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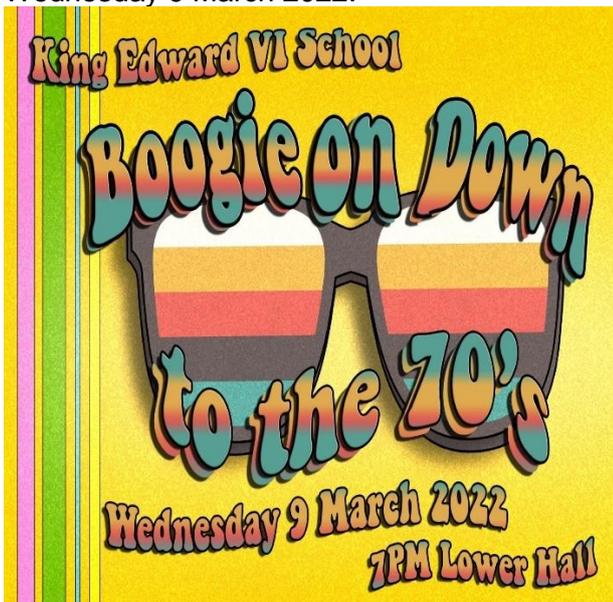
Friday 11 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

A week of Extra Curricular

Congratulations to the Year 8 and 10 students involved in the Shakespeare Festival at the Apex on Tuesday evening. Feedback on the night was that the King Edwards students gave a high quality performance and were a credit to the school. It was so wonderful to be conducting live performances once again and giving students such an experience. We would like to thank Miss Stoll and Miss Scott.

A date for your diary: Spring Music Concert on Wednesday 9 March 2022.



This week has been a week of extras from our staff. Extended tutorial week where there has been some great PSHE work (thank you Mr Herbert), three careers assemblies for Years 9, 10 and 11 (thank you Miss Hahn – you can find more info about these assemblies below) and an excellent Year 11 exam preparation assembly (thank you Mr Hurry and Mr Spillane). Across the school, staff are offering up their time for lunchtime and after school clubs and exam intervention, so please encourage your child to attend something.

Year 11

We are trying to galvanize Year 11 students so that they all meet their school targets and have started a 'spotlight on success' scheme whereby a member of the senior leadership team will drop into Year 11 lessons and ask the teacher to nominate two students who are completing excellent work in that lesson. The students will receive a postcard and their names will go into a draw for an Amazon voucher later next month. Students are quite excited about it and enjoy senior leaders turning up to the lessons for positive reasons.

Next week Year 11 MFL will be having their Speaking Exams and will be busy preparing for that. Meanwhile, Food and Nutrition students are having their Non-Examined Assessments (NEA) practical exams. We would like to wish all the students involved the very best of luck. Our advice would be to prepare well, have confidence and believe in themselves. They can do it!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Half term** is 21 – 25 February 2022 (not next week as some other schools).
- **The extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee** for our school is **Friday 1 July** NOT Friday 18 February. Schools locally have all chosen different dates.
- **Reports Published next Friday 18 February 2022** You will be able to access your child's report next Friday on Go4Schools. Details on how to find this information will be published in next Friday's newsletter.

Work for students absent from school

If a student is absent from school, they can access their classwork via Teams (in **Posts** not Assignments) whilst absent. This is typically posted at the start of each lesson. The Maths Department set work on MathsWatch. There is no PE work set. If a member of staff is absent, the Teams work may well be missing. We are looking at ways to further improve this. If your child's work is missing, please email the teacher concerned.

Equipment Check

After half term, tutors will check that your child has [all the right equipment](#) for their lessons. Please ensure they have a full pencil case and a planner. Both are available to order from Student Services and can be purchased by Parent Pay if you are not able to arrange outside of school. The link is [here](#). Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to have support with this, please email your Head of College or Pastoral Support Manager.

Social Media

A plea to our community that for all our wellbeing we should only put kind comments out on social media platforms. Within school, we tell students to only put on SM what you would be happy for an elderly member of your family to see. This may be an approach for us all to consider when using social media. Perhaps something to discuss with your children at home this weekend.

