



KING EDWARD VI
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Sixth Form at King Edward VI
High School for Girls





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Your next chapter
starts here

Welcome to King Edward VI High School for Girls



A warm welcome to our Sixth Form – a lively, ambitious community where everyone is encouraged and supported to be the best that you can be.

Whether you are already part of our school or considering joining us from elsewhere, you will find a school which values intellectual curiosity, independence, and personal growth.

A school where there is an abundance of opportunity outside the classroom which will help you develop your leadership and communication skills, and in which you will make lasting friendships. A school with a distinguished tradition, but with a modern, open outlook.

Our broad curriculum, expert teaching and unrivalled co-curricular opportunities will prepare you for the challenges of higher education and beyond, as well as being personally fulfilling and fun.

We take pride in our inclusive ethos, our tradition of excellence, and the strong sense of community that defines our Sixth Form. We invite you to discover all that we offer and to consider how you might contribute to, and benefit from, the unique opportunities available at KEHS.

Mrs Kirsty von Malaisé
*Chief Master & Principal,
KES & KEHS*



The best advice I could give to anyone joining Lower Sixth is to embrace every opportunity!

KEHS Sixth Form combines the best parts of lower school: the teacher relationships, personalised education and extracurriculars with an incredible new level of independence – through chances to lead clubs and create assemblies, as well as charity events, collaboration with KES and much more.

The biggest change is how busy we become, but in better ways than you could expect. Of course, the workload amplifies, but so does the fun, the friendships and the motivation towards a future you can gradually start to picture. Throw yourself into everything, don't be scared to approach teachers and make new friends! Make the most of it – you'll love it.

Sophie
Year 13



A very warm welcome to the Sixth Form at KEHS!

You stand at a really important moment in your school career – the moment that you genuinely take control of your subject choices and set your course towards higher education and your adult career.

Our KEHS Sixth Form is a friendly, inclusive and inspiring community, where individuality is prized and every pupil's pathway is unique. Here you have the freedom to study Physics or French, RS or Art (or any combination of these and many other A Level subjects), to give back to the local community through our primary partnerships programme, and to collaborate with your peers at King Edward's School in the concert

hall, on the stage, or (in a limited number of subjects) in co-educational classrooms.

We will challenge you intellectually, but we will support and guide you all the way; our dedicated Sixth Form tutors and pastoral team pride themselves on providing the support you need, when you need it – whether that's guiding you through the labyrinth of UCAS applications or supporting you through the inevitable ups and downs of Sixth Form life. And we will encourage you to make the very most of your opportunities at KEHS – so that you can discover your talents and fully unlock your potential.

Dr Paul Arnold
Head of School



Academic life

Curriculum

At KEHS Sixth Form, academic life is vibrant, challenging and full of possibilities. With a wide choice of A Level subjects and combinations, you can truly tailor your academic studies – opening doors to top universities and exciting careers. You will be guided by inspiring teachers who are experts in their fields and dedicated to helping you excel.

Choosing from the 24 subjects we offer, you will begin your journey with four A Levels, with the opportunity to refine your programme to three subjects from the Spring Term of Year 12. Our subject-specific GCSE entry requirements ensure you embark upon courses in which you will succeed.

Academic life at KEHS is enriched by our brother school, King Edward's School (KES). A small number of A Level subjects are taught jointly across KEHS and KES, creating a dynamic, co-educational environment. This collaboration extends beyond the classroom, with co-curricular music and drama activities also run jointly with KES.

Academic life here is about more than just lessons – it is about discovering your potential, building lasting friendships and preparing for an exciting future.



KEHS enrichment experience

Our wider curriculum is designed to equip you with the essential skills you will need for life – broadening your perspective and building your cultural, digital and financial literacy, as well as promoting healthy living and effective learning habits.

You will benefit from dedicated study spaces created exclusively for Sixth Formers, giving you the freedom and independence to manage your own learning. Our enrichment curriculum offers modules in PSHE, Cultural Capital and Theory of Knowledge, encouraging you to explore different perspectives, develop substantiated judgements and express yourself creatively.

Every week, you will take part in PE, supporting your physical and mental wellbeing.

