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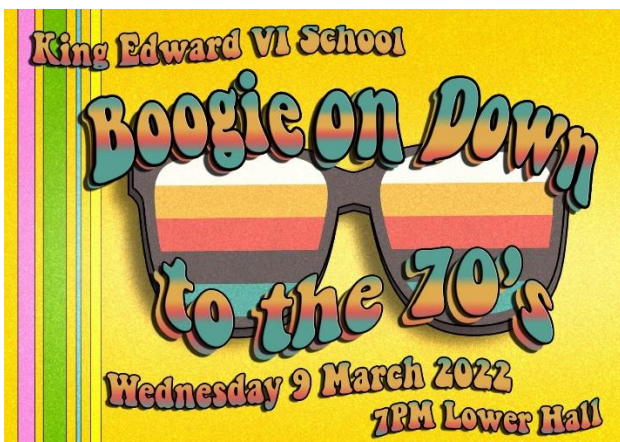
Dear Parents and Carers

We will be holding a charity non-uniform day to raise money for Ukrainian refugees and Comic Relief on Tuesday 15 March 2022. Students may come to school wearing something blue and yellow in exchange for a suggested donation of £2 per student. Donations will be split 50:50 between the two causes.

We understand that it can be difficult to know how to respond to children's natural curiosity and growing anxiety around the conflict in Ukraine. To help with this [BBC Bitesize](#) have developed a guide for parents and carers that you might find useful.

As a school we are supporting the Folk Café in Fornham St Martin who are organising funding and collection of essential items for Ukrainian refugees. More information can be found on their [Facebook page](#)

We are very much looking forward to our live concert in school on Wednesday! Tickets can be purchased via this link.
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/grove-road/lower-hall-king-edward-vi-school>



Please come along to what we know will be a fantastic evening!

Attitude to Learning reporting

As a follow up to reports that were published on Friday 18 February on Go4Schools you may wish to take the opportunity to speak to your son/daughter about how best to improve their Attitude to Learning (ATL) score. The best way to do this would be to use our grid published in November which you can access [via the website using this link](#).

Year 11 Assessments 7-31 March 22

The second set of year 11 assessments will be starting on Monday 7 March 2022. The first week will take place in the foundation room, with the following week's assessments taking place in classrooms in normal lesson time. The timetable can be found on the [exams page of our website here](#).

Only students who have separate room arrangements for their assessments will receive timetables, all students sitting in the foundation room will need to refer to the master timetable for dates and times.

Students have received a reminder of these arrangements in Assembly this week and should refer to the daily seating plans in the lower hall lobby so that they know where they are sitting for each assessment. Students have been reminded of the importance of these assessments.

Lost Property

A significant amount of lost property has accumulated in school including coats, shoes and water bottles. The vast majority is unfortunately, unnamed.

If your child has lost items please encourage them to check the area for the missing items, alternatively you are welcome to come in and look in this area yourself which is next to main Reception.

Any items unclaimed by Wednesday 16 March 2022 with either be disposed of or washed and donated to charity.

Individual Sporting Successes!

Year 10 student Matthew Bartley played in the Squash Essex Junior Open this weekend, in the under 17 boys category. Matt won all of his matches and is the Essex Junior Open Champion 2022. Congratulations to him.



Year 7 student Erin Clutterham took part in the National Baton Twirling Association's regional competition. Erin has qualified in three of



her sections with hopefully more qualifications to come regionals over the next few months ready for Nationals in October!

Safeguarding

The focus for this year's Internet Safety Day was 'Exploring respect and relationships online' following on from this we thought it would be helpful to share the following information about online grooming.

With the scale of online grooming worsening every year it is important that parents are empowered with good information. The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide which is split into 3 sections. The downloadable PDF can be found [HERE](#).

If you have any concerns that you would like advice or support with please do not hesitate to contact your Head of College, Pastoral Support Manager or a member of the safeguarding team.

And finally ...

"This Lent we are called to reflect on the injustices of the world and ask what God is calling us to do about them. Over forty days, we step into God's work in the here and now – and in doing so we move from brokenness towards wholeness."

#LiveLent: Embracing Justice – our Lent reflections. [Download the app here](#).

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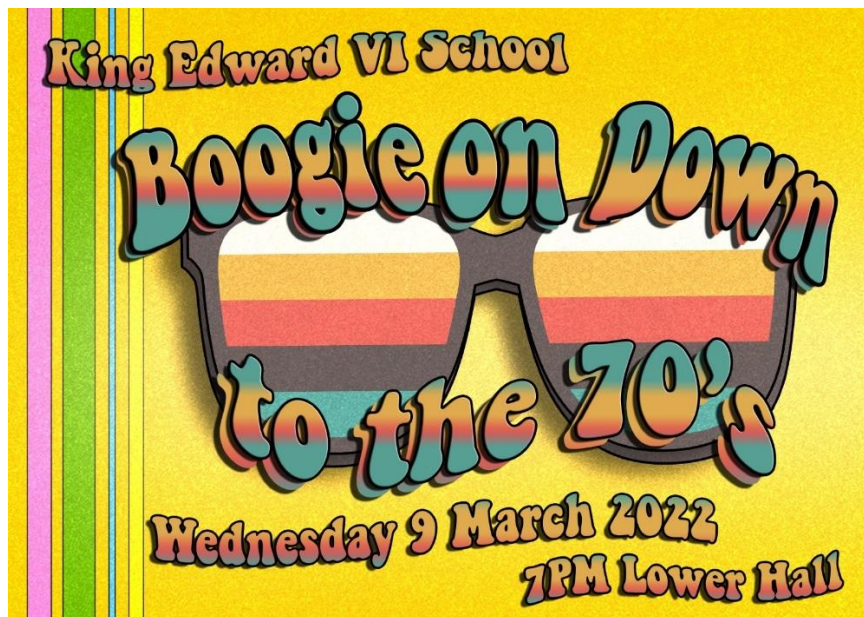
Reluctant Reader Tip 11: Try audio books: Libraries have free, downloadable audio books plus Audible has a wide range of teen books. Many teens like the idea of being able to do something active while listening to a book. By listening to an audio book, your teen will pick up new vocabulary, hear complex sentence structures and engage with stories.

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 4 March 2022	Year 9 Options deadline
Saturday 5 March 2022	Bronze DofE Training Day
Wednesday 9 March 2022	**Spring Music Concert 70s night (tickets)
Thursday 10 March 2022	Bone Sparrow Theatre Trip
Saturday 12 March 2022	**GCSE Music Composition Intervention Session
Monday 14 March 2022	Deadline for consent form for Y9/10 Paris Trip
Tuesday 15 March 2022	Charity Non-Uniform Day for Ukraine and Comic Relief
Sat & Sun 26 & 27 March 2022	Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
Wednesday 30 March 2022	Performing Arts Showcase at the Apex
Friday 1 April 2022	Fokes Quiz night
Fri 1 July 22	School closed in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday

**Permission Slips urgently required please for the Spring Music Concert and the GCSE Music Composition Intervention Session.



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

"You learn something new every day if you pay attention."
Ray LeBlond

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