



**KING EDWARD VI
NORTHFIELD
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Educational excellence for our City

Year 9 Books



Our Prospectus

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Headteacher's Welcome

King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls is a wonderful place to work and to study.

We have three aims for all the pupils who are part of our school – that they are happy, that they feel safe and that they are able to fulfil their academic potential.

We believe in nurturing our pupil's talents and supporting their ambitions. In order to do this effectively we ensure a calm and purposeful environment in our classrooms and around our school.

These foundations have seen our school develop an extraordinary offer of over fifty different clubs and societies taking place after school and on Saturdays. These opportunities range from Fencing to Mandarin, Medical Ethics to Football. This illustrates the fantastic commitment of our staff and our pupils (with over 700 attending clubs each week).

As a King Edward VI school, we have a strong focus on educational outcomes and a broad, ambitious curriculum. The percentage of grade 7-9 GCSEs attained by our leavers continues to increase year on year, and has grown by over 50% since 2019. A growing number of our leavers go on to study at top universities, supported in this ambition through our innovative Aspire Society. We are also privileged in that a number of our ex-pupils return to the school after their post graduate studies to teach here.

It is an exciting time for our school, as we take full advantage of our state-of-the-art building and of being part of the King Edward VI family of schools. Our Sports England-sized Sports Hall, Dance Studio and specialist rooms for Art, Music, Science and Computing mean that our staff can deliver wonderful lessons. Our work with colleagues across the King Edward VI Foundation, means we receive the expert advice, training, support and skills to do so.

It remains a privilege to be Headteacher of our wonderful small school. Please call on 0121 464 8346 to meet with me and to tour our school.



Neil Jones
Headteacher





Great Teaching and Learning

Our teachers are committed, highly motivated and talented classroom practitioners. Pupils who attend our school benefit from specialist teaching by professionally qualified staff.

Many of our teachers are graduates from the Outstanding Teacher Programme, and all benefit from great staff training. We take great pride in the fact that all our teachers are subject specialists. This means that our teachers are able to design a rich and knowledgeable curriculum that stretches and challenges all.

Our teachers and support staff are a wonderful team of dedicated professionals who put the success and happiness of the pupils at our school at the heart of everything they do.





‘Relationships across the school are strong and founded on respect.’

Ofsted

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Pastoral Care

Introducing Freya Whiteley

Because we understand that to be confident and successful you first need to feel happy, we devote a great deal of energy into making sure our new Year 7s feel at home, and that their parents don't feel that sudden loss of connection that often comes with the transition to secondary school.

Our Head of Transition is also the Head of Year 7, which helps to enable a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. The Head of Year 7 will always be on hand to support the pupils as they settle in. They will constantly talk to staff, identifying pupils who are feeling the shock of the change of school and they will keep parents informed of any minor incidents whilst being a friendly face for parents to raise any anxieties they may have about their child's friendships or school work. Most of all the Head of Year 7 will take time to talk to the pupils, to reassure and encourage, to help them overcome the uncertainties and celebrate the small successes.

We have a specialist team of Year 7 form tutors, who strive to get to know every pupil in their form. Parents often comment on how much they welcome the chance to chat with their child's form teacher at the Support Your Daughter Evening, early in their daughter's time in our school. Pastoral support at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls plays a huge part in the success of our pupils. From the mentoring and support offered by our expert Learning Mentors, through to the high standards of behaviour actively encouraged by the Heads of Year.

We do not tolerate bullying and encourage our pupils to take on a full part in helping each other and the school. Our Year 11 PALS are always on hand to help our Year 7s find their way, build new friendships and to be a friendly face. Some pupils become 'peer mediators' helping younger pupils resolve fall-outs.





Academic Success

Pupils at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls achieve fantastic results in their GCSEs. In 2023 the percentage of pupils who achieved a Grade 7 or higher (equivalent to the old 'A' grade) increased by almost 50% since the pandemic. The number of pupils who achieved the very top grade, a Grade 9, has also significantly increased from before the pandemic.

The number of students securing higher grades, 5+ was also remarkable. Across a wide range of subjects, pupils achieved excellent results, with over 60% achieving 5+ in RE, 50% in English, 50% in Computer Science and 56% in Art and Design.

Our broad curriculum, which allows students to follow practical qualifications, has also allowed many students to secure a career path into public services with extremely high pass and distinction rates in all of our BTEC courses notably Health and Social Care, Dance and Sport.

A particularly pleasing outcome of 2024's exams was the number of students who achieved the very highest grades, 8s and 9s, notably in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Placing these talented and hard-working students amongst the best and brightest in the country.

Incredible Student Progress

As well as achieving a great set of qualifications, we believe that pupils need the chance to discover their strengths and passions.

