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Dear Parents and Carers



Bon Voyage to 46 students and 6 staff who depart on our Ski Trip tomorrow. It is so exciting for students to be going on overseas school trips again. The risk assessments required to make it happen are something to behold! Thank you to Mr Post, Head of College and the support staff who have worked tirelessly to make this finally a reality for the students; after two years without any overseas trips at all.

As we approach the half term break, we have an opportunity to reflect on the year so far and give thanks to staff for working so hard for your children throughout some significant challenges this term. We would also like to extend our thanks to our Governing Body for the work they are doing with the leaders of the school and the contribution they make on your behalf. Finally, a thank you to the parents and carers who, without your continued support for the school, we would not be able to provide such a good offer to our students.

As the days are now starting to get longer, please continue to encourage your children to sign up for and attend our extracurricular provision. It is especially important for Year 11 to make use of the interventions and revision sessions teachers are providing, (details of which are below) but also remember that there is Study Club that takes place after school Monday to Thursday in the Library.

**Reports** are published today: Friday 18 February 2022. You will be able to access your child's report on Go4Schools. To access the reports, please login to Go4Schools [here](#) using the email address that you have registered with the school. If you are a first-time user of Go4Schools, or if you have any difficulty logging on, there is a Parent Guide on the school website [here](#).

If required, a short video guide to finding the reports on Go4Schools is available to watch [here](#).

A 'KS3 Assessment Guide' for parents can also be found [here](#), which explains how to interpret the different assessment data in the reports. Please do contact your Head of College if you cannot access this valuable information about your child's progress.

## Year 11 information

- **Space for Year 11** After half term, to make our Year 11 students feel a little bit special and develop a greater sense of responsibility within the school, we will be trialling a Year 11 lunchtime room. The Foundation Room will be divided into two spaces: an individual work/revision area and a separate seating area for sitting and chatting. No food or drink will be allowed in this room, which will be supervised by staff during lunchtimes. It will be Year 11s responsibility to respect the area and ensure that it is always kept clean and tidy.
- **March Assessments** Further assessments take place starting during the week commencing Monday 7 March 2022. [The full timetable can be found on our website here.](#)

- **Year 11 academic support outside of lesson time** [Please click here to see the schedule of support sessions for Year 11 students.](#) We are running these drop in sessions for subjects at lunchtimes and after school.
- **MFL** Most of the Year 11 MFL speaking exams took place this week (the cancelled ones will be rescheduled) and the feedback from the MFL team was that the students conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to the school. There is no time for Year 11 complacency and students will now know what is expected of them when the real exams taking place in 3 months' time. Teachers will feed back on any improvements that can be made in preparation for the real event.
- **Food & Nutrition** Meanwhile, Food and Nutrition students took their Non-Examined Assessments (NEA) practical exams for real (cancelled ones today will be rescheduled). Bearing in mind these practical exams have not taken place for two years now the standard, organisation and commitment of most of students was impressive, and the dishes prepared showed off the talent and skill that we have in this school. A number of these students will go on to catering courses at West Suffolk College, who will be very lucky to have them next year!
- **Examinations Page on our school website** You can find lots of information about [Year 11 exams on our school website](#) here including [indicative material and advance information](#) for each subject.

### Sporting News!

The Year 7 Football team have made it through to the Quarter Finals of the County Cup after a hard fought 3-2 win at Hartismere in the last 16. King Edwards trailed 1-0 with only 15 minutes remaining before an excellent header from Troy levelled things up, before goals from Jack and Ned in the last 5 minutes put us 3-1 up. An own goal made for a nervy finish but we held on and Mr Aiken's team now face Mildenhall in the last 8.

Year 7 Football Squad



Our Under 16 Rugby team took part in their first fixture for two years when they competed in a round robin county tournament at Ipswich School. Following a comfortable win over Pakefield School, King Edwards needed two tries in the last two minutes to secure a brilliant win over Thurston in their second game. The team's final match was a local derby with County Upper with our boys securing a famous victory to maintain a 100% record. The team was brilliantly led by Charlie and the tackling from Will was awesome.

### Reminders

- **Equipment Check**  
After half term, tutors will check that your child has [all the right equipment](#) for their lessons. They must have a full pencil case and a planner. Both are available to order from Student Services and can be bought via 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.
- **After School Clubs**  
If your child attends an extra-curricular club please ensure that you add their details to the [online system accessed via our website](#). If they no longer wish to attend please remove their name so other students who would like a place can sign up. We try very hard to inform parents of cancellations etc but find it difficult if the information we have is not up to date.

- **MS TEAMS**

Year 8 students have work set on Teams during their remote learning this week, however a few have forgotten how to access TEAMS and a number never access Go4Schools. Details on how to access all student sites are found here: [Students - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

- **FOKES Quiz Night**

Don't forget to sign up for **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>

### **Student Medical Information**

If your child has a School Health Care Plan, it is important that it is reviewed regularly with your doctor/health professional and to keep us informed of any changes. This is particularly important for students who have Asthma, Diabetes or Epilepsy, or if they have any severe allergies. Similarly, if a student has had Health Care Plan that is no longer required, we need to know, so that we can remove it from the student's record.

If medication is held by the school, please ensure replacements are provided promptly, prior to the expiry date being reached. These actions will help us to keep our students safe.

