



KING EDWARD VI NORTHFIELD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I prepare to join King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls as Headteacher this September.

Although many of us have not yet met, I have already had the privilege of visiting the school on several occasions over recent weeks. During those visits I have met pupils, staff and some parents and carers. Every conversation has reinforced why I was so delighted to accept this role. There is a genuine warmth within this community, a real pride in the school and a shared ambition for every young person to succeed.

Before I look ahead, I would like to thank Mr Neil Jones for his dedicated leadership of Northfield School for Girls. He has served this community with commitment, integrity and care over many years, and I know he will continue to make an important contribution to education through his new role supporting schools across South Birmingham. I wish him every success and thank him for everything he has given to the Northfield community.

As I step into the role of Headteacher at Northfield School for Girls, I do so with enormous respect for everything that has already been achieved. My role is not to change what makes Northfield School for Girls special, but to build upon its many strengths.

I have worked in education for over sixteen years, beginning my career as an English teacher before moving into senior leadership. Most recently I have been Senior Deputy Headteacher at a large Girls' Secondary School in South London and, alongside this, Chair of Governors at a Primary School.

Throughout my career, one belief has remained constant: every child deserves an excellent education, regardless of their background or starting point. For me, the strongest schools are those where young people feel they belong, are challenged to achieve their very best and know they are genuinely cared for. Those simple principles will guide my leadership at Northfield School for Girls and the partnerships we build together with pupils, staff and families.

Whether your child is joining us for the first time in Year 7 or returning for another year, I look forward to welcoming them in September.

Please find some key information regarding the start of term below:

Start Dates

The school opens to Year 7 and Year 11 on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Year 7 need to be in school by 8.45am (the school gates will be open from 7.50am). Year 11 will need to be in school by 9.15am, they are welcome to arrive anytime from 7.50am as well.

All other pupils start on **Thursday 3rd September**. **Year 8 to arrive at 8.50am** and straight into Main Hall. **Year 9 to arrive at 9.10am** and straight into Main Hall. **Year 10 to arrive at 9.30am** and straight into Main Hall.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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Years 7 and 11 to arrive by 8.40am on Thursday, 3rd September for an 8.45am prompt start in their form rooms.

Arrangements for Year 7

Mrs Colvin-Grieve will be setting a range of activities to aid transition into our school during your child's first few days. Some of these will focus on developing an understanding of our school routines and expectations and others will support developing relationships with your child's Form Tutor and peer group.

Miss Whiteley, Head of Year 7 and her Form Tutor team will meet all the pupils in the main hall at 8.45am on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026.

For the first three weeks, Year 7s will be having a slightly earlier break and lunch to allow your child to adjust to a new system. Year 7s will leave school at a slightly earlier time of 3.10pm.

You will have received a link for Arbor by Wednesday, 15th July to sign up to access your child's lunch account, record and receive school notifications. In the first week of September, you will receive a ClassCharts set up email to allow to track your child's progress and behaviour.

School Photographers in School

Please note on Wednesday, 2nd September, Year 7 and 11 will have their school photographs taken. The School Photographers will be in school on Tuesday, 8th September for all other year groups.

Attendance

Every day in school matters. Excellent attendance gives pupils the best opportunity to learn, develop friendships and fulfil their potential. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so, arrives punctually and is ready to learn from the first lesson.

Uniform

Our uniform represents pride, belonging and equality. We ask that all pupils return in September wearing the correct school uniform every day and taking pride in their appearance. This includes wearing the correct length skirt and adhering to all aspects of the School's Uniform Policy found here: [KEVI-NSG-School-Uniform-Policy-June-2026-2.pdf](#)

Pupils who arrive at school not wearing the correct uniform will be expected to rectify this. Where this is not possible, parents and carers will be contacted and pupils may be sent home to change before returning to school. Your support in ensuring your child leaves home correctly dressed each morning is greatly appreciated.

If your family requires support with purchasing uniform, please do contact the school. We are always happy to help where we can.



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Mobile Phones

We are committed to creating calm, purposeful classrooms where every pupil can learn without distraction. As many of you will have seen, there has been significant national attention on reducing the use of mobile phones in schools, with clearer expectations being introduced to support learning, behaviour and wellbeing. Northfield School for Girls fully supports this direction.

Our expectation is simple. Mobile phones should be switched off as pupils enter the school gates and remain switched off and out of sight throughout the school day. They should only be switched back on once students have left the school site at the end of the day.

By removing unnecessary distractions, we create more opportunities for pupils to focus, participate fully in lessons, build positive relationships and make the most of every aspect of school life.

Ready to Learn

Being prepared is an important part of being successful. Pupils should arrive each day fully equipped for learning, including their planner, exercise books and the equipment they need for lessons. Developing habits of organisation, responsibility and pride in learning will support them throughout their education and beyond. As in previous years, form tutors will be checking this every morning and providing equipment free of charge if required.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. Every conversation I have had with pupils, parents, carers and staff has strengthened my belief that Northfield School for Girls is a very special place.

It is a privilege to be joining this community and I look forward to working with you to ensure every young person flourishes. Schools are strongest when staff, families and pupils work together, and I am excited for the journey ahead.

I wish you and your families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Milena Collins
Incoming Headteacher
King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls