



King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

End of year reflections, start of term arrangements for September 2026 and other important information

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our unique School community. For me personally, this letter is especially significant because it is my final end of year letter before I retire after twenty years of service to King Edward VII School, initially as Deputy Headteacher, then as Associate Headteacher before securing the extraordinary privilege of becoming Headteacher ten years ago.

It has been the greatest privilege of my professional life to lead this remarkable School. Together we have built a learning community where every young person is known, valued and supported to achieve their potential. Our diversity has always been one of our greatest strengths and we place high value on it. I am incredibly proud that inclusion, equity and a real sense of belonging inform everything that we do in King Edward VII School.

Over the past two decades, I have watched thousands of children and young people grow in confidence, character and ambition before they leave our School to pursue successful futures. I have worked with committed staff and governors, alongside parents, carers, families and amazing students who have continued to inspire me. The relationships, memories and achievements we have shared will remain with me indefinitely.

Looking back on 2025-2026

This year has been another highly successful one for our School. Guided by our 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan, we have continued to strengthen outcomes, enhance provision and ensure that our students have the opportunity to thrive. Some of our key achievements this year include:

- Maintained high academic standards, with strong progress and attainment across a wide range of subjects.
- Further strengthened teaching and learning, ensuring greater consistency across departments.



- Expanded support for disadvantaged and vulnerable students, helping to narrow gaps in achievement and participation.
- Improved student attendance and engagement through targeted interventions and strengthened pastoral support.
- Invested in staff development which help to maintain the success of the School.
- Continued to enhance our inclusive culture where every member of our community feels respected, valued and a sense of belonging.

These achievements reflect the hard work and commitment of our students, families, staff and governors. They also demonstrate a School that continues to be ambitious, caring and always striving to be even better.

Looking ahead

I leave King Edward VII School knowing that it is in a very strong position. We have a talented and dedicated staffing body, amazing young people, a very supportive community and a clear vision for the future.

Most importantly, we have created a culture that will endure – a culture built on high expectations, kindness, inclusion and an unequivocal belief that every child and young person can achieve and be successful.

I am very excited for the future of our School because the next Headteacher will inherit a thriving School and will have the opportunity to lead the next stage of its journey.

Other important information

Results days 2026

The following arrangements will be in place for students:

A Level and BTEC results – Thursday 13 August 2026

- Results will be emailed to the School e-mail address of students at 8am. In response to student requests, printed results slips will be available from the Independent Learning Centre.
- Staff will be available to give advice about clearing and progression from 8.15am – 11am. Please call **0114 2662518** and an appointment will be made for students to speak to a member of staff.
- [UCAS Clearing](#) has been live from early July but will be particularly busy from 8am on the 13 August as soon as results are released, so prompt applications are advised.
- The appeals process and post results service forms will be sent with results. It should be noted results can go up, go down or remain the same after an appeal.
- See also <https://www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk/school/learning/post-results-information>

- Please note that other than around results days the School will be closed until Wednesday 2 September 2026.
- Universities will be fine tuning their admission numbers on results day. Consequently, it is important to expect the UCAS Clearing process to be very busy. If this is applicable, do not delay on Thursday 13 August. If students need advice on results day they should contact the School on the number above.

Examination certificates and prize giving for ex-Y13 students

There will be a prize giving event at 6pm on Thursday 7 January 2027. At this event formal results certificates will be available for collection. These are the colour printed, official certificates that students may need to show at job interviews or when applying for courses.

GCSE results – Thursday 20 August 2026

- Results will be emailed to students' School email addresses at 8am. It is essential that students check that they are able to log onto their School email address **before this date**.
- If students wish to come in to collect results, they can come to the Independent Learning Centre from 9am.
- There will be staff available to give advice about progression from 8am – 11am. Please call **0114 2662518** and an appointment will be made for students to speak to a member of staff.
- The appeals process and post results service forms will be sent with results. Please note: results can go up, go down or remain the same after appeal, so it is important that students understand information about where their mark sits within the grade boundary and therefore how 'secure' their grade is before proceeding.
- Please note that other than around results days the School will be closed until Wednesday 2 September 2026.
- Schools and colleges will be finalising admission numbers on results day, so expect them to be very busy. If you have a concern or query on Thursday 20 August, do not delay in contacting School – or relevant schools/colleges for advice and guidance.
- See also <https://www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk/exams>

Start of term arrangements for September 2026

King Edward VII School will re-open to Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students on Wednesday 2 September 2026 at the following times:

Year 7	8.40am
Year 8	10.05am
Year 9	11.20am
Year 10	10.00am
Year 11	10.50am

Key Stage 5 (Post 16 students):

Tuesday 1 September: Late enrolment in the afternoon for any students who did not enrol in August.

Wednesday 2 September: No Post 16 students in School.

Thursday 3 September 2026

Year 12 assembly	9.30am – 10.05am	lessons start period 2
Year 13 assembly	8.45am – 9.00am	lessons start period 1

Reminder – School closure times on Friday 17 July 2026

The School will close to students on the last day of the summer term at 2.15pm, after their period four lessons.

Staffing

The following members of staff will be leaving King Edward VII School at the end of the summer Term. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for the outstanding service they have provided, collectively, for students and the School:

Name			Role
Mrs	Basma	Alsamarai	Examinations Administrator
Mr	Philip	Badger	Teacher of Sociology
Mrs	Zoe	Bishop	Attendance Officer
Mrs	Louise	Gallagher	Teacher of Mathematics
Ms	Linda	Gooden	Headteacher
Mr	Robert	Goodland	Teacher of Design Technology and Engineering
Mr	Matthew	Harland	Assistant Headteacher Teaching and Learning
Mrs	Deborah	Lucas	Teacher of Science
Mrs	Helen	Neill	Examinations Manager
Mr	James	Proost	Facilities Officer
Mrs	Zuszsanna	Puskas	Teacher of PSHE
Miss	Caitlin	Russell	Teacher of Psychology
Mrs	Kim	Sawtell	Post 16 Senior Administration Officer
Mrs	Patricia	Sedgley	Higher Level Teaching Assistant – Mathematics
Mrs	Diane	Sharp	Catering Assistant/Cleaner
Mrs	Rachel	Williams	Teacher of Food Technology

Staff training days for 2026-2027

- Tuesday 1 September 2026
- Friday 12 February 2027

SIMS In-Touch communications between School and home

It would be helpful if you could ensure King Edward VII School has your current contact details, particularly if you have changed them recently: landline number, mobile telephone number and email address. If you need to update your information, please send an email to my PA, Ms J Jackson, at jjackson15@kes.sheffield.sch.uk

A final thank you

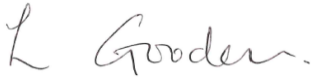
I wish to thank all parents and carers for the trust you have placed in me and in the School over the years. Education works best when families and schools work together and I am deeply grateful for the partnership we have shared.

As I retire, I do so with immense pride in what this community has accomplished. Even though I am stepping away from the role of Headteacher, I will always remain one of the School's greatest supporters.

Thank you for an incredible twenty years.

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and every success for the future.

Yours sincerely



Linda Gooden
Headteacher