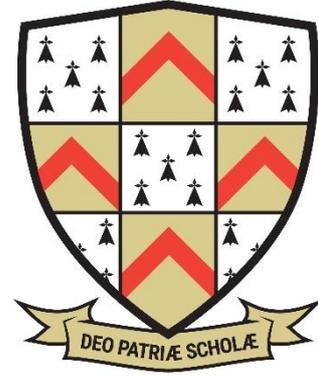


MEET THE TEAM



KING EDWARD VI
SCHOOL LICHFIELD

Headteacher



Welcome to King Edward VI School. We are all delighted that you are coming to join us in September and working hard to make sure that everything is ready for you. All we need you to do is arrive in September, ready to learn and willing to try new things.

Our school has a long history but we are also growing and developing our facilities. In the coming year you will see new buildings finished where you will have some of your Science and History lessons. You will also have access to lots of outdoor space for sports and social time.

I have worked at the school since 2008 and I have been the Headteacher since 2014. I am a Languages teacher, I speak Japanese and French and I love to travel. Being curious about the world around you offers so many great opportunities, the staff here are committed to ensuring that all our students can engage with their subjects but also develop life skills and explore new things.

You will see me at events, dropping in to lessons or in assemblies but also around the school on duty. Don't forget to say hello, we are proud to be a hardworking and very friendly school.

Achievement Leader

Welcome to King Edward VI School, Lichfield. My name is Miss Thomas and I am your Achievement Leader. Part of my role is to ensure you transition smoothly to secondary school. I hope, with the activities and videos that have been sent out, you feel a bit more ready and excited to join us in September. Once you start in Year 7 I will then guide you through the next two years. I will oversee the running of tutor time, track your progress, attendance, behaviour and achievements. Alongside this role, I also teach Geography and have been teaching here at KES for 11 years. I am passionate about my subject and love to share stories from my travels with my classes. I like to take walks in the countryside and eat lots of nice food when I'm not at school. I am also a keen skier and go on many of the school trips. I have two cats who are ace!

Secondary school is a lot different to primary school and it can be nerve wracking. We will do everything we can to help you settle and enjoy your time here. Top tips for secondary- be nice, be yourself, work hard, bounce back and all will be fine! Go for it!

Cherish those primary school memories. You've come to the end of a big milestone. But bigger things are to come! Have a great summer and I'll see you in September 😊



Assistant Achievement Leader



Hi my name is Mrs Ridgway and I have been teaching at King Edwards for almost 11 years and I am the assistant achievement leader for year 7.

I have been teaching for 20 years, I teach science, the best subject in the world, mostly Biology. I have one daughter, who is also a student at King Eddies and a Golden Retriever called Willow. I love to travel and I was meant to be travelling across four countries in Europe this summer, but I don't think I will get to go because of the pandemic. I love going to the cinema and going out for food with my family and friends. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in September as you start your very exciting journey at King Eddies.

My tip for making a success at Secondary school is to be super friendly, that way you will make lots of friends, and who doesn't like friends.

Assistant Headteacher- pastoral care

I'm Mr Goodhead and my role at King Edward VI School, Lichfield is pastoral support. I liaise with the achievement leaders and pastoral support team to ensure that all pupils are happy and supported in order to strive in the classroom. Your tutors play a key role in helping you feel happy and safe at school. They are the first person you should go to if you are feeling a little worried. We also have a pastoral support team in student support who you can also go to for support.

I also teach biology and a little bit of music. I enjoy running, cycling and music outside of school and have two young children who keep me busy at home.

Advice for September is to be ready, respectful and strive each day. If you keep to this code of conduct you won't go wrong. I look forward to meeting you all.



Senior leadership linked to Year 7



Hello Year 7. I'm Mr Shaw and I am an Assistant Headteacher who works with Miss Thomas to oversee the progress of Year 7. I've worked here at King Edward VI school, Lichfield for many years now and I also teach Sociology. I love the great outdoors and often go walking with friends and my dog McGregor!

This is a fabulous school you are joining and I know you are going to thrive here. Be kind and welcoming. First impressions count. Work hard in lessons and do what the teachers tell you. They are here to help you reach your full potential.

I'll see you in September.

