehicle's redundant tax disc holder to contain important information about the driver to be accessed in an accident or emergency, saw the team reach the final stages of the Young Enterprise competition last year.



David Mayes from the Rotary with Tom Russell, Polly Turner, James Woolley—the club have supported the team throughout the competition

Well done to all the students involved on this latest achievement.

Dan Slater (1302) Tom Russell (1307)
Leah Evans (1306) Polly Turner (1307)
Kate Nicholas (1305) John Wint (1303)
James Woolley (1305)



Y7 have been making models of waterfalls for their most recent assessment.

Belgium Battlefields Trip *By Tayla Evans 9D2*

Belgium is a tranquil country which we have recently visited to enhance our knowledge and understanding of the battles of the First World War.

Whilst in Belgium we visited a number of different cemeteries of those who had died when serving in the war which was an upsetting experience. However it was also a chance to create a deeper connection with the individuality and courage of the soldiers who fought during WW1.

We were also privileged enough to be able to visit France where we went to the Thiepval Memorial which is a memorial to commemorate the missing soldiers of the Somme. The memorial holds 72,246 names of both British and Empire missing servicemen.

The Last Post Ceremony is a service that takes place every night at 8pm at the Menin Gate in Ypres where wreaths are laid and people can take the time to remember those who died for our tomorrow. Our group was able to attend this service and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We were also lucky enough to be allowed to write a message to show our respect. After a period of thinking and carefully picking our words we decided to write *live every day to its fullest for them*, which we personally felt was a very appropriate message and which we took pride in as we lay it down.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the teachers who made this trip possible, especially Mr Murray who organised it and for providing us with such an experience.



The Senior 5 unveil their new International Sporting Honours Board

News from around the school

MFL

Well done to Y12 French students for a successful exchange trip to Limoges over Easter. As well as visiting their exchange partner's school (which required a very early start for some!), there were also opportunities for cultural visits both with the group as well as with the host families. One participant was even taken by his host family to see the world famous prehistoric caves at Lascaux, a considerable distance away – all good practice for the heritage topic in the new A level syllabus! We welcome the French partners back here in July.



Martha Skerry (7A1) Becky Stanley (7G2) and Sammy Stanley (7A1), who will be appearing in Matilda the Musical at the Summer Festival.

School uniform guidance

We have included some updated photographs on the 'Uniform' section of our website. Many thanks to our models: Harrison Tyler (7C1), Arthur Needham (7A1), Zarin Poshpo (7A1) and Libby Murphy (7A1).



Skills for Life Card

Well done to 8G2 who won the Skills for Life Card – and who then went on to donate the prize to the Brain Donor Trust Charity. Not stopping there, the students subsequently organised a Charity Cake Sale in aid of Cancer Research & the Brain Tumour charity – a wonderful gesture from everybody for such a good cause.

Summer exams

With the summer examinations underway, don't forget to check our [website](#) for useful tips and advice on coping with exam stress.



Mrs Knight and her team provided the catering for the annual Lichfield Half Marathon in May

Sports Results

Rugby

The Y7 rugby team were victorious in the Staffordshire Schools Rugby Festival at Lichfield RFC at the end of April. They played 8 matches in total, winning all matches - and not conceding a single try. This finished off a very encouraging first season for the team, giving them plenty to build on over the coming years. Well done boys!



Athletics

The Athletics season has started with a bang! The Y8 boys and girls teams are standing in 1st place within the Cannock and District Athletics league after one meet. The Y9 boys and girls teams are also in 1st position after their first league meeting, as we await the results from the second league meet. The Y10 girls and boys teams competed superbly with some excellent individual performances from Charlotte Attridge (10C2 - high jump) Will Maloney (10C2 - high jump), Ellie Zanin (10A2 - long jump), Liv Edwards (10A2 - 800m), Ella Delderfield (10C1 - 1500m), Sian Edwards (10C1 - 1500m), Amy Williams (10G1 - shot), Beth Edwards (10A1 - long jump), Niamh Skerritt (10G1 - long jump), Annabelle Greaves (10D2 - 1500m), Sam Thombs (10A2 - 800m), Josh Moore (10A2 - javelin), Chris Buck (10C1 - long jump), Tom Hurcombe (10A1 - long jump) and Lewis Duval (10D1 - 1500m).

The Y7 Athletics team took part in their first meet and we are hopeful that they will also be in a good position leading into the final meet, as a number of individuals achieved a top 3 place. Results are still to be published so it is a nail biting wait! Well done to all our athletes who have competed so far.

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