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Broadening Horizons

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Dear KEVI Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all our students, families and staff for their continued support and commitment to King Edward VI Academy.

It has been an incredibly busy eight weeks, and I am proud of the progress we are making as an academy. We continue to work hard to ensure KEVI is a school where every student feels a sense of belonging, is supported to succeed and is encouraged to achieve their very best.

There is much to celebrate from this half term:

- Attendance has improved, reflecting the collective efforts of students, families and staff. Being in school every day matters enormously, and I am grateful to parents and carers for their support in ensuring that attendance remains a priority.

- Our focus on KEVI PRIDE is also making a real difference. The quality and presentation of work in students' books has been particularly pleasing, with growing evidence of the high expectations we have for every learner.

- Beyond the classroom, we have enjoyed some fantastic sporting success at the Winter Shield, with our students representing the academy superbly.

- Our school environment also continues to be a source of pride, with visitors regularly commenting on how welcoming and beautifully maintained our site is. Everybody plays their part in showing respect for our school.

Of course, we know there is always more to do. We remain ambitious for our students and determined to continue improving the quality of education and wider opportunities we provide. I am grateful to our staff for their tremendous hard work and to families for the important part they play in supporting our school.

Most importantly, I hope our students enjoy a well-earned break. Whether you are heading away or spending time closer to home, I wish all our families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

## Star of the Week

Each week our house leaders nominate their Star of the Week to recognise those students who are living our values.

Our Stars of the Week for this week are:

Y11: Charlie B – Value: Charlie is receiving this award for his kindness and respect. He helped a worried pupil get home safely, even paying for their bus fare. Well done, Charlie!

Y11: Fayth B – Value: Ambition and Resilience. Fayth has been recognised for her excellent efforts at the Winter Shield Netball competition. Her resilience, determination and positive attitude shone through as she represented KEVI superbly in a high-pressure environment.

Y10: Tyler B – Value: Courage and Aspiration. Tyler has shown outstanding Courage and Aspiration this week through his leadership, positive attitude and growing maturity. He has been a fantastic role model to his peers and continues to make excellent progress towards his GCSEs. Well done, Tyler!

## KEVI Facebook Page

Please follow our school Facebook page because it provides a convenient platform for staying updated on important school announcements, events, and activities. This ensures that parents are informed about their child's education, including academic calendars and extracurricular opportunities.

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## Job of the Week – Railway Engineer

Railway engineers help design, build and maintain the railways that keep people and goods moving. It's an exciting career combining engineering, technology and problem-solving, with opportunities to help shape the future of transport. Discover more about this role and explore career pathways with @mypathcareersuk.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXzmW8fUXtc&list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRlPatZ&index=1

## Word of the Week: Tranquility

Tranquility means to be calm, peaceful, quiet, and free from disturbance, noise. It describes physical settings such as a still lake or a quiet garden as well as a person's inner state of mind.
Similar words: restful, quiet, serene

Etymology: The word tranquility entered the English language in the late 14th century. It comes from the Old French *tranquilite*, which derives from the Latin *tranquillitas* (meaning quietness, stillness, or serenity), based on the adjective *tranquillus* (calm, still, or quiet)

Example sentences

1. The **tranquility** of the forest was broken only by the gentle crunch of leaves underfoot.

2. After a hectic week in the city, the absolute **tranquility** of the lake was exactly what they needed.

3. Finding a quiet corner in the library gave Maya a moment of **tranquility** before her big exam.

## Homework Update

Following feedback from families and students we have made some changes to the homework schedule which you can see on the following table:

| Day | KS3 | KS4 |
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| Monday | English (30mins) | English (30mins) |
| Tuesday | Science (30mins) | Science (30mins) |
| Wednesday | History (30mins) | Three from; History, Geography, Art, French, Music, RE, DT, Performance, Sport, H&S, Engineering, T&T (30mins) |
| Thursday | Geography (30mins) | |
| Friday | Maths Sparks (60mins) | |
| Weekend | | Maths Sparks (60mins) |

## Teen Support

**Keeping Your Family Safe This Autumn: Fireworks Tips for Parents**

As the vibrant colours of autumn arrive, so do seasonal festivities that often include fireworks. While fireworks add excitement and celebration to this time of year, they can also pose serious safety risks if not approached with care.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable autumn for everyone, please keep these important firework safety tips in mind:

- **Supervise Children Closely:** Fireworks are not toys. Keep children at a safe distance and never allow them to handle fireworks.
- **Attend Professional Displays:** The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by watching organised public displays conducted by trained professionals.
- **Dispose of Sparklers Safely:** Soak used sparklers in water before disposing of them in a metal bin.