Therefore, we believe in a broad and balanced curriculum, rather than an 'exam factory'. The confidence and belief that some children find in Dance, Athletics or Art is not a distraction from Maths and English - it enables success in these core areas.



'Pupils are courteous, polite and helpful.'

Ofsted





Extra Curricular

Our list of clubs and enrichment activities is a remarkable testament to the enthusiasm of our students and the commitment of our staff. We regularly have over 50 extra curricular clubs running each week with attendance to these clubs regularly over 700 per week. Clubs include:

- Science Club
- Technology Club
- Languages and Culture Club (Italian, Spanish and German)
- Chess Club
- Cookery Club
- Food Science and Food Styling Club
- Photography Club
- Globetrotters Club
- Singing Club
- Mandarin Club
- NSG Newspaper Club
- Musical Theatre Club
- Rock and Pop Academy
- Orchestra Club
- Book Club
- Maths Puzzlers
- Keyboard and Performance
- Music Theory Club
- Band Club
- Art Club
- Aspire Club
- Netball Club
- Football Club
- Trampolining Club
- Dance Club
- Badminton Club
- Pound Club
- Fitness Club
- Squash Club
- Fencing Club
- Boxing Club
- Gymnastics Club
- Rounders Club

- Tennis Club
- Yoga Club
- Debating Club
- Drama Club
- Crotchet Club
- Dungeons and Dragons Club

Every afternoon we run a supervised Homework Club until 5.00pm (4.30pm on Friday), providing a safe space for pupils whose parents are at work as well as a supportive environment for those challenging homeworks!

Saturday Morning Clubs

On Saturday mornings we run a variety of clubs including Drama and Sports offering our pupils a healthy, active and social way to kick off their weekend!

All clubs, whether after school or on the weekend are free for all pupils. This incredible range of opportunities means our young people will develop as rounded individuals with a broad range of interests. It is a testament to the dedication of our staff that we are able to offer such a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, far more than schools which are twice as large as our school.

The Importance of Educational Trips

Every single pupil at our school will go on two or three educational visits to theatres, museums, art galleries and historical sites, fully funded by the school each year. This will ensure that no child misses out on crucial opportunities for enrichment. These visits include Art Galleries, Museums, the London sights and other activities across the country.

In addition to these 11 core educational visits, our pupils will enjoy a range of additional trips and opportunities from residential visits to France and Germany to college and university taster days. We will also be taking our first group of pupils on a skiing trip, during February half term. Our approach to educational visits mirrors our ethos – we believe that every pupil should enjoy their time at school and be able to take advantage of all the opportunities we can provide.

In addition to these educational visits, any Year 7s who arrive at our school without a reasonable competency in swimming are taken for a weekly swimming lesson.

Supporting the needs of all our pupils

The Special Educational Needs Department works exceptionally hard to make sure all of our pupils are able to access their learning and find success in their studies.

We do this through building close relationships with pupils and their parents, making sure that parents feel part of their child's journey through school. Our team of Teaching Assistants combine experience with enthusiasm, with expertise ranging across a wide range of needs. Please contact our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Marie Campbell, via the school office, to have a tour of our facilities and to meet the team.

The most academically able pupils are pushed to succeed in all aspects of school life. We have a strong record of success in achieving the highest grades across a wide range of subject areas. This is in part down to excellent and inspirational teaching but also testimony to the work ethic fostered from year 7 onwards.

These young pupils will be further supported through the Aspire Club and a dedicated member of staff. The Aspire Club includes visits from leading academics, masterclasses by the very best teachers within the King Edward VI Schools and visits to top universities in the school holidays.





Uniform

Our uniform is smart, practical and affordable, comprising of:

- Black blazer with school badge
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black knee length skirt or school trousers
- Sensible flat black shoes
- Plain white or black socks or plain black or natural tights
- A PE uniform comprising of black polo shirt with school badge and black leggings, joggers or shorts

Our uniform is available to purchase from local stockists at very competitive prices*. Parents have the freedom to buy school uniform from other outlets. We also keep a stock of second hand uniform in good condition please contact the school (0121 464 8346), if financial issues mean you require confidential assistance.

Admissions, Open Evening, School Visits

We follow the Birmingham Local Authority guidance on admissions.

For your child to join our school at the start of Year 7, please indicate a preference for our school on the Local Authority form (return by 1st October). For in-year admissions (if you have moved into the area or have other reasons for seeking a change of school for your child), please call Admissions (0121 464 8346) or collect a form from our reception.

Visit our website for open evening details: <https://nsg.kevibham.org>. We welcome visits during the school day - so you can see our school in action. Please call 0121 464 8346 to arrange a tour with the Headteacher, Neil Jones or the Head of Year 7, Freya Whiteley.

* Pre-loved school uniform is also available from Rubery Swap Shop.





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