FOKES Quiz Night

Sadly, despite regular advertising, our FOKES (PTA) Friday Quiz tonight is cancelled due to lack of sign up. We have another date, **Friday 1 April 2022**, please do make the effort to sign up for it in advance, as it will be a fun event and we can pit families against staff!



<https://forms.office.com/r/zXPJUgzNKc>

Careers

• Apprenticeships Update

This week marks the 15th National Apprenticeship Week. The Minister for Skills, Alex Burghart, has an inspiring message for Parents and Carers about apprenticeships. Click on the link to see his [video message](#) to you. Apprenticeships have changed a huge amount in the past few years, and now offer access to more than 1500 different job roles, ranging from intermediate (GCSE) level through to degree apprenticeships.

[This guide](#) has been put together by Amazing Apprenticeships to help you explore the exciting world of apprenticeships with your child, to understand the range of resources and support services available to you, and how to access them. You can also find a wealth of information and links to current apprenticeship vacancies on our school website Careers page: [Apprenticeships - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](#)

• Careers Assemblies for Years 9 to 11

The first wave of Careers assemblies was held this week with our Year 9,10 and 11 cohorts. (Careers assemblies for Years 8 and 9 will take place next week). Information about the Labour Market was shared with Years 9 and 10 and they were reminded of the in-house resources they could use – Xello and our school Careers website – to support their research into options and next steps.

Year 11 students enjoyed a comprehensive careers presentation entitled *My Future Career*, by [InvestIN](#), with whom we are a partner school. [Here](#) is a summary of what was covered, including tips on how to support your child going forward.

Sea cadets are now recruiting



Bury St Edmunds (Mayor's Own)

- Ages 10-18
- Tues & Thurs, 1915-2115
- Klondyke, Beetons Way, IP32 6RF



Phone
01284 750352

Website
sea-cadets.org/burystedmunds

Email
contact@bseseacadets.uk

Facebook
facebook.com/tsstedmund

For such a land-locked town, it might seem strange to be talking about sea cadets! We have a long history of students joining the cadets and we want to encourage more to sign up to enjoy the many benefits to being part of such an organisation. Some of our former students have continued make use of their time spent with Sea Cadets and gone further in the cadets or indeed made a career out of joining the Royal Navy. Here are some of the jobs they now do:

- Unit Training Officer
- Second in charge of the Unit
- Royal Fleet Auxiliary (supply side of the Royal Navy) and joined the officer training programme
- Full time career in Royal Navy

And finally ...

Today's Prayer. Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words each day: [Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

Beverley Tucker
Co-Headteacher

Tom Grey
Co-Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Wed 16 Feb 22	Covid Vaccinations in school
Thu 17 Feb 22	Year 9 Online Options Evening
Fri 18 Feb 22	Reports and rotation 2 Reports published for all students on G4S
Mon 21 - Fri 25 Feb 22	Half Term
Wed 2 & Thu 3 Mar 22	Year 10 Parents Evening
Fri 4 Mar 22	Year 9 Options deadline
Wed 9 Mar 22	Spring Music Concert
Wed 30 Mar 22	Performing Arts Showcase at the Apex
Fri 1 Apr 22	Fokes Quiz night

Reluctant Reader Tip 10: Continue to read aloud to your children (even if they are fluent readers). Even if your child is in Y11. Choose books together that they probably wouldn't read on their own. There is research that shows that reading a book to a student can have a positive impact on their reading age as well as getting them interested in the world of books.


Suffolk and North East Essex

Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

Please do not contact the centre

If you have queries please go to
www.sneevaccine.org.uk
or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961
Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



NHS Vaccination Bus
New Bury Community Centre
1 Charles Place
Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RW

Saturday 12th February
10.30am – 5.00pm

Pfizer available
First & second dose 12 years plus
Booster dose 16 years plus

Please check vaccination eligibility against latest government guidelines
www.sneevaccine.org.uk/what-you-need-to-know/faqs/

Demand may be high so queues are expected. We are doing our best to reduce the waiting time and would like to thank you for your patience.

Thought for the Week

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of becoming.”

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