



10th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Reminders and Rewards information

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter break and share with you some key information and reminders for when students return to school on Monday 28th April.

This term ended with a rewards assembly for every year group. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate successes with 596418 positive logs recorded for students by staff since September. Well done to all students who have been working hard again this term. Please see the message from our rewards team at the bottom of this letter.

School Uniform

The vast majority of our students arrive in school ready to learn, with a high standard of uniform and I would like to thank you for your support in this matter. We believe that wearing school uniform smartly demonstrates pride in one's appearance and the school; and sets the tone for a positive learning community built on personal responsibility and respect. 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 vision and values of Wellbeing, Collaboration and Aspiration.

When we return after Easter, students have the option to wear the blue school polo shirt instead of a white shirt and school tie. The polo shirts can be purchased from our normal suppliers as identified on the website. There is no requirement that the polo shirts be 'tucked in'.

Students who wish to continue wearing a white shirt must also continue to wear their school tie. Blazers should continue to be brought into school. During the winter, students have been permitted to wear a **plain black jumper** under their blazers. Please note that although this can continue to be the case on colder days, the jumper is not a replacement for the blazer and must only be worn in **addition** to a blazer.

School skirts should be worn no more than 5cms above the knee and they should not be deliberately rolled. Acrylic nails are also not permitted however students are permitted to wear gel/BIAB nails providing they are of a **short** length and a plain, neutral colour or French tip. Infringements of the uniform policy are logged on GO4Schools and following three logs, including a verbal warning from the member of staff logging the infringement will result in an After School Detention. Your support in checking GO4Schools and talking with your child about dressing smartly for school would be appreciated.

Mobile Phones

In line with our Code of Conduct – Ready, Respect, Strive and Department for Education guidance, if your child brings their mobile phone into school, they must be turned off and kept out of sight (in their school bag) between 8.50am-3.15pm. The guidance states that "Mobile phones are never used, seen or heard whilst at school." Students

must not have mobile phones in trouser or blazer pockets. Students are not permitted to use these to check the time or their timetable.

At King Edward VI School, as you are already aware, mobile phone usage during the school day is prohibited. If any student is seen with or using their mobile phone during the school day, they will receive a negative log on GO4Schools. If a student is seen on 3 occasions using their mobile phone or with their mobile phone in a trouser or blazer pocket, then an after school detention is issued. If parents need to contact their child during the school day they can do this via the school office.

Behaviour Curriculum

This academic year staff have delivered sessions during registration on various aspects of school life which are aimed to support our students with daily routines and values. We have covered topics such as kindness and selflessness and have also had KES news videos on litter and queuing - all of which have had great impact on embedding effective school routines. I would like to ask for your support with the topic of "Being Ready," by ensuring that all students arrive at school on time and with the correct equipment. A minority of students arrive to school without a pen and have not brought the correct books for the school day which can cause delays to lessons and learning.

We would like to thank you once again for your support in these matters, as it means that teachers can focus on teaching and learning, without the disruption which mobile phones can cause; this is vital for student success.



R Larkin

Assistant Headteacher

Message from the rewards team

We are delighted with the number of students achieving Rewards at the end of a busy Spring Term. We are printing the certificates for Gold and Platinum over the Easter break and students will receive these in the first week back – well done to everyone! On Thursday, students with Ruby will be collecting their cakes from the canteen. On Friday those with Sapphire will be enjoying a non-uniform day or settling down to watch a movie in the afternoon. Those with Ruby who have chosen Skip the Queue passes will be given allocated weeks to use them following the holidays.

Well done to all of you!

Mr Larkin, Mrs Russell and Mrs Baker