Hello Year 7. I am very excited to be joining King Edward VI with you this September. In addition to my role as Deputy Headteacher, I also teach German and Business Studies and hope that I will get to teach some of you German. In my spare time, I like to go running (although I haven't done enough exercise lately) and enjoy taking Lincoln (my Cocker Spaniel puppy) on walks with my two children.

My tips would be

1. Make the most of opportunities and get involved, you might find that you have a skill or talent you haven't yet realised
2. Don't be afraid to ask
3. Take time to speak to students who didn't go to your primary school. This is a great time to make friends and support other students who might not know many people.

I hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you in September!



Inclusion Manager



Hello Year 7 and welcome to King Edwards, my Name is Mrs Tooth I am The Inclusion Manger and Deputy Safeguarding Lead here at school. You will find me and the Pastoral Support Assistants in the Student Support House.

I imagine you are going to have lots of different feelings over the Summer Holiday regarding starting your new school. I hope some of these are excitement, we want you to feel this is your school and you are very much part of it. There will be lots of opportunities to try new activities, to make new friends and to experience the next stage of your education. However, from talking to lots of students and my own experiences, it is totally normal to feel a little apprehensive, and have little worries. This is where it is essential you talk these over with someone you trust. We are here to listen to you and help you find ways of working through these issues. It could be as simple as a lost PE kit, or you don't know where you next class is. Sometimes it can be a friendship issues that you need help in resolving. We are a friendly school and want the very best experience for our students.

Student Support is open before school, Break time, Lunchtime and after school we will always listen. I am sure as you say goodbye to your Primary Schools there will be a few of you who feel a little sad. Again, this is normal but they have given you the foundations to build on when you start at King Edwards. I am sure you will enjoy some of the new found freedoms we can offer. Whether it's the canteens and delicious choices of food or it's the changing of classrooms for different lessons from Bunsen burners in Science to keyboards in Music. It will be different but I like to think whatever the changes you experience we maintain the safe, caring environment your smaller Primary schools had.

Have a wonderful summer whatever you do, enjoy it, keep safe, be kind on a daily basis, take some time to relax and laugh lots. I look forward to welcoming you all in September

Best Wishes,

Mrs Tooth

Pastoral Support Assistant Year 7

Hi, my name is Mr Turner and I work in Student Support at King Edward VI as the Pastoral Support Assistant for Year 7. I am very friendly, approachable and I will take the time to listen if there are any issues you need some help with or would like to talk about. This could be anything from worries about settling in, friendship issues or feeling sad or angry about something – I will always see if there's anything I, or another member of staff, can do to help. We work alongside outside services like mentors, school counsellors and other support agencies to give you the best chance at success here at King Edward VI Lichfield.

I am a huge fan of music so I love going to gigs and festivals and I spend a lot of time playing the guitar and ukulele. I first started playing the electric guitar when I was in Year 7 and it was really helpful to practice with other students because we all helped and taught each other new things in our guitar club. We have a great Music department at King Edward VI so if you already play an instrument or sing, or would like to start, then I think it's a brilliant time to get involved or learn something new.

Tips for starting:

- Be kind and be positive – every Year 7 will be completely new to the school and will share many of the same feelings as you. Being positive is a great way to make a good first impression and make new friends.
- Get involved! Join a club - whether you are into sport, drama, music or anything else, we have loads of opportunities for you to take part in things, meet new people and have fun becoming part of the school community.
- Don't keep your worries to yourself – if there is something on your mind, talk to a member of staff, your parents or your friends. We have really supportive staff and students who will be there to support and guide you.
- Write your name on your tie (and the rest of your uniform!) and don't lose it. Maybe you can be the most organised Year 7 ever?

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in September and wish you all the best of luck for the next stage of your school journey.



Student reception



Hello, we're Mrs Kirman and Mrs Smith- Jones. You will find us on Student Reception up in Bader. If you are lost or forgotten where you should be we will help you to get there. If you have hurt yourself or are poorly we will look after you. If you have forms to hand in then come see us. In fact, if you need anything at all in school come and see us in Student Reception.

Catering



Hi,

My name is Mrs Knight and I'm the catering manager here at King Edward VI school, Lichfield. I have had lots of experience with feeding lots of hungry children and there are three places where you can buy food at this school. If you want a cooked dinner then come to Bader Bistro. If you want snacks or take out food then come to Q-block canteen or the new take away hatch in Johnson. We use a biometric thumb print system here where parents preload money onto it for you to spend at school. Come and find me at Bader Bistro if ever you are struggling to find food- I will never let you go hungry!

