



King Edward's
WITLEY

School Report

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WELCOME TO OUR LATEST SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome to the first edition of our 2025/2026 School Report, we hope you'll find our latest news interesting during the upcoming academic year.

In each edition we'll aim to provide updates on areas of School life here at King Edward's Witley; inside you'll find more information about our Science laboratory refurbishment programme, our class of 2025's destinations and updates on sporting successes at King Edward's.

Thank you to everyone who has fed back so positively on our Good Schools Guide review, published earlier this year, this may be found at <https://www.kesw.org/good-schools-guide-review-2025> and provides a comprehensive summary of all that's on offer here at our School.



We have recently launched our 'Explore Your Passions' after-school taster session programmes for year 6, and year 7 and 8 pupils.

Thank you to the many of you who have registered for sessions, registration remains open via <https://www.kesw.org/explore>

If our admissions team – Caroline, Penny and myself – can be of any assistance during this academic year, please don't hesitate to contact us via admissions@kesw.org – we are all parents who have navigated the complexities of school selection and we'll aim to provide as much information as you need during your own journey to 'big school'.



With best wishes,

Simon Fitch

Head of Marketing, Admissions and Communications

BUILDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

During summer 2025, our laboratories were renewed during the first phase of our science department's refurbishment programme, aimed to enable our pupils to explore every aspect of biology, chemistry and physics during their studies at King Edward's. Our new facilities have proved extremely popular with pupils, and with the greatly increased numbers of visitors we have welcomed to King Edward's for our open events this autumn.



Following our recent major building programme, providing new Library, Design Technology and Upper Sixth spaces, our learning environments continued to evolve to enable academic excellence, in parallel with the implementation of new feedback frameworks and grading schemes, and introduction of new programmes including GCSEs in Business, Photography and Textiles.

Our Next Steps careers guidance framework is offered to pupils at all levels at King Edward's, and includes a focus on National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week. In 2025, through dedicated counselling our pupils have again accessed Russell Group and high-quality Universities to follow a very diverse range of higher education courses, Degree Apprenticeships and careers, following completion of their A levels. Full information on our leavers' destinations may be found at <https://www.kesw.org/sixth-form/he-careers-destinations>; our current Upper Sixth pupils are busy with UCAS processes, including the completion of applications earlier this month for those aspiring for Oxbridge entry. Good luck to all our University applicants!



CELEBRATING SPORTING SUCCESS

We were delighted to receive the news that King Edward's had been shortlisted in the *Independent Schools of The Year Awards* for Sporting Achievement, reflecting an outstanding year of sport at our School.



Our Girls' Under 14 netball team have been recognised in our local sports awards this term for their triumph in the national finals in Spring 2025, together with our Boys' Under 15 football team who reached the final of the English Schools Football Association Small Schools' Cup in the Summer Term and enjoyed a memorable day out at West Bromwich Albion's Hawthorns stadium.



Earlier in the academic year, we celebrated our inclusion in the The Cricketer's prestigious Top 100 Senior Schools, reflecting the huge growth of our cricket programme. Our Boys' Under 14 hockey team reached the national finals, inspired by our Captain of Hockey Ollie's selection for the Wales U18 team.

At King Edward's we pride ourselves on the breadth and depth of our sports programme, and over 100 teams represented the Schools at all levels during 2024/25.



These included large number of pupils taking part in our Developing Sports' programme, and enjoying success in golf, skiing, swimming, pickleball and padel, in which our Boys' and Girls' Under 15 teams reached the national finals



Pupils at King Edward's regularly have the opportunity to travel locally and internationally on sporting tours, and after our Boys' successful senior football tour to the United Arab Emirates last year, our senior girls' hockey and boys' cricket teams have just returned from a very enjoyable tour to South Africa; in addition to playing a number of friendly games we donated a huge amount of pre-loved sporting equipment to local school children after our 'Sticks and Shoes' initiative throughout the autumn term.

We look forward to more sporting success during 2025/2026, masterminded by our new Director of Sport, Mr Ben Edwards, and the installation of new floodlights to allow our netball and rackets programmes to be further extended during an academic year which promises much.

