



King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your children to the new academic year at King Edward VII School, particularly those joining the school for the first time. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and that our students are ready for the year ahead and all the opportunities that will be available to them.

At the start of each academic year the Headteacher has always traditionally outlined the key priorities in our annual School Improvement and five year Strategic Development Plan (2025 – 2030). I will send a longer letter addressing these and other important points once the term is underway.

My main reason for writing to you now is to introduce myself as the new Headteacher for King Edward VII School. I have been looking forward to being able to write to you in my new role, although I have got to know many of you already in my previous roles as Assistant Headteacher and, most recently, Deputy Headteacher.

For ease of reference, I will include the School term dates and also any changes to roles of key members of staff that would be useful for you to know:

The term time dates for 2026- 2027 are noted below:

- Wednesday 2 September 2026 until Friday 23 October 2026
- Monday 2 November 2026 until Friday 18 December 2026
- Monday 4 January 2027 until Thursday 11 February 2027
- Monday 22 February 2027 until Friday 25 March 2027
- Monday 12 April 2027 until Friday 28 May 2027
- Monday 7 June 2027 until Friday 16 July 2027

The following members of staff are changing their roles in school and we wish them every success:

Mr J Kennedy	Deputy Headteacher
Mrs S Davis	Assistant Headteacher (Key Stage 5 – Post 16)

We are delighted to welcome the following members of staff to King Edward VII School:

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| • Mr T Harrop | Teacher of History |
| • Mrs H Mason | Teacher of Geography |
| • Mr D Roberts | Teacher of Mathematics |
| • Mr J Swain | Teacher of ADT including Food Technology |
| • Ms E Money-Taylor | Teacher of Science |
| • Mr A Slingsby | Teacher of Psychology |
| • Miss N Seaward | Attendance Officer |
| • Miss N Guy | Examinations Manager |
| • Mrs J Marriott | Examinations Administrator |
| • Mr A Slingsby | Teacher of Psychology |
| • Ms T Brian | Admin and Receptionist |
| • Mr N Kobierowski | Drama/Music Technician |
| • Mrs J Mather | Senior Post 16 Administration Officer |

Staff are busy preparing to welcome your children in the next two days. I am noting below the start times for each year group as outlined by Ms Gooden in her end of year Headteacher's letter:

Wednesday 2 September 2026: No Post 16 students in School

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

Thursday 3 September 2026

Year 12 welcome assembly	9.30am
Year 13 welcome assembly	8.45am

I am very much look forward to working with you over the course of the year. I will be in touch very soon with more key information about the school that will help you get to know us and our priorities even better.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School should you require any further information, guidance or support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Warde
Headteacher