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25th September 2026

Dear KEVI Families,

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Open Evening on Tuesday. We are incredibly proud of every student who volunteered to help and who showcased both themselves and the school so brilliantly. We welcomed almost twice as many visitors as at the same event last year, and KEVI was buzzing with a vibrant, energetic atmosphere throughout the evening. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and families experiencing the very best of our school community.

This afternoon, we awarded our first 100% Attendance Vouchers of the year. You may have noticed that we are placing an even greater emphasis on excellent attendance this year because we know the significant impact it has on achievement and GCSE outcomes.

Congratulations to our first winners:

James L – 7 Apollo
Marlianne E – 10 Arete

There will be plenty more opportunities to win over the coming weeks, so keep making every day count. Look out next week for additional rewards, including a special celebration for the house with the highest attendance across this two-week period. Well done to everyone who is making attendance a priority.

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: Lexi K – Value: Courage and Respect. A younger student dropped all their things out there bag at the end of break / in-between lessons. On the floor there was lunch and pencil case and Lexi was the first and only student to go and support this younger student - getting down on the floor and helping pick all their things up.

Y8: Kiera G – Value: Aspiration. She has had a very positive start to the year in volunteering for house activities and it has been commented that she has a brilliant work ethic in lessons.

Y7: Lexi H – Value: courage and Ambition. Lexi joined us at the start of term as a new year 7 and since the very first day she has lived our values. No negatives and 100% attendance. Well done!

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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Attendance

New for 2026/27!

Our Attendance Team works closely with the Senior Leadership Team through daily briefings and a weekly Attendance Focus Group. This enables us to identify and support individual pupils who may benefit from additional encouragement to improve their attendance.

As part of this support, pupils may be invited to take part in our Attendance Celebration initiative, which focuses on achieving short-term attendance targets of five or ten consecutive school days. To help pupils monitor their progress, we will provide an Attendance Celebration Report. This report gives a clear overview of their current attendance and encourages them to focus on their next attendance milestone. Progress will be monitored by the pupil's Form Tutor, Head of House and the Attendance Team. Staff will provide encouragement, guidance and support throughout the process to help pupils achieve their attendance goals.

This initiative is designed to celebrate success, promote positive attendance habits and ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to be recognised for their commitment to attending school regularly.

Teen Support

Mental Health: You Are Not Alone

Everyone has difficult days. Whether it is anxiety about school, friendship problems, family worries, loneliness or simply not feeling like yourself, your mental health matters.

Sometimes these feelings pass, but sometimes they can become overwhelming. You might notice changes in your sleep, mood or motivation, or find yourself withdrawing from people and activities you usually enjoy.

The most important thing to remember is that you do not have to face these feelings alone.

Talking to someone is often the first step. This could be a parent or carer, a friend, your form tutor, your Head of House, a member of the pastoral team or another trusted adult. You can always contact staff by using our Talking Boxes in the House Hub. At KEVI, we want every student to know that there is someone who will listen and help them find the support they need.

There are also free, confidential services available outside school:

- Soluna by Kooth: Free online mental health and wellbeing support for young people in Lincolnshire. Access professional support, advice and self-help resources. Visit www.kooth.com or www.solunabykooth.com.
- Lincolnshire Here4You – 0800 234 6342: Mental health and emotional wellbeing advice for young people and families, available 24 hours a day.
- Childline – 0800 1111: Free, confidential support for children and young people, whatever their worry.
- Shout – Text SHOUT to 85258: Free, confidential mental health support by text, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Remember, you do not need to wait until things become unbearable before asking for help. Whatever you are going through, your feelings matter, and support is available.

Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

House News

Switch Sports Bowling

This week, students have been getting competitive in our latest House event – Switch Sports Bowling!

Students from Apollo, Arete and Mercury have been stepping up to the virtual lanes and representing their Houses. So far, we have seen some fantastic scores, with students showing great accuracy, concentration and plenty of competitive spirit!

It has been brilliant to see so many students getting involved and trying their best to earn valuable House points. There is still more bowling to come, so everything is still to play for!

Who will finish at the top of the leaderboard?

Keep an eye out for the final results and our Switch Sports Bowling champions in next week's newsletter!

Harvest Festival – Final Reminder

A reminder that our Harvest Festival collection ends on Monday. Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated items to support our local foodbank.

There is still time to bring in any final donations before the collection closes on Monday. Every donation, big or small, will help support people in our local community. Thank you for your continued support!

Word of the Week: Calculation

A calculation is the process of using mathematics or logic to find a number, amount, or outcome.

