



Issue No 9

Friday 12 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the official theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place next week from 15 to 19 of November 2021.

Work has been undertaken with the Junior Leadership Team to put together a comprehensive programme during tutorial time and assemblies to raise awareness across the school that banter and bullying are never acceptable and should **always** be reported.

Students are writing a new Anti-bullying Policy for the school that will be launched later in the year. Next week, there will be information on what constitutes bullying and how to report any incidences. You may want to watch this video: [Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word](#)

Preparations are now well underway for the school's first ever student and staff Pantomime, taking place at the end of term. Year 11 will have the opportunity to watch it as a live audience, as a treat after the hard work from their trial exams and it will be recorded for the other year groups to watch on the last day of term.



Congratulations to Leo Taylor for an outstanding achievement in Gymnastics. He received Gold - for Vaults, Silver - for Rings and a Bronze - bar, floor and individual all round. He was 10th in Great Britain at Elite level (the highest

level), which was a fantastic achievement. He also received a team gold for the Eastern Region. He will be hoping to be selected for the British and English championships which are next Spring, so we will be looking forward to hearing more of his successes.

We love to hear about stories of students' achievement such as this so please do share with us.

Year 11 Trial Examinations

Year 11 Trial Exams will be held from Monday 29 November to Friday 10 December. We have been advised by the DfE just this week, that schools must make provisions in the eventuality of cancellation of GCSE public examinations in May/June. As part of these preparations, teachers will arrange for internal assessments, including Trial Exams, to be conducted in examination conditions.

It is important for both students and parents that they recognise that all assessments in Y11, including Trial Exams, are prepared for with the understanding that **grades may be used to determine final GCSE calculations** (as we have done for the last two years). Therefore, please can parents and carers support their children in placing this emphasis on their preparation for Trial Exams.

A range of support, information and guidance will have been shared with students within lessons, on MS Teams, and on the school website. The Trial Exam Timetable is now available to view on our website on the ['Examinations' page](#).

If you require further support or guidance, the school website is the best place to start. For individual questions, we would recommend emailing your child's individual teachers.

Exam Timetable Summer 2022 and contingency day

The summer exam timetable has now been finalised by the exam boards and published on their websites. The confirmed timetable for our students is now available to view by [following this link](#)

As happens every year there will be some exams that occur at the same time and will create clashes for certain students, these will be resolved after the entries are made at the end of February 2022 and noted on student timetables when these are issued.

The national exam contingency day has also been confirmed as **Wednesday 29 June 2022**. Students will be expected to be available until after this final date. Should you have any questions, please direct these to Caroline Blyth, Examinations Officer clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Flu Vaccinations

You will have received an email earlier this week regarding flu vaccinations for students scheduled for Thursday 2 December 2021. Please ensure you return the consent form to school by Friday 19 November 2021 if you would like your child to have the flu vaccination in school.

Covid Vaccinations

We were informed today that the immunisations team are unable to vaccinate anyone over the age of 16. This means that some Year 11 students who were under the age of 16 when Parents originally consented were unable to get their covid vaccination today. For this we apologise but the decision is unfortunately outside our control. We have been advised that these students can obtain the vaccine at any of the vaccination centres outside of school.

Communication with School

Our preferred method of communication is via email. Our main email address admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch is checked on a daily basis and staff email addresses can be found on our [school website here](#). Please be aware however that if your message is time sensitive we cannot guarantee that emails will be read immediately. If your message is urgent please telephone, and always add a note in your child's planner for staff to see.

Suffolk Parenting Hub

Suffolk Parenting Hub is a great place to find information on parenting advice and supporting your child's development including virtual group programmes, online courses and advice on family wellbeing, health and education.



- 22.11.2021 - The Power of Positive Parenting Workshop
- 29.11.2021 - Raising Confident, Competent Children Workshop
- 30.11.2021 - Who's in Charge? Online Parenting Programme
- 06.12.2021 - Raising Resilient Children Workshop

More information about these events can be found here.
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/parent-hub/>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Tucker'.

Beverley Tucker
Co-Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Grey'.

Tom Grey
Co-Headteacher

Thought for the Week

““Nothing is particularly hard if you break it down into small jobs.”

Henry Ford



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