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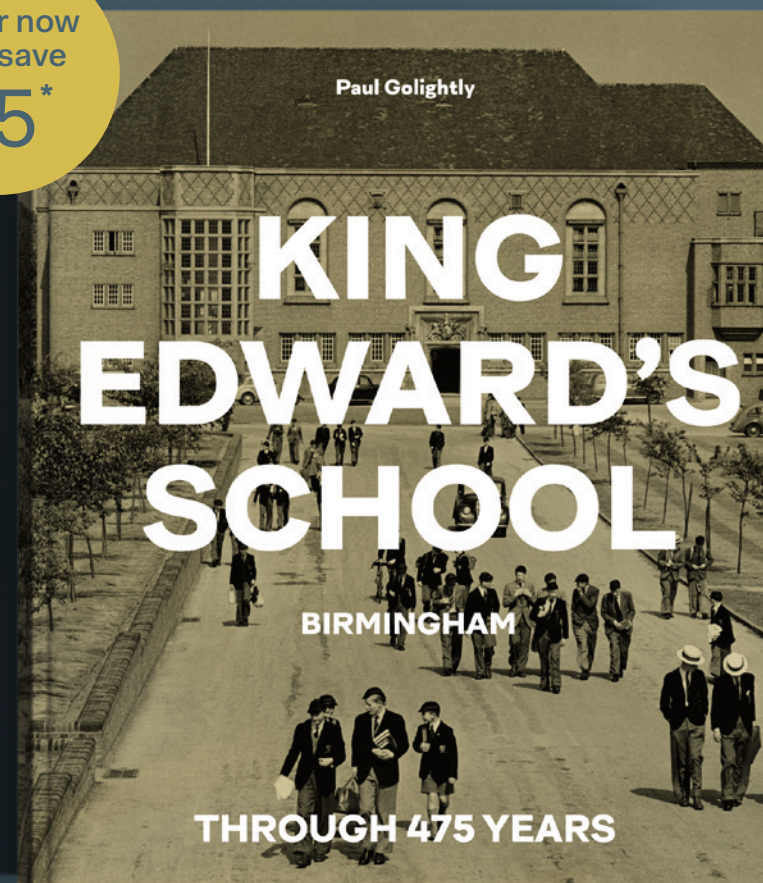
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King Edward's School, Birmingham will celebrate its 475th anniversary in 2027. While much has changed at King Edward's over the course of four and three-quarter centuries, the mission to provide an excellent education to boys has remained steadfast since 1552.

A commitment to hope and to a bright future, despite the vagaries of the world, is engrained in our origins. In the aftermath of a religious fissure, the closure of the chantries during the English Reformation, lamented by Shakespeare in his depiction of 'bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang', created an enterprising opportunity to build a school appropriate for a small but bustling Midlands town. As Birmingham developed into a city of national prominence, so too did King Edward's grow in distinction.

This beautifully illustrated new book will explore the history, traditions, achievements and unique qualities of King Edward's. While there are many contributors, there is a striking unity in their lively affection for a great and distinguished school. I am sure our readership will share that warm regard and join us in marking this significant birthday.

Kirsty von Malaisé
Chief Master & Principal



What's inside?

The King Edward's treasury will include all those traditions, institutions and idiosyncrasies that make the school unique and so fondly regarded by Edwardians, old and new.

From the co-curricular life of KE, music, drama, sport, trips, the CCF and service will feature. So too will the warp and weft of typical school days, such as the House system, the school song, leavers' pranks, the Bristol Road run and simply getting to and from this particular leafy part of Edgbaston.

We will also explore the fabric of KE from cloisters to corridors, from the Chapel to the Cartland Room and from the Sacred Sod to the South Field. Individual objects and people will make appearances - Sapientia and the sword of honour, Chief Masters and alumni among others. Our book will also contain a brief history of the school from its foundation in 1552, and some regard for its future during the rest of the 21st century.



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