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Dear KEVI Families,

It has been another busy and positive week at KEVI. Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 Parents' Evening this week. It was very well attended and a valuable opportunity for families, students and staff to discuss progress and the important months ahead. Strong outcomes are achieved when school, students and families work together, and that partnership will be particularly important as Year 11 move towards their GCSE examinations.

Next week is also an important assessment week. Our CheckPoint assessments will help teachers understand what students know, remember and can do, and where further support may be needed. For Year 11, this includes the important experience of completing assessments under formal examination conditions in the hall as we continue preparing them for the summer.

Across the school, attendance continues to track above where we were at this point last year. This is really encouraging. We also know that, as the autumn progresses and the mornings become darker and colder, maintaining strong attendance can become more challenging. This is when we need to show KEVI resilience. Every day in school matters, and every lesson missed represents learning that has to be caught up later.

Finally, our House Football competitions are getting underway. We are looking forward to seeing plenty of participation, healthy competition and House pride over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the academy.

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:

Y7: Ronnie F – Value: Courage and Resilience. In just four weeks at KEVI, Ronnie has shown outstanding confidence and courage by standing up and speaking to parents during Open Evening, something he had never done before. He is a credit to our school community.

Y10: Buddy A – Value: Ambition and Respect. Buddy was the first student to agree to Limbo and performing brilliantly in the House Competition. He has also showed real aspiration since returning in his GCSEs he has started in Y10. An excellent start, Buddy!

Y11: Bracken S – Value: Ambition. Since returning in September, Bracken has shown real focus and drive, preparing already for such an important year.

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.

Congratulation to Teddy B (8Ar), our £10 voucher winner for achieving 100% attendance!

Teen Support

This week's House Assemblies have focussed on understanding Safeguarding and the responsibilities we all have to ensure our own and others safety.

We have discussed how, according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 3, everyone has the right to "security of person". That is, we have the right to feel safe in body and mind.

Within this idea, it is important to understand that we all have **responsibilities** to keep ourselves and others safe.

Students were then directed to how we can do this. The first step is to **ensure our own safety**. Students do this in their everyday lives. From the simple act of looking and listening before crossing the road, to choosing what to view online, all children are responsible for their own safety.

An important point for parents to support their children with is to **monitor online use**. We have recently been made aware of some students who have accessed inappropriate websites using their phones or devices outside of school. Are you always aware of what your child is viewing online?

Lastly, we discussed where students can find further support if they require. This can often be in the form of trusted adults such as parents or extended family, as well as key staff within school. Support can also be found online through organisations such as Home - Kooth, Young people :: Lincolnshire Young Minds, or Get Support | Childline.

Word of the Week: Government

Government: the group of people who officially control a country
Govern: to control and direct the public business of a country, city, group of people.
Origin - Old French gouvernement, meaning "control, direction," ultimately tracing back through Latin gubernare

Unlike the present government, we believe in serving the community.

The government is spending millions of dollars in its attempt to combat drug abuse.

The opposition party have been in such disorder for so long that they pose no real threat to the present government.

House News

House Football Is Coming Next Week!

Next week sees the return of House Football, with Apollo, Arete and Mercury battling it out for those all-important House Points!

The competition will take place throughout the week, with a different year group competing each day: Year 8 on Monday, Year 9 on Tuesday, Year 7 on Wednesday, Year 10 on Thursday and Year 11 on Friday. Matches will begin at 12:40pm on 3G.

Teams will be 5-a-side, with at least 3 substitutes and a minimum of one girl in each squad. With 375 House Points available, there is plenty to play for! We are looking forward to another brilliant week of House competition – good luck to all three Houses!

Thank You for Your Harvest Festival Donations
A huge thank you to all of our students, parents, carers and staff who contributed to our Harvest Festival collection. We really appreciate everyone's generosity and support.

All of the donations will be going to the local foodbank, helping to support people and families within our community. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make the collection such a success!

