



13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Key Reminders – End of Term, Rewards and Expectations**

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a very busy but productive and exciting few weeks in school. Before the end of term, we felt it important to share some key reminders about our end of term arrangements, the rewards system in school, and our school expectations of students.

#### **End of term arrangements**

The last day of term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Students will attend lessons 1-3 in the morning, and then have half an hour with their form tutor from 12:30pm – 1:00pm. Students should bring their usual equipment to school on this day. At 1:00pm students will be dismissed from the school site for the Christmas break.

#### **Student rewards** –Mrs Russell and Mrs Baker (Lead Teachers for Relationships, Rewards and Student Leadership)

As we approach the end of the school year, staff are working hard behind the scenes ensuring that the effort and commitment shown by our students is recognised. Gold and Platinum awards are currently being awarded on GO 4 Schools for the whole school community (Years 7 to 13.) You can view these awards on GO 4 Schools at any point. A congratulatory email will also be sent to the parents/carers of all students who have achieved one or more of these awards.

Two students in each tutor group have also been nominated for individual Achievement Leader prizes, which are not directly linked to the points system. Certificates and small prizes for this will be distributed this week and next.

In addition to this, students in Years 7 and 8 achieving over 200 points and students in Years 9-11 achieving over 175 points by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be entered into the Topaz Award prize draw. Two students in each year group will then win a voucher which will be presented to them during registration.

Some exceptional students may also hit the target this term for a Ruby award (500 points in Years 7-8, 400 in Years 9-11). They will be able to choose either a treat from the canteen, or a week's 'Skip the Queue' pass.

Please do have a look at your child's points total and congratulate them if they have achieved any of these milestones. If they aren't there yet, rest assured that the points continue to accumulate, so they may reach one or more of these milestones next term.

For those who have already met these targets, we have Sapphire (Non-uniform day/Movie afternoon) and Diamond (Certificate/Activity in school/Gift voucher) still to aim for as we go through the year.

#### **School Uniform expectation reminders** – Mr Larkin (Assistant Headteacher)

At King Edward VI School, we pride ourselves on our high-quality teaching, learning and inclusivity and 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 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 receive key messages from myself, and their tutors and we reward those who consistently get their uniform right. We need this to continue in the New Year.

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 January we would like to see every student “ready” with the correct uniform and we therefore ask for your support in ensuring your child/children adhere to our high standards of uniform. This includes wearing a school blazer; wearing trousers, or a school skirt with the badge; and wearing plain black leather shoes. Details of the school uniform can be found on the school website.

**Mobile Phones – students in Years 7-11** – Mr Larkin (Assistant Headteacher)

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. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported this. Any student who chooses to use their mobile phone during the school day will receive a negative log on GO 4 Schools. 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 phone 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.

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend. Next Friday we will be sending out our final newsletter of 2024. It is set to be a jumbo issue and we hope that you enjoy reading about all the successes and activities of the last few weeks.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs L Hurn, Deputy Head Teacher

King Edward VI School