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Dear Parents and Carers

Attitude to Learning (ATL)

As we embark on the new half term, the school launches its new and improved Attitude to Learning (ATL) criteria. Back in the Summer term parents, students and staff were invited to provide their ideas on the learning behaviours that lead to exceptional outcomes. From this, a common language has been developed around three critical areas of classroom and home learning: *Learning Attitudes, Quality of Work, and Independent Learning*.

Why is ATL important?

Students who take ownership of their learning, achieve more throughout their time in education. When a student is highly motivated and engaged in their learning, they are more receptive to new ideas and more able to develop their knowledge and skills. We continuously encourage students to give 100% effort, 100% of the time.

For students at King Edward VI School we seek to develop 6Rs into daily practice.

We want our students to be:

- Resilient
- Risk-taking
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Resourceful
- Responsive

A full copy of the ATL criteria and 6Rs has been included with this bulletin.

How can parents use ATL?

Parents and carers form a critical role in supporting excellent academic outcomes for their children. We anticipate that the ATL criteria can be used as a dialogue tool between parents, students, and school.

The school will report on the new ATL grades in reports published on Friday 26 November. When this report is available, we encourage parents to use this alongside the ATL criteria to target key areas that their child can improve upon in order to move towards, or sustain, an 'Excellent' judgement in all subjects.

Further, parents are encouraged to discuss ATL grades with teachers at Parents' Evenings throughout the year.

COVID Updates

We are continuing with mask wearing in communal indoor areas and assemblies until otherwise notified. Students may also be directed to wear masks in the classroom by the teacher. Can we ask for the continued support of parents in ensuring that their child is sent to school with a mask (and ideally a spare in their bag)?

We have been contacted by the bus companies to ask that students who travel to school by bus should continue to wear masks whilst using this method of transport. We appreciate your support in ensuring that student wear masks on buses.

Please continue to complete regular (twice weekly) LFDs at home to ensure we can keep our school community safe. If your child requires more tests, these are available from Reception – the current tests are nasal only, and provide a result in 15 minutes. [Please report all results to the school here.](#)

Immunisation dates reminder

Immunisations will be administered only where parental consent has been received.

- Flu: Today - Friday 5 November (Y7 and Y11 only) and Thursday 2 December 2021.
- Covid: Friday 12 November and Monday 22 November 2021.

If your child has already had the Covid vaccine please let us know.

Remembrance

Remembrance poppies are available from Student Services for a donation (suggested 50p). We shall be observing one minute of silence in school at 11am on Thursday.

Positive Behaviour Award

This week's positive behaviour award prize was won by Dylan Taylor in Year 9 for being a wonderful tour guide for Year 6 students and their families. Well done Dylan!

School Photos

Photo orders have now been received and will be distributed via tutors next week.

Remote Access to Office 365 (including MS Teams)

Recently Microsoft have started to roll out additional security using 2 factor authentication for students' school Microsoft accounts. This will mean that students will need to enter a unique access code when they log in to Office 365 from home. This can be done by following the on-screen instructions when asked for 'Additional Information'. You will be asked to enter a mobile number, and then you will be sent a code via SMS which you will need to enter to verify the login.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

We are also aware that Microsoft is still yet to release a Parent/Carer login facility so you are able to monitor homework activities for your child(ren). We will inform parents should this feature become available.

Finally, if you are concerned about the level of homework (assignments) that your child is receiving, please first contact their subject teachers.

Information, including [staff codes for email addresses, are available on our website here.](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing

It can be hard to open up a conversation with your child about mental health, especially if it's not something you've talked about before. Please have a look at the [Young Minds website](#) for lots of tips and activity ideas to help you, however old your child is.

Year 7 News

Year 7 parents will have received a separate letter about a residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands next summer. Please return the reply slip by Friday 3 December 2021. Any questions please email Mrs Taylor TA@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.

Year 11 News

There are subject specific revision guides on the [KS4 success page](#) on the school website including information about which topics to revise. Please revisit this page if you have not done so for a while.



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Thought for the Week
"Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."
Winston Churchill