For those who want to go further, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a fantastic opportunity to dive deeply into a topic you are passionate about. The EPQ is highly regarded by universities, many of which see it as excellent preparation for undergraduate study because it develops independent research, extended writing and critical thinking skills. Some universities make reduced offers based on your EPQ outcome.

And when it comes to your future, you will receive personalised guidance every step of the way. From expert support with Oxbridge, medicine and related courses, including plentiful super-curricular opportunities, to applications to study abroad and tailored advice for every university pathway, we are here to help you achieve your ambitions.



Co-curricular life

Life in the Sixth Form at King Edward VI High School for Girls is busy, exciting, and full of opportunities to get involved. On Friday afternoons, the school transforms for our Sixth Formers. Through “Friday blocks”, you will have the opportunity to develop your skills and experience in a wide variety of areas, including first aid, Pilates, food studies, debating or lifesaving, join Stage Crew to work behind the scenes on our show-stopping productions, or become part of the editorial and design team for our pupil-led annual publication *Phoenix*, to name just some of the activities on offer.

Leadership is a thread that will run throughout your Sixth Form experience, with plentiful opportunities to lead elements of the school’s Care.Do.Give. programme, deliver outreach partnership activities with local primary schools, join the Sixth Form Committee, become a House Captain, or a Lower School Prefect and represent the school at events such as open evenings.

You will also have the chance to travel – locally, nationally and internationally – on trips that bring your learning to life and help you explore the world beyond the classroom.

If you love music, you will have the opportunity to be a part of something extraordinary. With professional-standard facilities in the Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, you can perform in orchestras, choirs and ensembles, with regular concerts at the Ruddock Hall, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the University of Birmingham. Soloists can also shine in our Instrumental Evenings, Performers’ Platforms and Lunchtime Recitals.

Drama is another strength. The Senior Production brings together up to 100 pupils from KEHS and KES for a fully staged show – from the enchanting classic *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* with a modern twist to cult musical *Little Shop of Horrors* and vampire thriller *Let the Right One In*.

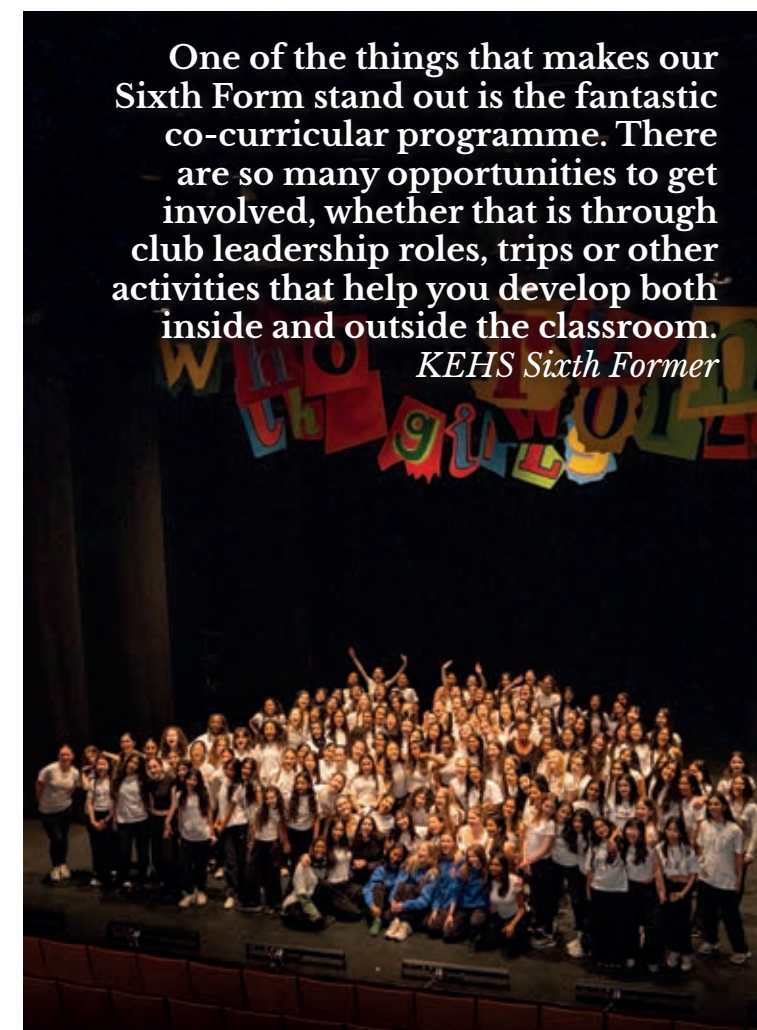
If sport is your passion, you are in the right place. Recognised as one of the top 30 sporting schools in England (School Sport Magazine, 2024) and named one of the UK’s top 20 all-girls school for cricket by *The Cricketer*, KEHS offers a huge range of sports. Whether you are competing at a high level or just playing for fun, you will be coached by professionals, including Olympic and international athletes.

