



King Edward's  
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# YOUR NOVEMBER NEWS

Welcome to your latest round up of news and events from King Edward's, Witley after a very busy first half term. We've had a great start to the year, introducing many new girls and boys to the opportunities offered at our school, and we also welcomed Simon Fitch as Head of Marketing, Admissions and Communications. Simon will work with Justin Benson, our Registrar and our admissions team to ensure we offer the best service possible to you and your families.

Simon comes to King Edward's with a range of senior experiences at school, pathway and university level. Whilst he's new in this position, Simon is no stranger to King Edward's. His two sons are at his school, as his is wife, Mrs Fitch, who is our Head of Girls' Games and Hockey. Simon explained 'my first engagement with King Edward's was six years ago, shortly after our Head, Mrs Wright's appointment. I am very glad we chose the school for Oliver, now in our upper 6th form, who has had a brilliant experience inside and outside the classroom here. My wife Fiona followed, and then my youngest son, Alexander, who is greatly enjoying his life in our 2nd form. When this role became available, it was too good an opportunity to miss. I'm enjoying my new life in Witley, and look forward to welcoming many of you to our school'.



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# LIFE AT KING EDWARD'S

Our supportive and sociable houses are at the centre of school life and of our students' wellbeing, integrating our boarding and day communities. They provide space to relax, study and discover an annual programme of activities. Our students have many opportunities to play a leadership role in their houses, working with our house parents and their experienced teams to design and deliver a full range of house activities and trips, and to feature in our wide-ranging and keenly contested inter-house activities and competitions.

Our Upper Sixth students have transitioned to our dedicated Jubilee House, designed as a stepping stone to the independent experiences they'll enjoy after leaving King Edward's. Jubilee House is built around shared work spaces, with en-suite boarding facilities and spaces where our senior students develop life skills, including a teaching kitchen, several laundries, and a presentation area. These are in addition to social spaces, a games area and a garden, to take advantage of during their unforgettable final year at King Edward's.

This term has been extremely busy for our boarding students, with extensive activities opportunities and competitions between houses. Just before the half term break, Edward and Tudor houses brought home a clean sweep of prizes after a brilliant house music competition, before many of our students visited Jersey and Dubai on two of the many UK and international trips organised during the academic year.



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# OUR CLASS OF 2024

Once again most of our students transitioned to Russell Group Universities, including Cambridge, Imperial College, UCL and LSE after taking their academic qualifications, which now include BTEC and level 3 courses in sport, music and technology, as well as our A level programmes. We are proud of our students' diverse aspirations, and their onward journeys from our school reflect their ambition. They benefit from extensive 1:1 higher education and careers support and guidance at school as they navigate their aspirations, whether that involves applying to a selective UK or, increasingly, an international university, planning a gap year or moving directly to employment.



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# OUR CLASS OF 2024

Our comprehensive Sixth Form higher education and counselling programme includes a bespoke Early Applications Programme for students aiming for Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary courses at university and our students are encouraged to explore many higher education disciplines. Their inquisition is reflected in the breadth of programmes our leavers enjoy; in 2024 alone, these included English, Engineering, Fashion Management, Football Coaching, Industrial Economics, Illustration, Medicine and Modern Languages amongst many more. We take great pride in our students' results, and of the personal paths they choose as their next steps after leaving King Edward's.

City, University of London	Accounting and Finance	University of Exeter	Engineering
Durham University	Physics	University of Exeter	Marketing and Management
Durham University	Chemistry	University of Exeter	Computer Science
Durham University	Psychology	University of Exeter	Medicine
Imperial College London	Chemical Engineering	University of Kent	Psychology with Foundation Year
King's College London	International Management	University of Leeds	Chemistry and Mathematics
King's College London	Business Management	University of Leeds	Modern Languages and Business
King's College London	General Engineering	University of Manchester	Sociology and Data Analytics
King's College London	Mathematics with Management & Finance	University of Manchester	Fashion Management
Kingston University London	Aviation Operations with Commercial pilot training	University of Nottingham	Industrial Economics
Lancaster University	Business Economics	University of Nottingham	Environmental Biology
LSE	International Social and Public Policy and Economics	University of Nottingham	Finance, Accounting and Management
Nottingham Trent University	Accounting and Finance	University of Portsmouth	Illustration
Oxford Brookes University	Criminology	University of Reading	Geography with placement experience
St Mary's University, Twickenham	Chelsea Football Club Foundation Coaching and Development	University of Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics with industrial year
UCL	History, Politics and Economics	University of Southampton	Artificial Intelligence
UCL	English and European Law (French)	University of St Andrews	Classical Studies
University of Manchester	Modern Language and Business Management	University of Sussex	Mechanical Engineering
University of Bath	International Development with Economics	University of Sussex	Psychology
University of Bath	Architecture (with placement year)	University of the Arts London	Advertising
University of Bath	International Management with work/study abroad	University of the Arts London	Architecture
University of Cambridge	Land Economy	University of Warwick	History
University of Essex	Politics and Internal Relations	University of Westminster	Psychology with Foundation Year
University of Essex	Law with Business	University of Westminster	Accounting and Business Management
University of Exeter	Business Analytics with Industrial experience	University of Winchester	Marketing

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## HELPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

Our admissions team is always on hand to be of service to you and the families you are working with. We are able to offer January starts for students wishing to transition to King Edward's in the second term. We offer personal tours and meetings – both at school and virtually – to meet with our Head, senior staff, to explain more about King Edward's to prospective families, and to help guide you and your families through our simple online admissions process. Please don't hesitate to contact us via [admissions@kesw.org](mailto:admissions@kesw.org) to be in touch, arrange a visit, or if you need any assistance.

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