Look forward to feeding you 😊

7A1 TUTOR- ROOM Q3

Hi I'm Mr Coombes.

I have been working at King Edwards for 12 years now and I teach maths (everyone's favourite subject). As you can see from my picture my family is a big part of my life. I am married to Mrs Coombes who also works at school and is the head of PE. We have two children Harry who is 3 and Alice who is 1 who very much keep us busy. As well as my family I am really into sport. I like playing most sports like football, golf and tennis but running is my main sport. I run for Lichfield running club and often compete in races throughout the year and have done London marathon three times. Other than sport I also play the guitar and do a little bit of magic which I am sure you will get chance to see.

If I had one bit of advice for being at secondary school it would be to speak to your teachers and never be afraid to ask. I love working at this school and I really look forward to meeting you and being your form tutor for next five years.

Have a great summer all.



7A2 TUTORS- ROOM 34

Hi 7A2!

I'm Mrs Watson, this will be my 9th year as an Art teacher here at King Eddies. I love teaching Art as it means I get to be creative and messy everyday (however, if you do see that I have graphite smudged over my face, please do tell me as it's not a cool look and my last form thought it was funny not to tell me!)! Alongside Mrs Comer I am also your head of house so I'm going to need you guys to sign up for lots of fun activities that take place throughout the next five years! Addison to win! I also run the school Cheerleading squad which is so much fun and we have even entered a couple of national cheerleading competitions, so if this is something you are interested in, please let me know :) When I am not in school, I am being kept on my toes by my four year old daughter. As a family we love cycling so there is a chance you may see me out and about on my bike- probably pedalling frantically after a small person!

I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September, you guys are lucky and have not one form tutor but two, both myself and Mrs Barnes will be on hand to help you settle in and answer any questions you may have.

Have a fantastic summer. Bye for now.
Mrs Watson



Hello 7A2, my name is Mrs Barnes.

I have been a Teacher of Art at King Edward's for the last 4 years. Being an art teacher is great because I get to teach you all about a subject which I love and like to do in my own time as a hobby. If I'm not spending my free time crafting and making things then I'll most likely be found walking my cocker spaniel called 'Luna' with my husband or in the garden. During Lockdown I've managed to grow lots of fruit and vegetables in my garden- everything from chilli peppers to strawberries.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September. I'm sure you're all feeling a mixture of nerves and excitement about joining the school. Mrs Watson and I will be sharing your tutor group so you will have the support of both of us while you settle into a new school and new routines.

Enjoy the summer and see you in September.

7C1 TUTOR- ROOM B1



Hi Everyone,

I'm Mr Willey and I'm really looking forward to being your tutor next year. I'm also the Head of Music at the school and you will be based in the Music block next year. Although I have taught at the school on and off for a few years, I'm pretty new in this teaching position and hopefully I can fill you in with all those useful tips for when you first arrive. We're a really friendly department and I'll be making sure that you all have a great start at King Edward VI. We focus a lot on community and looking out for each other – it can be difficult making such a big move but I will be there to help and support you.

As for me, I have two small girls (1 and 3 years old) who keep me very busy at home! I'm hugely passionate about all things to do with music – I like all types of music so I am always keen to hear about artists and bands that I haven't heard of before. Aside from music making, I'm keen on tech, building things and a range of sports.

My tips would be to come ready with any questions you may have – no question is too big, small or silly and we can chat through them together. When you arrive, make sure to explore all the school has to offer – there are so many opportunities to pursue what you enjoy doing. And finally, don't feel that you need to know everything all at once – take the pressure off and allow yourself to settle in.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and I think we're going to have a brilliant journey over the next few years. Let the adventures begin!

All the best,

Mr Willey

7C2 TUTOR- ROOM 37



Hi and welcome to our tutor group.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the beautiful weather we are currently having. I thought I'd introduce myself so that when we finally get to meet you will know a little more about me.

My name is Mrs Sheasby and I have worked here at King Edwards for the past 12 years. I am the lead teacher of Food Technology and therefore can usually be found in the Food rooms at the top of staircase 3. Like all Design teachers you may also find me in other areas of the school such as the Technology Block. I currently teach key stage 3 Food alongside GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition, A Level Product Design and A Level Health and Social Care and I really enjoy the variety that gives me.

Personally, I have been married for 10 years and I have 2 boys aged 14 and 17 and I also have a stepson who is 26 (that makes me feel old). I have a degree in Fashion and Textile Design and therefore in my spare time I like to design and make but I also love sport. I play netball 3 times a week and I also participate in the staff Yoga sessions here at school. Sport is definitely my stress release where I can forget about everything and enjoy spending time with my friends. I also love Music and regularly attend live music events and the odd festival too.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and whilst you may feel a little nervous about your first day, I can assure you, you have nothing to worry about. We are a very friendly bunch who are always here to help.

So, for now enjoy the summer, relax and I'll see you in September.

Best wishes

Mrs Sheasby 😊

7C3 TUTOR- ROOM 41



Hello, my name is Miss Howard and I will be your form tutor in September.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all then! So here is a bit of information about me: I am a languages teacher and teach French and German. I lived in France and Germany as part of my university course. This really was one of the most amazing experiences of my life! I wanted to become a teacher because I was inspired by some great teachers I had throughout school and university and want to share my passion for languages. In my free time I like to do lots of things, including cooking and baking, spending time with friends and family, reading, exercising and watching some of my favourite TV shows or films. I also love travelling and visiting new places. As some of you may recognise in my picture, this is me in Central Park in New York and New York is my absolute favourite place, which I have visited so far!

I know you may be feeling nervous about starting school in September, but remember there is lots to look forward to as well. There will be lots of new friends to make, members of the form to get to know and those in your classes as well, new teachers to meet, new or different subjects to study and getting to know your new school! Enjoy your summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

7D1 TUTOR- ROOM 1

Hello 7D1. I am Mr Greenhalgh, your Form Tutor. My main role at King Eddies is teaching English. I have worked here for nearly six years and really enjoy it.

My interests are riding my motorcycle, reading, watching films and walking my dogs (we have four who keep us very busy!)

Remember, you are joining a very friendly school in September so if you have any questions don't be afraid to ask – someone will always be there to help you.

See you soon and very best wishes. Have a great summer!



7D2 TUTORS- ROOM 52

MRS TAYLOR [VIDEO](#)

MR BOOKER [VIDEO](#)

7G1 TUTOR- ROOM 46

“My name is Mr. Rogers and I am really looking forward to welcoming you to King Edwards as 7G1’s Form Tutor.

When we do meet, we can do proper introductions then, but here’s a little information about myself so that you may have some idea of what your tutor is going to be like. I have been at King Edwards since January 1996, that’s a long time and I wouldn’t have stayed here so long, if I didn’t believe that it’s a great place to be, either as a teacher, or as a student. I am Head of Design & Technology and, over time, I will teach every one of you for this subject at some stage, and as your tutor I will be the one teacher you will see every day, as I will take your register. I very much enjoy being a form tutor and I have always done my best to support, encourage and look out for the students in my group. I want you to know that, as soon as you arrive at our school, you can ask me about anything you are not sure of, and I will always make time if you just want to chat and talk about ‘stuff’.

I hope you have a great summer and you are looking forward to joining our school as much as I am looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Take care and stay safe.



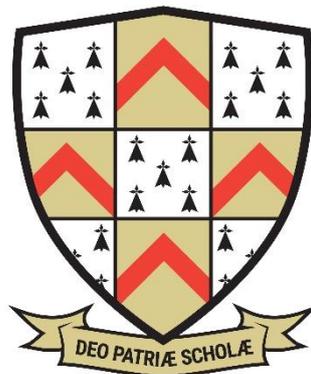
7G2 TUTOR- ROOM 27



Hello, my name is Miss Keith and I teach the subject of English. I'm new to King Edward VI School (just like yourselves) but don't worry, I'll still be able to tell you all of the important information that you'll need to know such as the timings of the school day and directions to your classes.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy hiking, reading, binge-watching tv shows on Netflix, listening to music and spending time with my friends and family. My favourite subjects when I was at school were English (obviously), science, art, history, drama, and French. I have a degree in English Literature and completed my dissertation (long essay) on one of my favourite authors: Charles Dickens. Interesting fact about me: when I was younger (around your age), I lived in Spain for 18 months where I attended a Spanish school and learnt the language. Have a think about an interesting fact about yourself which you would feel comfortable sharing with the rest of the group when we start back – I am keen to hear your answers.

I look forward to meeting you all soon 😊



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