



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

**The Sunday Times
West Midlands State School of the Year 2019**

I am delighted to inform you that King Edward VI School has been named The Sunday Times West Midlands State Secondary School of the Year 2019, and will be featured in this weekend's publication. The citation reads:

"Schools with the history of King Edward VI School – Shakespeare's School as it is known to many – are few and far between. Schools that don't dwell on that history, but use it instead to inspire the present generation of children, are rarer still. This school is constantly pushing itself in the classroom, on the sports fields, on stage and in concert to greater and greater success. It regards itself as the inferior of no-one and capable of being the very best. An all-time high in its UK Parent Power ranking this year speaks volumes and is a tribute to the efforts of pupils and teachers alike."

Such recognition is obviously most welcome, and I am particularly pleased that the dedication and achievements of our students have been acknowledged in this way. Their pursuit of excellence goes far beyond academic endeavour, committing themselves to a vast array of extra-curricular, enrichment and community activities that enriches their lives and that of the wider community.

Exceptional teaching and pastoral care is, of course, at the heart of this success, and so this award validates the outstanding commitment of our staff. Academic success is not inevitable. It depends upon first-rate teaching and high expectations, and it is also rooted in the belief that successful schooling is not just about passing exams at the highest level. That our students leave here with the best possible grades is, of course, important. However, what really counts is that they enjoy school, and are educated in a way which prepares them for life. These are, to my mind, vital components of the education we aim to provide at K.E.S.

It is a fitting opportunity for me to pay tribute to you as parents and the magnificent support that you provide. I consider it a privilege to work alongside you, your hardworking children, supportive Trustees and Governors, and the most dedicated staff with whom I have had the good fortune to work. I think everyone can be rightly proud of this wonderful recognition of our School.

With best wishes,

Bennet Carr
Headmaster

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