Similar words: Arithmetic, Mathematics

Etymology: comes from the Latin word *calculus*, which means a small pebble or stone used for counting. The word calculus means "pebble" Latin word calculare appeared around 400 AD in Spain.

Example sentences:

1. The computer can do millions of calculations each second.
2. His political calculations helped him win the election.
3. Careful calculation is required to determine the correct amount of fuel

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.

Lunch Menu

Week Beginning September 28th 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Planet Friendly Wednesday	Thursday Lincolnshire Day!	Friday
Option 1	Pasta bolognaise G & cheese M	Chicken Tikka M or korma M, rice & naan bread G	Three veg macaroni cheese G M V	**Lincolnshire Day!** Lincs sausage G SU, Yorkshire pudding G E M, & onion gravy G M	Spicy chicken, G
Option 2	Chicken wrap G	Italian veggie balls G Tomato pasta G, mozzarella M V	Quorn frankfurter hot dog G E V	Lincolnshire cauliflower pasta bake, G M & crusty bread G V	Quorn dippers G, VGN
Option 3	Cheesy veggie stack burger bun G M with salad & either BBQ G SO C Or chilli mayo E	Vegetable BBQ Tortilla stack G M SO C V	Sweet potato curry, rice & crusty bread G VGN	Chicken wrap G	Falafel kebab, G VGN
Sides	Salad bar, Herby diced potatoes G Peas	Salad bar, Roasted carrots	Salad bar, Sweetcorn & peppers	Salad bar, Mashed potato, carrots & broccoli	Salad bar, Potato wedges G Baked beans
Dessert	Fruit cookie G SD Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Chocolate mandarin cake G E Fruit salad Yogurt pots M

Available daily- Salad bar & Cold meal deals

Menus may be subject to change

Gino's

Allergens G- Gluten, E-Eggs, F- Fish, M- Milk, C- Celery, L-Lupin, MU- Mustard, N- Nuts, P- Peanuts, S- Sesame seeds, SO- Soya, SD- Sulphur Dioxide, MO- Molluscs, CR- Crustaceans VGN- Vegan

Price List – September 2026

Gino's Menu

Breakfast

07:45-08:30

Free

- Toast
- Crumpet
- Cereal
- Hot drinks

Start the day the right way at our friendly Breakfast Club. Every morning, students can enjoy a free, nutritious breakfast in a warm and welcoming environment, helping them feel energised, focused, and ready to learn.

FOOD HYGIENE RATING 0 1 2 3 4 5 VERY GOOD

Brunch

11:05-11:25

Brunch Muffin	£1.25
Beans on Toast	£0.60
Wraps	£2.20
Fruit Bread	£0.60
Brunch Swirl	£1.25
Chicken & Rice	£1.80
Folded Flatbread	£1.80
Bread Twists	£0.40
Crumpets	£0.40
Fruit & Yogurt	£1.00
Soup	£0.80
Soup & Roll	£1.00
Fruit Salad & Greek Yogurt	£1.00
Fresh Fruit	£0.60

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Lunch Menu

12:35-13:15

Gino's serves three delicious hot meal choices each day, alongside a healthy dessert and access to our fresh salad bar.

All options are available to our Free School Meal students.

Main Meal	£2.60
Meal Deal	£2.90

NOTHING BRINGS PEOPLE together LIKE GOOD FOOD

Lunch MEAL DEALS £2.90

A choice of:

- **Hot main meal & dessert** *(Choice of hot or cold dessert)*
- **Cold option** *Large sub (wrap, baguette, bagel)* *Served with* *Fruit, yogurt & Popchips*

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.

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

Your students can take part here: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture
As schools and colleges return for the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

I would be hugely grateful if you could share the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email systems, as well as with parents and carers across your wider school community. Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

To encourage engagement, I am inviting schools and colleges to identify student champions who can help promote the survey among their peers. Student champions who generate particularly high levels of participation will receive a formal thank you from my office, recognising their contribution to amplifying young people's voices. This is also an excellent example of leadership and participation that students may wish to reference in future personal statements, CVs and applications.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Schools and colleges with the highest response levels will receive formal recognition and will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

To support you, I have created a pack of resources, including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on my website.

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

Sports Enrichment

This week the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls have enjoyed working in their netball skills with coach Steph. In the lead up to the winter shield the girls are putting 100% effort.

The Year 7 football and netball teams also travelled over to Skegness Grammar school for some training matches. All teams showed great teamwork and potential. We look forward to seeing how these teams develop over the next few weeks.

Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service

Dyslexia Outreach

Support Your Child's Learning at Home

A free, online workshop, for parents and carers, to support your knowledge and understanding of how to support your child with their learning at home.

We will be sharing recommendations for effective ways to support your child at home to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

If you would like to attend, please email
dyslexiaoutreach@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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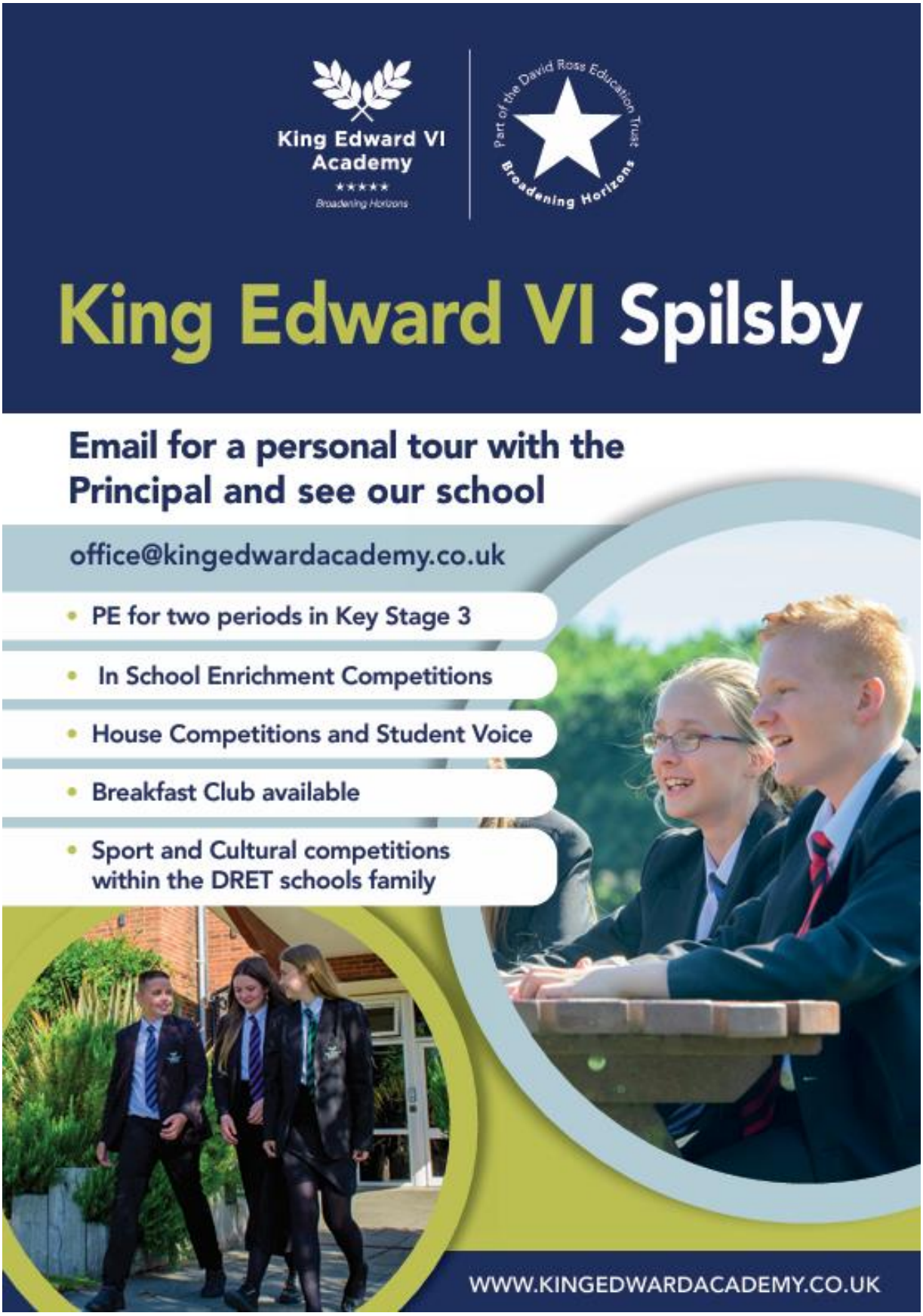

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Dates for the Diary

29th September – Y11 Parents' Evening In-Person 4pm-6pm

1st October – Flu Vaccinations

w/c 12th October – Open Week

20th October – Y7 Settling-In Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm

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

8th December – Y11 Parents' Information Evening 4pm-6pm (Invite only)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Wilkinson
Principal