There is something here for everyone. Whether you are inspired to lead or give back to the community, or whether your passion is for the performing arts or sport, our signature co-curricular programme is designed to expand your horizons and discover new possibilities.



One of the things that makes our Sixth Form stand out is the fantastic co-curricular programme. There are so many opportunities to get involved, whether that is through club leadership roles, trips or other activities that help you develop both inside and outside the classroom.

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KEHS offers Sixth Form Music and Sport Scholarships

Results and destinations

A Sixth Form built on success

Our A level results consistently set the standard for academic excellence and ambition. In 2025:

43% of grades were A*
79% of grades were A/A*
95% of grades were A*-B

Among the 89 pupils in the Class of 2025:

21% achieved three or more A*s

15% achieved straight A*s

23 pupils took four or more A Levels, reflecting the intellectual curiosity that defines Sixth Form life at KEHS

Recognised excellence

King Edward VI High School for Girls continues to be recognised for both its academic outcomes and its vibrant co-curricular life - described as a "significant strength" in our latest inspection report. Recently, The Telegraph named KEHS the UK's best value independent school. The school also holds the accolade of being the West Midlands' top independent school for academic excellence, taking the regional top spot in the Sunday Times for the fourth consecutive year and retaining our place in the national top ten.

At KEHS, your hard work will open doors to the world's top universities and most exciting courses. Our pupils consistently achieve outstanding results and go on to study everything from Medicine and Engineering to the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Recent leavers have taken up places at leading UK universities – including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, LSE and Durham – as well as prestigious institutions overseas such as Harvard and Yale.

Our Sixth Formers pursue their passions and shape their own futures.

Where will your KEHS journey take you?



Rebecca, who achieved an outstanding six A*s in French, Spanish, Greek, Music, Maths and Further Maths, has now gone on to the University of Cambridge to study Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Spanish).

“*Studying French and Spanish at Cambridge has been my dream. I’ve always believed languages are so important not just for communication, but for how we think and connect with the world.*

It’s been both a long and short seven years at KEHS. I’ve met incredible people and I’m really going to miss my teachers, who’ve supported me every step of the way.

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Our campus

Facilities designed for you

As a KEHS Sixth Former, you will have access to our world-class 50-acre campus and everything it has to offer. From specialist classrooms and the extensive school library to social spaces designed just for Sixth Formers – including your own catering service – you will find everything you need to thrive.

Here are just some of the highlights awaiting you:

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ATHLETICS TRACK



OUTDOOR SPACES

Beautiful grounds with two astro hockey pitches, seven tennis courts, five outdoor netball courts, two 7-a-side football pitches and a grass cricket wicket

25-METRE INDOOR SWIMMING POOL



RUDDOCK PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Professional standard facilities for music, drama and dance



CAFÉ SIX AND THE ATRIUM

Two exclusive, beautifully furnished spaces where you can relax, collaborate or grab a bite. The Atrium also has its own computer room



