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Early Close for Open Evening 9th October Reminder

This is advance notice that school will close early on Thursday 9th October to allow for preparation time for our Open Evening. There will be more information in the coming weeks about the time that your son will be released from school.

INSET Day Dates

We know that many of you like to plan ahead, so whenever we can, we like to let you know well in advance of any changes to the normal school day. Please see below the dates of our INSET days, when staff are in school for the day for Continuing Professional Development, but school is closed to all students:

- Friday 10th October
- November INSET TBC
- Monday 5th January
- Wednesday 4th February
- Monday 13th April

Attendance

Further to our attendance information last week, and with the backdrop of us taking a positive, proactive approach to attendance, we do need to remind parents that where we have concerns about a child's absences and attendance, it is our intention to review the circumstances carefully and, where necessary, refer unauthorised leave of absence to Birmingham City Council's Legal Intervention Team. This step is taken to safeguard every child's education and to reinforce the importance of consistent attendance. We ask for your continued support in not booking family holidays or breaks during term time. Even short absences can have a negative impact on a child's education and wellbeing. Missing school means that children:

- Lose valuable learning time, which can affect progress and attainment.
- Miss important explanations or assessments that are difficult to catch up on.
- Disrupt their daily routines, which can affect focus and behaviour.
- Sometimes experience anxiety when returning, due to missed work and gaps in knowledge.
- Can miss out on group work, teamwork, and important social interactions with their peers.

Every day in school counts, and maintaining consistent attendance helps students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We therefore urge parents not to arrange any leave of absence during term time. Please be aware that unauthorised

holidays will be referred to Birmingham City Council's Legal Intervention Team, and the school will pursue Penalty Notices where appropriate.

If you and your family are struggling in any way, including matters that impact your child's attendance and wellbeing, please click on the following link to receive some more information as to how we can help:

[Early Help | King Edward VI King's Norton School for Boys](#)

Thank you for your support.

Parent Space

Do you know about our Parent Space Walk in Clinic with Mrs Goult who is a highly experienced Enlightened practitioner? Mrs Goult and Miss Cummings would love to have a hot drink and chat with you about any concerns you may have in supporting your son.

We'd love for you to ask us questions about...

- Your child's learning '*Are they on track? How can we help at home?*'
- Behaviour or emotions '*Is this normal? What strategies can we use?*'
- Health and development '*Speech, sleep, routines – should we be concerned?*'
- Getting extra support '*What help is available in school or outside of it?*'
- Family challenges '*How can school support us through tricky times at home?*'

No question is too small — if you're wondering about it, it matters.

We're here to listen, support, and help find the best way forward together.

King's Norton School
for Boys

**THE PARENT
SPACE**

**DROP-IN SUPPORT CLINIC
FOR KNSB PARENTS**



Help on hand to listen and offer
advice on any family matter.

We'd love for you to ask us questions about...

**EVERY
1ST & 3RD
FRIDAY OF
THE
MONTH
10AM-
12PM**

Year 7 Digital Safety Event Reminder

We will be holding a 'Parenting in the Digital World' event for parents of boys in Year 7 on 15th October. Please [click here](#) to find out more:

[Parenting in the Digital World](#)

Music Lessons

At KEVI King's Norton School for Boys, we are pleased to offer instrumental lessons with both our music staff and Music Academy Midlands. Lessons take place during the school day and are scheduled on a rotating basis to ensure that students do not miss the same subject lesson each week. All lessons are individual, with a choice of being either 20 or 30 minutes in duration.

Lessons with Music Academy Midlands

Instruments offered: Drums, Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Piano/Keyboard, Vocals, Violin and Brass (except Trombone).

- Students will need to either own or hire their own brass instrument.
- Students will have a minimum of 33 lessons per year, and the lesson fees are payable by a monthly direct debit
 - 20-minute lessons – £48 per month
 - 30-minute lessons – £72 per month
- To apply, please register for a free trial at www.musicacademymidlands.com/knbs

Lessons with Ms. Naylor

Instruments offered: Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Recorder)

- Students will need to either own or hire their own woodwind instrument.
- Students will have 10 lessons per term, lesson fees are paid via ParentPay and payment can be spread over the course of the term.
 - 20-minute lessons – £12 per lesson (£120 per term)
 - 30-minute lessons – £18 per lesson (£180 per term)
- To apply, please see Ms. Naylor for a letter.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 11 parents at the Information Evening held yesterday which gave an overview of what our Year 11 cohort can expect during the year ahead. For those that we unable to make the evening we have attached the resources from the evening which provide practical advice and key dates for the year.

[Parent Information Evening 2025](#)

Year 12 Sixth Form Open Events and Application Information

This grid should help you identify the local providers and their details for Year 12 applications. Please be aware it is correct at the time of creation, however, post 16 providers may change dates, so it is always

worth double checking the details of those institutions that you are interested in.

[Sixth Form Timetable](#)

Elevate Education

Our Year 11 students will have their first support session with Elevate Education next week on Monday 22nd September. Students to be supported with their revision in preparation for their upcoming PPEs.

Elevate also offer parent webinars which are a great opportunity for parents to find out how they can best support their child through their GCSE journey. It is free for all of our parents to sign up to and engage in. The flyer and sign-up details can be found here.

[Elevate Education Webinars Autumn Term 2025](#)

Year 11 PPEs

The Year 11 PPEs will take place in week commencing 20th October and the two weeks that follow half term. Students will be given their timetables next week so that they can begin planning their revision in earnest. Please spend some time discussing the exam timetable with your son and how he can prepare for ensuring he does his very best in these important exams.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 18th – Sunday 21st September – Barcelona Residential Visit
- Friday 19th – Monday 22nd September – Paris Residential Visit
- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th – KS3 Residential Visit
- Monday 29th September – School Photographs
- Tuesday 30th September – GCSE Geography Fieldwork Visit
- Wednesday 01st October – GCSE Geography Fieldwork Visit
- Friday 03rd October – GCSE Geography Fieldwork Visit
- Thursday 09th October – Open Evening (students to finish early – Further details to follow)
- Friday 10th October – INSET Day
- Monday 13th October – Whole School Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term Holiday

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