



Issue No 4

Friday 1 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another purposeful week in school with students busily signing up to our extra-curricular clubs. We are pleased to announce over 50 clubs that are attended both during lunchtime and after school. [Click here for more details on what we have on offer.](#)

Our first Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition was completed last weekend and we commend our 74 Year 10 students who bravely took to the Suffolk wilderness under the excellent organisation of Mr Charachon, ably supported by Ms. Webster. A few weary eyes on Monday made way to determination and resilience into the week. Huge well done to these students.

On Wednesday we welcomed Year 10 parents and carers into the school for our GCSE Information Evening. We were delighted to see our parents and carers again in person to discuss the important transition to KS4. We have published our information slides, and a recording of the evening on our school website's [KS4 Success page](#). For more information on how to support your child through KS4, please navigate to the subject pages.

We are holding a similar information evening for parents/carers of Year 11 Students at 6pm on Wednesday 6 October 2021. [Please click here](#) to let us know you would like to attend.

As a reminder, we will continue to use the school's social media to notify you of important updates. You can view our facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/KingEdwardVISchool>

Nuts

Whilst we are not a completely nut free school we do ensure no nuts are ever used in our school meals/catering outlets. We are mindful that

members of our school community have allergies to nuts so may we ask that nuts are not brought into school by students please?

Kooth

You may be aware of a service called Kooth which is designed to support the wellbeing and resilience of young people and is available for 11-25 year olds in Suffolk.

Kooth also offers free online counselling and is running free online parent/carer information sessions designed to help you understand how Kooth can support your child with their mental health and wellbeing. [You can find more details here.](#)

Teams

If your child is absent from school they can find work on MS Teams under the 'Posts' tab.

FOKES Wine Evening

FOKES (our Parent Association) have organised a wine evening on Friday 15 October 2021. All are welcome. More details can be found below.

Student Bathrooms

At the start of this academic year, we reinstated the use of all student bathrooms. The main reason for this was to allow students access to the nearest bathroom to their lessons, supporting them arriving on time. Year groups are now mixing and we are aware that issues of discourteous behaviour have arisen. Reports were also reported last year with the year group allocated bathrooms. One way that other schools have addressed this is to install CCTV over the communal washbasin area of the bathrooms. We are interested, at this early stage, in parental feedback and thoughts. To let us know what you think, please [click on this link.](#)

And finally ...

Congratulations to the U16 Netball team who have qualified for the County Netball Finals where they will represent West Suffolk.



Beverley Tucker
Co-Headteacher

Tom Grey
Co-Headteacher

Thought for the Week
“School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.”
Lon Watters



FOKES

invite you to join them on
Friday 15th October 2021
for a **Spanish wine tour!**

Over the course of the evening you will be taken on a journey through one of the world's largest wine producing countries. A range of both classics to 'off-the-beaten track' organic wines will be showcased, alongside a selection of tapas-style snacks.

Our guide for the evening is former King Edward VI School student Natalie Earl. Having worked in the wine industry for a number of years, she currently works for Decanter wine magazine and is responsible for running the world's largest wine competition.

A raffle will be drawn, with the top prize being a hamper of the wines tasted over the course of the evening.

The cost of the evening is £25 per person. All money raised will go to Friends of King Edward VI School (FOKES) to further enrich students education and opportunities.

To secure your place, please pay £25 via bank transfer using the details below by 5th October 2021.

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