LIBRARY

A quiet, well-resourced space for focused study

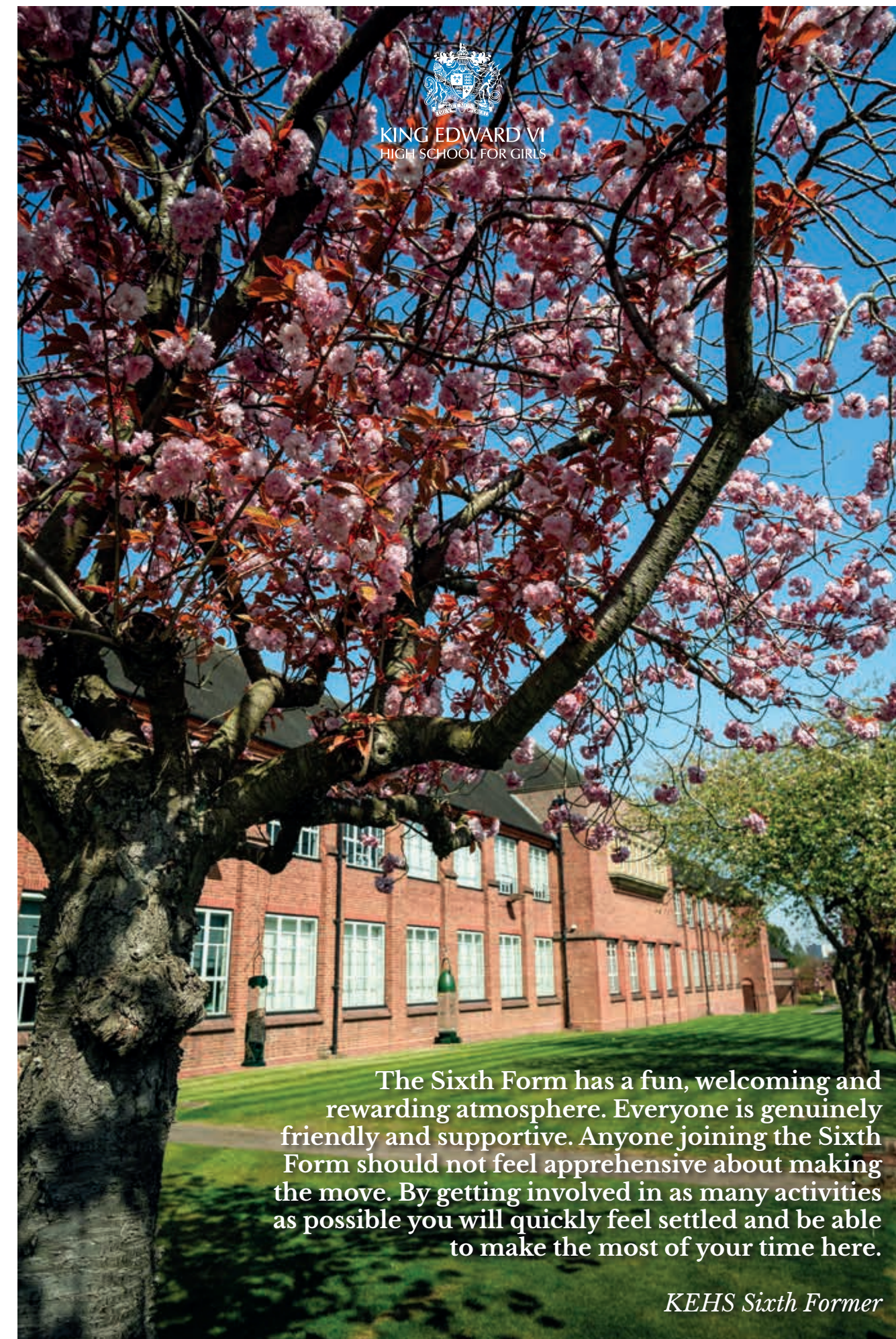


SPORTS CENTRE AND FITNESS SUITE

Complete with four badminton courts, an indoor netball and basketball court, indoor cricket nets, a swimming pool, dance studio, cardio equipment and a strength & conditioning area



UNIVERSITY TRAIN STATION
10-MINUTE WALK




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The Sixth Form has a fun, welcoming and rewarding atmosphere. Everyone is genuinely friendly and supportive. Anyone joining the Sixth Form should not feel apprehensive about making the move. By getting involved in as many activities as possible you will quickly feel settled and be able to make the most of your time here.

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