



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first term of the 2025–2026 academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a pleasure to see our students working so positively, and we hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved and restful break.

We have really enjoyed working with the Sixth Form over the Autumn term. It has been great to see Year 12 settling well into their studies and working with younger students through House events and clubs. Both Year 12 and 13 students were excellent ambassadors for the school at our recent Sixth Form Open Evening, with visitors praising their approachability and warm welcome. We have recently received applications for our Prefect team in Year 12, and we look forward to working with them. This opportunity will allow them to become wellbeing ambassadors, receive safeguarding training and develop leadership and communication skills. We also congratulate the rugby team and the netball team on their successes, both becoming County Champions.

It has been a particularly busy term for Year 13 as they consider their Post 18 options. Many students have already received conditional offers for university courses, as well as students progressing through the application processes for apprenticeships and the services. Year 13 will be off timetable for their trial examination week starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. This will provide students with the opportunity to experience a formal exam setting for a second time before their exams in the Summer, as well as providing them with important feedback on their progress. We wish Year 13 the very best with their trial examinations.

On Friday, we will share the latest edition of our newsletter, highlighting some of the wonderful things our students have been involved in and celebrating some recent achievements. A reminder that school closes for the Christmas break at 1.00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will have a slightly extended break in school to give students the opportunity to purchase food from our canteen during break. Before we finish for the holiday, we would like to share a few important reminders ahead of the new term.

### **School Site Safety**

We are aware that some parents and carers are using the Sports Centre car park to drop off and collect students. Kingshill Road is shared with Saxon Hill School, all students for Saxon Hill School arrive in personal transport, and additional traffic poses a significant safety risk for our students and staff. This is particularly the case when additional traffic leaves the school site in the mornings having dropped students on site.

Unless you have a pre-arranged meeting with a member of staff—or have been asked to collect your child due to illness or a medical appointment—the school car park must not be used during the school day. To ensure safety, the site is closed to parents and carers between 8.15am and 3.45pm. We will be monitoring this closely and may speak with families who continue to drive onto the site. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us to keep our whole school community safe.

### **Uniform**

As part of the “Ready” element of our Code of Conduct, all students are expected to wear full, correct uniform. Wearing the uniform with pride reflects our shared values of respect, responsibility, and community. Sixth form students must wear their lanyard at all times whilst on site to support our safeguarding arrangements in school.

## Mobile Phones

In line with government guidance, we prohibit the use of mobile phones during the school day. Sixth formers may use their mobiles in the Sixth form common room but shouldn't be using it around the school site. Around the school site and in lessons, it must be switched off and kept out of sight in their bag—not in blazer or trouser pockets—between 8.45am and 3.15pm. Smartwatches may be worn but must not be connected to mobile phones. Checking messages or notifications will be treated the same as mobile phone use.

Thank you once again for your support this term. We wish all our families a restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5th January at 8.45am.

Yours sincerely,

The King Edward VI School Leadership Team