

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

As a student at King Edward VII School you will be encouraged to become involved with a wide range of extra curricular activities which change from year to year. These are designed to widen your experience, develop new skills and to be enjoyable! You may go on a subject related visit, such as to Iceland with Geography/Geology, a field trip, an art gallery, theatre or a special lecture or conference at a university.

Opportunities exist within the timetable and outside of the normal school day for all students at King Edward VII. From 2018 all Year 12 students will have Wednesday afternoons free of scheduled lessons making it easier to take up and develop extra curricular activities.

Most years students can experience:

Outdoor Education takes place on Wednesday afternoons. You can sign up for rock-climbing, caving, bouldering, water-skiing, snow-holing as appropriate. Students may wish to take part in the skiing residential in the Alps. There are also opportunities for lead climbing and for a weekend of winter mountaineering in Scotland.

The **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** is very active in the school, offering opportunities for around 70 students every year to undertake the Gold Award. It is possible to take a certificate in Moor and Fell Walking as part of the preparation for the Gold Expedition.

In a typical school year a number of **clubs and societies** are active in school including the Amnesty Group, Debating Club and Chess Club.

Language courses such as Italian, French, German, Spanish classes are available after school. You may also decide to be entered for a language A Level in your home language as part of the HOLA scheme.

Extra curricular music is flourishing in the school and offers considerable opportunities for students to widen their experience. In a typical year, musical activities could include a Senior Choir, a Madrigal Group, a First Orchestra, a Brass Band, a Jazz Band, a String Quartet and a Barber Shop group. Musical Groups have been successful in competitions both locally and nationally.

Drama is strong in the school and in recent years students have undertaken, very successfully, their own dramatic productions as well as being involved in the major school plays of the year. Productions give opportunities to students to be involved as actors/actresses, as stage crew and as producers and directors. Several students in have had parts in plays at the Crucible and have taken up places in Drama and Acting Schools around the country once they have left King Edward's.

School sports teams are active in the sixth form and PE staff will encourage you and organise fixtures on your behalf. There are sports halls on both school sites.

At the highest level, students and former students have represented Sheffield, Yorkshire and England. Recently students have won representative honours in athletics, swimming, tennis, bouldering and ice skating.

Many students arrange to work as a **volunteer**. This could be at the Hallamshire Hospital, a care home or working with younger students hearing them read. Such experiences can be very rewarding and sometimes life-changing—often they are pre-requisite for progression to certain careers.