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 October 5th 2026

	Planet Friendly Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Spiced vegetable pasta bake G M V	Chicken Korma M, & naan bread G	Roast Pork, Apple sauce, Yorkshire pud G E M Gravy G	Chicken & leek potato topped pie M	Salmon & broccoli frittata F E M
Option 2	Veggie ball Melt wrap G M V	Bolognaise pasta bake, G M & garlic bread G	Tomato & basil pasta G M V	BBQ vegetable, cheese & rice toasted burrito G M C SO V	Spicy chicken, G
Option 3	Jacket potato with various filling including Vegetable Curry G V	Folded flatbread G filled with Bang Bang Quorn pieces & vegetables V	Hot Chicken wrap G	Vegetable pasta Bolognaise G V	Tomato & mascarpone pasta G V
Sides	Salad Bar, herby diced potatoes G Sweetcorn	Salad Bar, Mixed rice	Salad Bar, Mashed & crispy potatoes, Mixed seasonal vegetables	Salad Bar, Broccoli & cauliflower	Salad Bar, Potato wedges G Peas & Sweetcorn Baked beans
Dessert	Oaty Apple crumble G & custard M Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruity flapjack G SU Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M	Fruit salad Yogurt pots M

Available daily- Jacket potatoes, salad bar, baguettes, rolls & wraps
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 – October 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

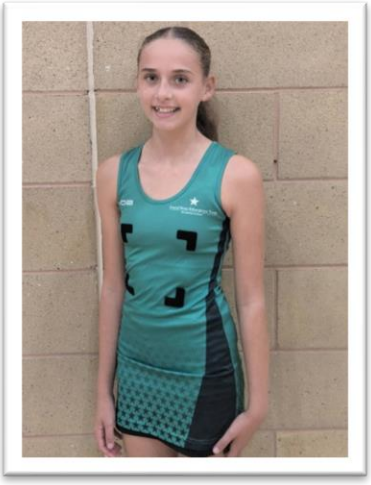
A choice of:

- **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 £2.75. 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

This week the DRET All Star Netball teams had their first match against St Martin's School in Loughborough. Brooke in Year 8 represented the trust for the first time and we couldn't be prouder. The girls showed great teamwork and skill during the match.



On Wednesday five of our Year 9 and Year 10 rugby players trialled for the All-Star Rugby team. All of them showed their KEVI values, skills and leadership during the day. We wish them all the best of luck.

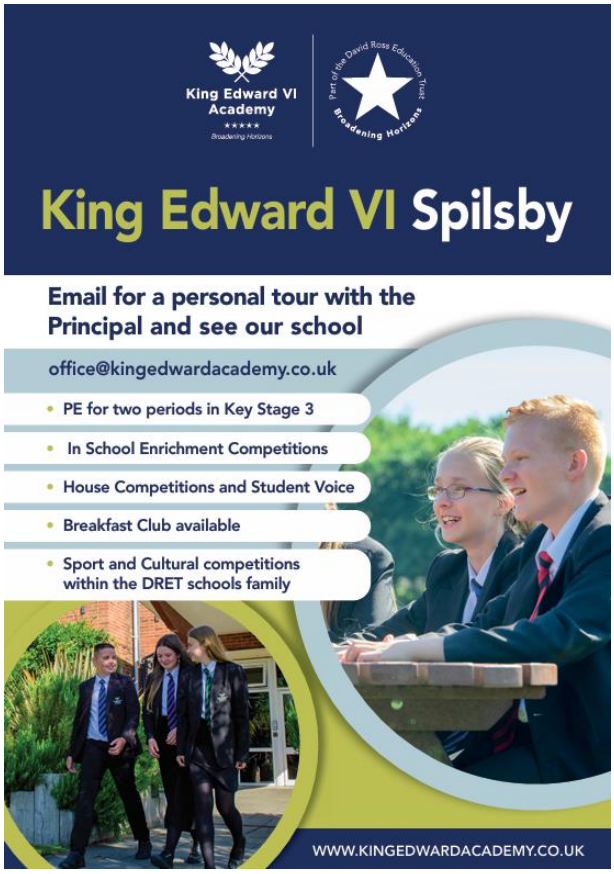
Dates for the Diary

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



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Wilkinson
Principal