



KING EDWARD VI NORTHFIELD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I write with a number of updates and requests:

Young Carers

We believe that no barriers should exist between our pupils and their education. We are keen to understand the needs of young carers and how to support them to achieve their full potential. A young carer is a person under 25 who helps take care of a family member with an illness, disability, and/or addiction. Young carers carry out various daily tasks to support this person. These could include but are not limited to:

- Practical tasks – such as cooking, housework, shopping
- Physical care – such as lifting, helping up the stairs, physiotherapy
- Personal care – such as dressing, washing, helping someone go to the toilet
- Emotional support – such as listening, calming someone, being there for someone
- Household management – such as paying the bills, managing finances, collecting benefits
- Looking after siblings – such as putting to bed and walking to school
- Interpreting for parents – with hearing or speech impediments or language barriers
- Administering medication – such as insulin needles and preparing tablets

We are already aware of a number of young people within our school who are identified young carers but would encourage all families that this may apply to, to please contact school to talk through possible support both in school and externally. Please contact Mrs Colvin-Grieve at I.colvin-grieve@nsg.kevibham.org as a first step or if you have any questions.

Attendance Rewards This Week

After a brilliant start to the year, attendance has been a bit lower as cold and flu season arrived a bit earlier than usual. This week we will be rewarding all pupils who attend every day with a free milkshake or hot chocolate on Friday, 24th October 2025. As we know, attendance is crucial to pupils feeling settled and happy in school.

Homework

We know how important homework is to our pupils, we are also aware that keeping you informed about homework is vital for you when supporting your child. Please find attached a homework newsletter (one for year 7 and another for years 8-11) that outlines some useful information about homework at King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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Clubs

Extra-curricular attendance has been pleasing this half term. Over the break, please speak with your child to plan which clubs they would like to try and encourage them to try something new with a friend next half term.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 pupils have received their work experience assembly and should have bought home their parental consent form (attached) The deadline for returns of the consent form is Monday, 8th December 2025. Work experience week will be from Monday 13th July- Friday 17th July 2026. All pupils are expected to seek a placement themselves between now and March and if they need help they can ask our careers advisor (Mrs Miles) to help them. Can I please take this opportunity to ask if you work for a company (or have your own company) and are willing to accept students on a work placement, please email: s.miles@nsg.kevibham.org.

Year 11 Revision

In order to further support Year 11 pupils in their independent revision at home we provided your child with a full set of revision guides a few weeks ago. Each pupil was given a total of 8 books for them to use at home for the revision period, each guide is the pupils' own responsibility.

These books are not expected to be paid for as the school has purchased them (at quite a financial cost), but we do expect your child to look after them. All revision guides will be expected to be returned on a "clearance day" after the exams- we will let them know this date in due course. We do hope that providing a revision guide for each subject will not only help you in the financial cost of supporting your child during the exam period but also help support mock and GCSE exam success by enabling students to have the correct resources to revise at home.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Jones'.

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher