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### Message from School

Time moves on and the changes in weather definitely make it feel like Autumn is here. Autumn is a fantastic season (when it's not raining), the colours are beautiful and can be a time for reflection at the start of a new school year: a chance to take stock of where we are and thinking about what we might like to do next.

We know that Year 6 students have a busy year ahead of them, but we have enjoyed welcoming them at our school Open Evening to think about what they would like to do next. Our students, particularly the Year 7 students who have only just joined us, were fantastic and a real credit to the school.

There is still time for students in school to think about what they may like to do next; trying a new club can be a great way to challenge yourself and meet new friends in school. Details of our clubs can be found below. We know that lots of students have enjoyed challenging themselves representing the school for one of our many sports teams. They have risen to the challenge with lots of victories, again, please see below for the details and follow the PE department on Twitter for up to date results.

### Extra-Curricular Activities



Please find attached the full list of extra-curricular activities taking place across the school. These have been placed on the website for future reference. Please [click here](#).

### Highlighted Clubs of the week:

Code Club has started and will run every Thursday. Budding computer programmers in Year 7 & Year 8 should come and join Mr Vyse in Room 22 from 12:45pm – 13:15pm

Italian Club, Thursday of Week 1 for Year 7 & Year 8 pupils at 12.35pm in Room 52. No need to have done Italian before, just come along to learn some basics of the language and learn about Italian Culture

History Club, Thursday lunchtimes in S13, and Chess Club Monday Lunchtimes.

### News from around the school

#### Open Evening

This was a busy evening as ever. We had some lovely comments about how friendly the school is. We know that it is a large site, but our student guides were experts at showing prospective students around and definitely have a good understanding of how the school fits together.

Here is Mr Hensley showing us how **not** to start a fire!



Thank you to all our amazing student volunteers. School was really busy but we had lots of families' take the time to stop and say how helpful you were.



Silver practice expeditions took place over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Students have developed navigation and teamwork skills and shown plenty of perseverance. It was also lovely to see students representing the school so well by being polite and friendly to people they met out walking. Well done to all 3 teams!

#### **A bumper edition of Sports news this week**

The first XV side played an excellent match and were victorious over John Taylor High School last week. It was also great to see the Year 7 team playing and winning their first game also, following on from the Year 8 and Year 9 rugby sides who were all winners in their games earlier in the week.



It was an amazing day of hockey with the U18 squad on Monday. 22 goals scored over three matches, with none conceded meant they were crowned Staffordshire County Champions! Well done girls, you all played so well and thoroughly deserve your victory. Next up: Midlands zone

Excellent netball results too! The Year 8 and Year 9 girls played at Wolverhampton Grammar School last week and played some outstanding netball.



Our 1st XV's cup victory vs Walton school. Well played, bring on the next round



Follow [PE](#) on twitter to keep up to date and thank you to our dedicated staff who support the students to be so involved.

### Car Parking



Can we please adhere to the parking restrictions on Borrowcop Lane near to Kingshill Road. Wheelchair users and parents with prams/buggies have difficulty getting past. You are also reminded that you are not permitted to drop your child on the school site (this includes the Sports Centre car park) at the start or the end of the school day unless agreed in advance with the school.

### PSHE



Students take part in PSHE lessons every fortnight with their form tutor. The lessons are designed to support students in managing their lives now and in the future. The next PSHE will take place on Monday 14 October. Students will be considering the following topics:

- Year 7 - Positive Relationships
- Year 8 - Mental Wellbeing
- Year 9 - Drugs and the Law
- Year 10 - Alcohol (risks)
- Year 11 - Voting Systems

Some students may find these topics sensitive and would appreciate being able to talk to parents about ideas that they have heard about in class.

### PTA News

We held our AGM on Thursday 19 September and said a 'farewell' and 'thank you' to Gina who had been our secretary for the association. This position is currently vacant; if anyone wishes to volunteer for this role please contact the PTA at [kingedwardspta@gmail.com](mailto:kingedwardspta@gmail.com). The key role is taking notes at meetings and sharing them with the group. There are four more meetings this year and others can step in to help if you can't make it. If you don't fancy that role but would like to be involved with the PTA, the next meeting is Monday 4 November at 7.00pm in Bader Bistro. Come along and see what events are planned for the next academic year.

Have you joined the PTA lottery yet? Visit the website [yourschoollottery](http://yourschoollottery) and search for King Edward VI School PTA. There is a weekly draw and a chance to win some cash whilst supporting the school in its fundraising.

Another easy way to support the PTA is to buy your online goods through the website [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising). Choose our school as the cause you want to support 'King Edward VI School Lichfield - Parent Teacher Association' then every time you buy goods online, go through the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising) website to find the retailer you require and when you buy your goods the retailer will give a donation to the PTA. Is it too early to mention Christmas? Plans are underway for the Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 29 November at school. More information will be publicised later this term, but if you would like to be involved in the organisation of this event or help on the night please email us at [kingedwardspta@gmail.com](mailto:kingedwardspta@gmail.com)

### World

### Squash

### Day

If you would like to take part and have a go at playing squash at the Sports Centre on Saturday 12 October or just simply watch the professional at play, either ask for details at Student Reception or submit your attendance slips there too.

### Key dates this term



Tue 8 October – School photographs for Years 7, 10 and 12 & Year 13 Parents Evening  
Thu 17 Oct - Dedication Day for Year 7 & Year 12 9.45 – 10.45 and Curriculum Enhancement day for all year groups- more information to follow

Thu 7 Nov - Year 12 Courses Evening (for Year 11 Students & Parents)  
Fri 15 Nov - Year 13 Presentation Evening (former Year 13 Students & Parents)  
Fri 29 Nov - Christmas Fair

Wed 4 Dec - Year 11 Presentation Evening (fomer Year 11 Students & Parents)  
Tue 10 Dec - Christmas Carol Service

**Letters to Parents**

Please click [here](#) to access all letters to parents this term.

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