### **Keeping in Touch**

Once a King Edwards student, always a King Edwards student. We love our ex-students keeping in touch with us and telling us how things are going.

[Here is a video from Barthelemy Chinenyeze](#) who won Gold in the Olympics last year in

volleyball (For France not for Team GB but he was still our student!).

Please sign up to The Old Burians, our Alumni Association, if you or your children are ex-students. Details are here: [Join Us - Old Burians Association](#)



### **World Book Day**

Thursday 3 March 2022 is World Book Day. The theme for 2022 is "You are readers". Please see information below about three competitions open to all year groups. Students may complete any or all of these in their own time and bring them in to school after half term!

### **Social Media**

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have received a Safeguarding Assembly this week led by Ms Sweny, reminding them of how to keep safe online and the importance of being kind to everyone. It has also reminded students that whatever goes out on the internet remains out on the internet and so an unguarded comment or inappropriate photo/video may be found years later when searches are made!

### **And finally ...**

**STAY SAFE AND WELL  
AND HAVE A LOVELY  
HALF TERM!**



Beverley Tucker  
Co-Headteacher

Tom Grey  
Co-Headteacher

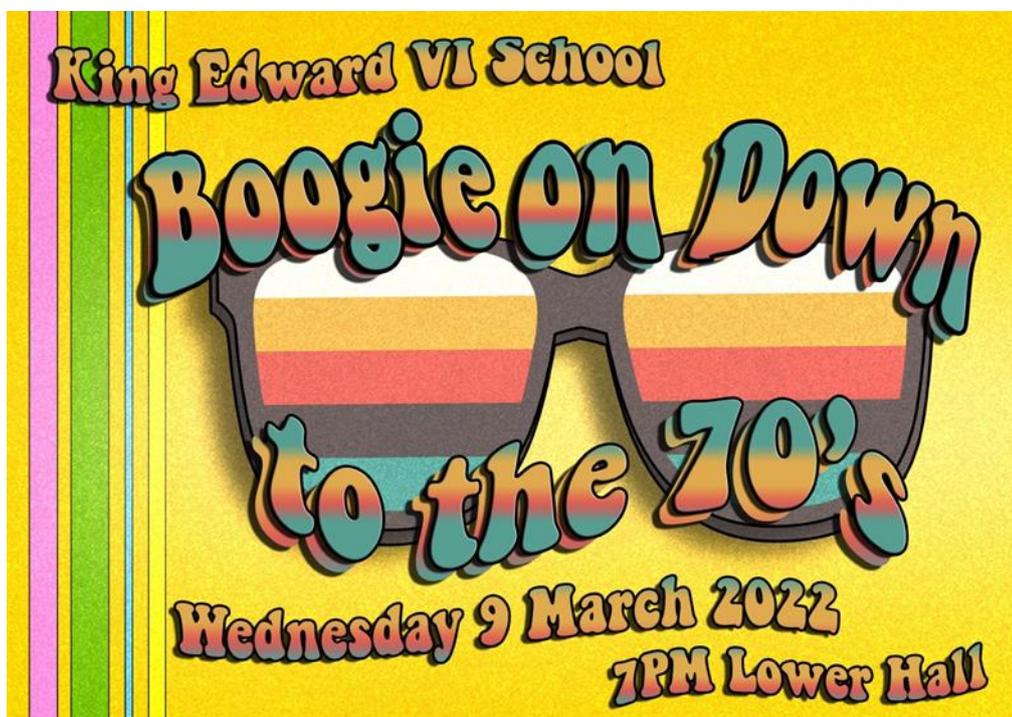
### Dates for your Diary

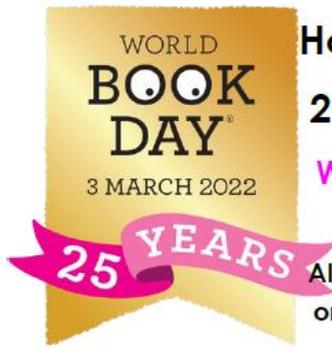
[Term dates for next academic year](#) 2022-2023 are now on our website.

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
Fri 1 July 22	Day off in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday

**Reluctant Reader Tip 11:** Another idea is to find the book version of a movie: *Stormbreaker*, *Eragon*, *Harry Potter*, *The Book Thief*, *I am Number Four*, *The Princess Diaries*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Percy Jackson*, *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent*, *Maze Runner*, *Fault in Our Stars*, *Twilight* and *Inkheart* and *Wonder* are all films based on children/YA books. Both of you can read the book, go to the movie together -- then discuss the differences.

Both Miss Reynard and her husband read the dystopian series *Silo* (3 books) over Christmas, and we are eagerly awaiting the Apple TV adaptation that is arriving soon. I can recommend these books to adults and younger readers alike – the first is called *Wool*, by Hugh Howey.





## How will you help celebrate 25 Years of World Book day?

We challenge you to pick one of the following tasks!

All entries should be handed to Mrs Eley (A117) or Ms Reynard C5a by the end of Thursday 3rd March.

Use your artistic skills to turn the humble potato into a character from your favourite book!



Demonstrate the art of persuasion and write a letter to Mr Nicholls arguing why your favourite book should be the one that is bought for the library!

Use your artistic skills to design a book-mark for the school. The winning entry will be printed and distributed.



# WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

### Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

### Thought for the Week

"Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary."

*Oscar Wilde*

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