If parents are considering using fireworks themselves, please follow the East Lindsey District Council advice through this link: Fireworks - East Lindsey District Council

Fireworks can also have a large impact on our pets. For more information around this, please follow this link: Keeping dogs, cats and other small pets safe during fireworks - RSPCA - rspca.org.uk

By following these simple precautions, we can all enjoy the magic of autumn fireworks safely. Let's work together to keep our families and community secure during this festive season.

Wishing you a safe and joyful autumn break!

## Year 7 – Smashed Live Educational Programme

On Wednesday our Year 7 students took part in Smashed Live, an award-winning educational programme designed to help young people understand the risks and consequences of underage drinking.

Through a live theatrical performance and interactive workshop, students explored the impact alcohol can have on young lives, the influence of social pressures and the importance of making informed decisions. They also considered how to seek help and support others when faced with difficult situations.

The session provided a valuable opportunity to develop students' knowledge, confidence and decision-making skills as part of our wider PSHE programme.

Thank you to the Smashed Project team for delivering such an engaging and thought-provoking session for our students.

## House News

Harvest Festival Donations Delivered

A huge thank you once again to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival collection. This week, we had the pleasure of delivering all of the food generously donated by our students, families and staff to the Christian Fellowship Church, where it will be used to support their local foodbank.

It was fantastic to see such a generous response from our school community. Every donation, big or small, will help support individuals and families who need a little extra help. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

House Netball

House Netball has been taking place this week, and we have had a fantastic turnout from students across the houses.

It has been brilliant to see so many students getting involved, representing Apollo, Arete and Mercury, and showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and house spirit throughout the matches.

A huge well done to everyone who has taken part and supported their house. Keep an eye out for the final results!

## KEVI Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club has been getting into the Halloween spirit this week, turning their homegrown pumpkins into some fantastic carved creations!

After harvesting our record-breaking 33kg pumpkin, it was time to get creative and see what our pupils could produce. It's brilliant to see the fruits of their hard work in the school garden put to such good use. Well done to everyone involved – we can't wait to see what the Gardening Club grows next!

## Remembrance

Over the last two weeks, some of our pupils have been busy making origami poppies as part of KEVI's contribution to the town's Remembrance plans, helping Spilsby Town Council decorate the town in preparation for Remembrance Day.

Folding origami poppies proved a real test of resilience, with some of our pupils (and staff!) discovering just how tricky it can be! However, with patience and perseverance, we have created hundreds of poppies to support the Town Council's plans.

We're incredibly proud of everyone who got involved, showing resilience and community spirit while contributing to such an important occasion.

We look forward to seeing the town come together to remember and pay tribute to those who have served.

