



A welcome from FOKES

King Edward VI School has a long, proud history and an excellent tradition of academic achievement and personal development. Our school's PTA: **FOKES** (Friends of King Edward Sixth School) came into existence in 2017 and has to date raised in excess of £4,000 for the school. Events include school discos, raffles, chocolate bingo, family quiz evening and a cheese & wine evening.

The funds have been used to:

- Support the 2019 school concert
- Provide school attendance vouchers
- Support the development of the sensory garden area
- Provide Numicon shapes to the maths department
- Purchase class sets of calculators
- Microbit v2 mini computer *30
- Crocodile clips, Servo motor controllers and some electronic components
- Create a Reflections Garden for post-pandemic students/staff needing a quiet space to contemplate.

The Committee works hard to make a positive impact on the school community and they also help out at school events, as well as make decisions regarding fundraising activities and potential beneficiaries within the school.

How to be part of Friends of King Edward VI School (FOKES)

There are different ways that you can be actively involved in your child's experience of secondary school. One way is through supporting our Parent Association: FOKES. Here are the different ways you can actively get involved, depending on how much time you can offer:

- **Time** – any offer of time, however small will be gratefully received. We're always looking for volunteers to help us out at our fund-raising events. If you would like to learn more, please email fokescommittee@gmail.com. Why not see if you can persuade a couple of your friends to volunteer too?
- **Join us** – attend the events we put on! We need families to participate in our advertised Quiz nights, student discos, Wine Tastings and other in-house events. It is a chance to meet others but also spend some money for the school's causes.
- **Spend your money** - our popular Golden Bucket will be making its next appearance in the Autumn Term at our music events and also at this year's school production of 'School of Rock'. You can help us by purchasing tickets to win the prize!
- **Committee** – if you would like to be more involved, why not join our Committee, we have short evening meetings **once a half term** to plan our next events and discuss the school's requests for

funding. We are a small friendly group of people, and you will get a warm welcome. You can get involved as little or as much as you can manage, but you will be joining a group of enthusiastic supporters of our school!

Our next meeting is on **4th October 2022 at 6.30 pm** – please contact the Committee via the email above to let us know you are coming.

Finally, we ask you to remind yourself why you and your child(ren) chose King Edward VI School. There will be many different reasons, but we believe you will have wished for a school that provides a safe and welcoming environment in which students can learn, thrive and become aspirational and inspirational members of our community. It is the ambition of **FOKES** to help support this wish by providing funds for education and facilities and, as such, enhance our childrens' time at King Edward VI School.

If you would like to join FOKES, attend our meetings or can offer any help or skills or services, then please contact fokescommittee@gmail.com.

The FOKES Committee:

Chair: Nikki Upton
Secretary:
Treasurer: Anthony Mills
Events Organiser: Claire Haselwood

Forthcoming events for your diary:

Date	What's on	Where	RSVP Yes/No
4 October 2022 6.30pm	FOKES meeting	At school	fokescommittee@gmail.com
6 – 10 December 2022	School Production	Lower Hall	yes
13 December 2022	Christmas Celebration	Cathedral	No
tbc	Cheese & Wine Evening	At school	Yes look out for notices on FB/ emails home. Booking essential.
tbc	Year 7 Disco	At school	Yes. Look out for emails home.
30 th March 2023	Chocolate Bingo	At school	Yes look out for notices on FB/ emails home. Booking essential.