



Issue No 2

Friday 17 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of our second week of the Autumn term, our students continue to demonstrate positive approaches to their learning in the classroom. The return to curriculum area teaching, in-person assemblies, and opening up of social areas has been met well by students who continue to make the most of our school site this term.

Clubs

Preparations are being made to reintroduce our extra-curricular offer, which was so affected by restrictions last academic year. The school takes much pride in offering a wide range of extra-curricular clubs to enrich our school curriculum, and provide additional opportunities in performing and visual arts, PE, debating and a whole host of other areas. We will be sending out the full extra-curricular schedule next Friday with after school clubs commencing the following Monday 27 September 2021.

Provisional schedules for PE and Performing Arts Clubs can be found on the Daily Tutor Bulletin (accessed via our [main website homepage](#)). These particular clubs can be attended without booking **for next week only**.

Full and final details will be in next week's Parent Bulletin including how to book a place for your child.

Positive Behaviour Award

The winner of the first positive behaviour prize was Edward Vale in Year 11. His name was selected from a ballot of around 100 nominations. Edward wins an Amazon voucher for 'being helpful to a member of staff' within his lesson.

Uniform

As the weather turns into the usual unpredictable British Autumn, we would encourage parents to ensure that students have the appropriate

waterproof coat so they can remain warm and dry. Colleagues in school are continuing to maintain our very high expectations with uniform and conduct and we would like to thank parents for their continued support with this.

MS Teams

Teachers are continuing to use MS Teams to set homework tasks for students. For Y8-11 students, this should be routine from last year. For our new Y7 families, there is some additional information on how to install and use MS Teams, including a help video that can be found [on our school website](#). If you need help with your login, contact icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk and our IT team will be pleased to help.

Dates for your Diary

- There will be a '**Success in Year 7 Evening**' next Tuesday 22 September 2021. See the separate letter emailed to Year 7 parents earlier this week. Please indicate your attendance by [completing this form](#) by Monday.

We have other key events scheduled over the next few weeks, specifically for **Years 10 and 11** parents and students. (See our school calendar). Information will be circulated to parents in due course. These events are important for us to develop the home-school relationships that are critical to your child's success at school.

- **School Photographs** are scheduled for Monday 27 September 2021. Individual student photos for every year group except Year 8 and a group photo for Year 11 will be taken. Please ensure your child/ren are looking smart and in full correct school uniform.

IMPORTANT Covid Precautions and Information

We will be distributing more lateral flow home test kits to all students next week during tutor time.

More information can be found in the [letter sent to parents last week.](#)

Although the wearing of face coverings is optional for the time being there may be occasions during the school day when they are required for a number of reasons. Please ensure your child has a mask in their bag just in case.

We have had a number of positive LFD and PCR tests within our student community this week. As there is no longer a requirement to self-isolate, it is even more important that regular LFD testing takes place twice weekly (unless advised by track and trace to test daily). However, this test is only effective if your child is **completely symptom free**. If your child is feeling unwell at all and in particular feeling sick, a tummy ache, a slight cough or slight sore throat please arrange for a **PCR Test**. **This is a FREE test that you have to await the result. Please keep your child off school until this result comes back negative.**

Please continue to test twice weekly. It is essential that ALL results (LFD and PCR) are reported to us [via our website](#) and to [NHS test and trace](#).

There is a new FREE walk-in PCR testing centre at Olding Road in Bury. Booking is advised and can be done online or by called 119. Opening hours are 8am-8pm daily. More information can be found on the [Council website](#).

and finally ...

A group of Year 10 and 11 students have been fundraising for St Nicholas Hospice recently. So far they have raised more than £500 in total by organising a cake sale and taking part in the 'Girls Night Out' walk at the weekend. We are very proud of them. If you would like to contribute, please visit their [Just Giving page](#).



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Thought for the week
*But Jesus looked at them and said,
"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible".
Matthew 19:26*