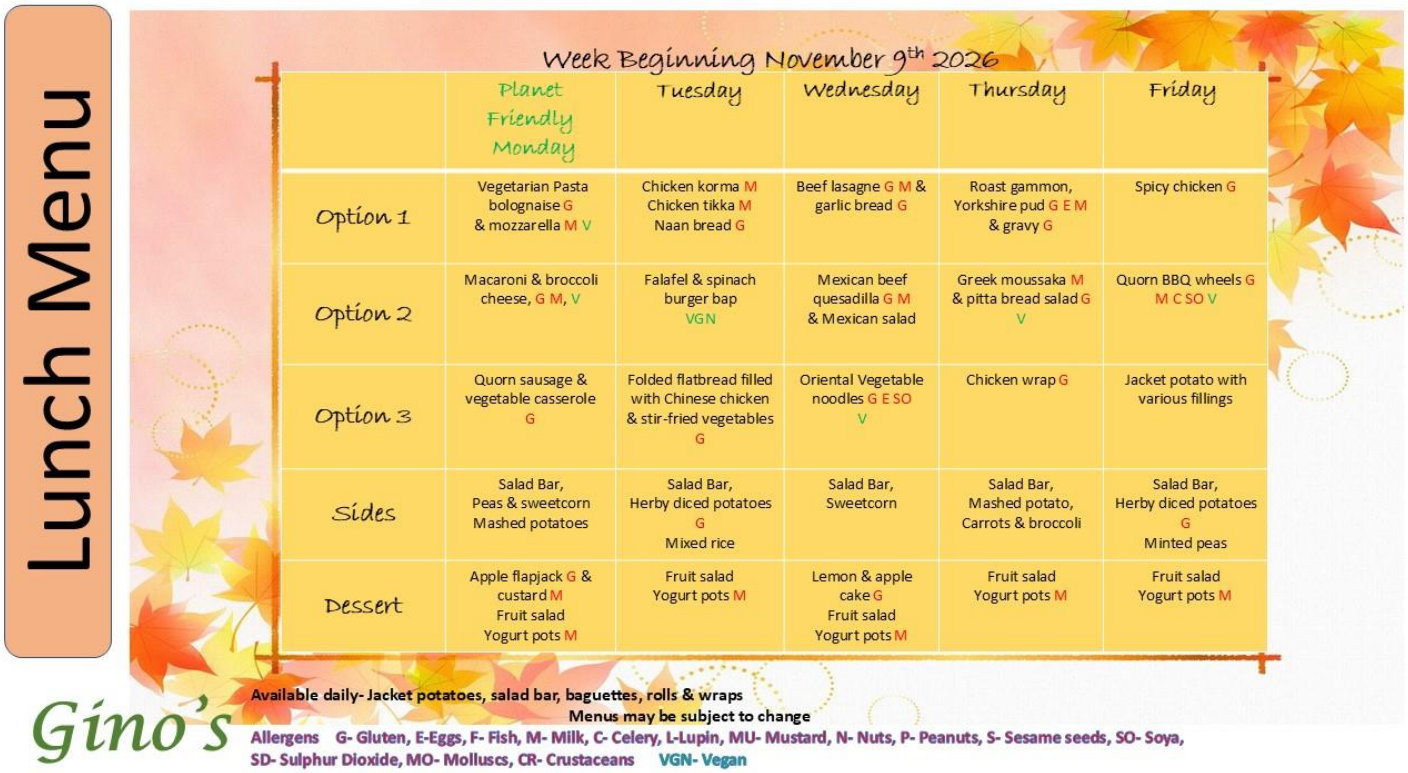
## Gino's Update

Menu – Autumn Term

<u>KEVI breakfast</u>

A reminder that your child can happily enter Gino's (the school canteen) from 7:45am each day if they arrive early to school.

This is a safe, warm and staffed part of the school with seating and free breakfast food.




Price List – October 2026

Daily spend limits in Gino's are set at £6.00 per day. The Free School Meal (FSM) daily allowance is £2.90. Please contact the School Office at office@kingedwardacademy.co.uk if you would like this to increase or decrease for your child, stating your required daily spend limit. We ask that you please do your best to not let your food account go into a negative balance.

## Sports Enrichment

On Tuesday, our Year 8 and Year 10 Football and Netball teams travelled to face QEGS Alford in a competitive afternoon of fixtures.

All teams represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent commitment, teamwork and resilience throughout their matches. The Year 10 football team produced an outstanding performance to secure a well-deserved victory, showing great determination and quality from start to finish.

Although the remaining teams were unable to come away with wins, every player worked incredibly hard and displayed a positive attitude in challenging contests. Their effort, sportsmanship and support for one another were a credit to the school, and they should be proud of their performances.

Well done to all students involved for representing the school with such enthusiasm and pride.

## Dates for the Diary

1st December – Y9 Parents' Evening Virtual 5pm-7pm

8th December – Y11 Parents' Information Evening 4pm-6pm

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Wilkinson
Principal