



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, LICHFIELD

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a fantastic year, with over 50 educational visits, numerous rewards events, a successful Summer Festival, and outstanding sporting achievements. We would like to congratulate all of our students for their hard work, commitment, and accomplishments throughout the year.

A reminder that on **Friday 17 July 2026**, students will finish school at **12:30 pm**.

Please also note that **Tuesday 1 September** and **Wednesday 2 September 2026** are staff training days, and students are not required to attend school on these dates. The new academic year will begin for students on **Thursday 3 September 2026**, and further details can be found below.

A message from Miss Thomas

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 8 students on everything they have achieved. It has been a year filled with learning, challenge, resilience and memorable experiences, and every student should be proud of the progress they have made.

Throughout the year, Year 8 have embraced a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. From engaging lessons and creative projects to educational trips and enrichment activities, students have demonstrated curiosity, enthusiasm and a willingness to challenge themselves. Our curriculum has encouraged them to think critically, work collaboratively and develop the confidence to take on new experiences.

One of the highlights of the year has been our educational visit to the Space Centre and the Black Country Museum, which have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. Students represented the school with maturity, respect and excellent behaviour. These trips have created lasting memories while helping students develop independence, teamwork and resilience.

Sport has once again played an important role in school life. Our Year 8 students have participated in a wide range of fixtures, tournaments and competitions across the year, demonstrating determination, sportsmanship and commitment. Whether representing the school in football, netball, rugby, hockey, athletics, cricket, rounders or other sports, every student who took part should be proud of their contribution. A special mention to the Year 8 Netball team and Girls Football team for their victories. We are grateful to the staff who have supported these opportunities

and to the families who have encouraged students throughout the year.

Beyond sport, many students have excelled in music, drama, art, STEM activities, clubs and leadership opportunities. At the Summer Festival, it was wonderful to see so many students pursuing their interests, developing new talents and contributing positively to our school community.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, communication and partnership with the school play a vital role in helping our students thrive, and we greatly appreciate everything you do.

As students prepare to move into Year 9, we encourage them to enjoy a well-earned summer break, spend time with family and friends, read regularly and return in September refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead. Year 9 marks the beginning of an important stage in their school journey where they will be set for more subjects and pick their GCSE options in the New Year. Furthermore, there will be more opportunity for extracurricular activities, including Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and three international trips! We are confident they will continue to grow academically, socially and personally.

On behalf of the Year 8 tutor team, we wish all our Year 8 students and their families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Student Induction Day

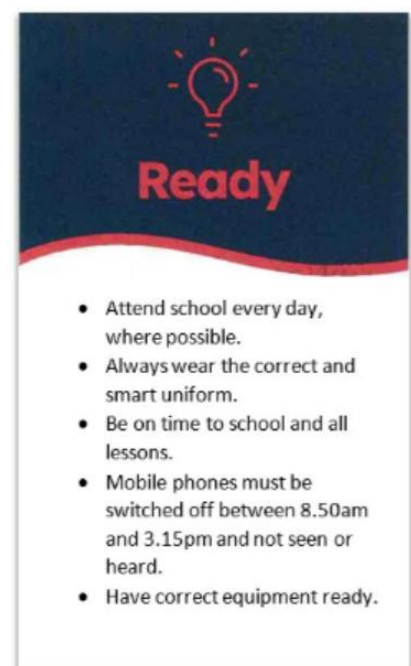
All students will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** for an induction day. Each year group will have a bespoke set of activities tailored to their particular needs. The induction day will focus on developing the key skills that students in each year group will require in order to be successful in their forthcoming year of studies.

To provide our new Year 7 students with a less congested start and finish to their first day in school, we will be staggering the timetable for other year groups. Students must go to Bader Dining Room if they arrive early or need to wait for transport at the end of the day.

Here are the timings of the day (more detailed information will be sent out to students via Satchel One):

YEAR GROUP	START	FINISH
YEAR 7	08:50	15:15
YEAR 8	09:10	14:45
YEAR 9	09:40	14:45

YEAR 10	10:10	14:15
YEAR 11	10:10	14:15
YEAR 12	08:50	15:15
YEAR 13	09:40	12:30



One of our key areas of the code of conduct is “Ready.” Please take the time to read through the following advice so that students are “Ready” for the new term.

Mobile phones

We would like to thank you for your support with mobile phones and ensuring that all students have these turned off and placed in their school bag. This follows government guidance and students have had multiple reminders about where to switch phones off before entering the school site. **From 8.45am – 3.15pm phones should not be seen or heard and must be turned off and kept in bags, not pockets or blazers.** Students are not therefore permitted to use their phone to look at their timetable or to find out the time. We advise that students keep a copy of their timetable in their planner or bag and that they wear an inexpensive wristwatch to school. Students who break this rule will have their phone confiscated, a detention set, and parents/carers will need to collect this from main reception. Once again thank you for your support with this.

Uniform

To assist parents and carers in ensuring students have the correct uniform for September, please view our guidance on the school website [Uniform - King Edward VI](#). We would ask all parents and carers to check that items of uniform are in line with our expectations for uniform. Please pay particular attention to the guidelines regarding skirts, trousers and footwear, to ensure that your purchases meet the criteria set by the school.

Equipment

As part of our commitment to ensuring the highest standards, each student should have a pencil case containing basic equipment to support their learning and examinations. The school information pack and posters in classrooms state that all students should have at least:

- Two pens
- A green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Mathematical equipment e.g. Scientific Calculator – the advised model is Casio Classwizz

Desirable items include:

- Eraser and sharpener
- Small school safety scissors

ParentPay

Before the summer break, please take a moment to check your ParentPay account and, where possible, add credit ready for the start of the new academic year. This helps us to ensure that payments for school meals, can be processed smoothly from the first day of term.

We wish all of our families a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Thomas
Achievement Leader



Mr Larkin
Assistant Headteacher Community



Miss Hinz
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