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Dear Parents and Carers



We have had some wonderful feel-good events taking place this week. Once again, the Music department pulled out the stops to make a memorable event for students, parents and staff. These extra-curricular opportunities build the school memories for our students and have been so sorely missed. Huge thanks to the team of staff that were involved in putting the show together. There is another date for your diaries at the Apex on **Wednesday 30 March 2022** for the Performing Arts show which students are being prepared by Ms Stoll.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Taylor took eleven Student Council Reps to the Ukraine Donation Point at Risby. They spent 3 1/2 hours helping to sort the donations out, which included clothing, toiletries and bedding amongst other things. Boxes were made up, loaded, labelled and stacked ready to be loaded into a truck that will make the journey to Ukraine. It was a very satisfying and humbling experience and the students worked incredibly hard all morning. There are further plans to return next week with a different group of students to help the relief effort.

Year 11 Assessments

Year 11 students have worked hard in their assessments this week and we have been visiting classes to give out Spotlight on Success to try and keep them motivated. The timetable can be found on the [exams page of our website here](#).

Careers

In support of National Careers Week 2022, the Minister of State for Higher and Further Education, The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP has drafted a [letter to all parents, carers and guardians](#) that highlights the importance of good, early careers advice in school.

The Minister's letter includes links to resources that will support your conversations and career exploration with your child(ren). Please also visit our school Careers website for [NCW2022](#) careers information and more.



King Edward VI School Careers Fair: Wednesday 16 March 2022

Our annual **in-person** Careers Fair will be taking place next Wednesday with the highest number of stands to date. Miss Hahn has ensured that students have an extensive range of post-16 educational institutions and employers to visit this year, from Archaeologists and Armed Forces to Further Education and Veterinary colleges. Each cohort in Years 9-11 will visit the Fair during the morning. Years 7 and 8 will be invited to visit the Fair during break and lunch times. Students who wish to revisit the Fair can do so in Session 4.

Charity Non-uniform Day

We will be holding a charity non-uniform day to raise money for Ukrainian refugees and Comic Relief next **Friday 18 March 2022** (not Tuesday as previously advertised). 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.

Attitude to Learning Reporting

As a follow up to reports that were published on Friday 18 February on G4S 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](#).

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.

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

Safeguarding

[St Giles Trust SOS + Programme Gangs and County Lines Parent and Carer Webinars](#)

Following on from the success of our SOS pupil workshops last term, in which students met with ex-gang members to give them their perspective of Gangs and County Lines behaviour and associated risks.

We would like to remind you of the St Giles Trust SOS Gangs & County Lines Parents' Session in which speakers will utilise their lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines drug smuggling, gang involvement, criminal exploitation and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will allow parents to identify signs and triggers that a young person might be involved in a County Line and know how to appropriately respond.

West Suffolk Parent/Carer Session 6.30pm – 8pm 23 March 2022

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

For full details click the link in the article title.

Sue Sweny Safeguarding Officer



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Reluctant Reader Tip 12: Children can also read to pets: many animals love the attention this brings and it gives children a “judgement free” listener, as well as associating reading with a calm and loving companion.

Dates for your diary	Event
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
Wednesday 16 March 2022	Careers Fair
Friday 19 March 2022	British Sign Language Rally Trip
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

Term Dates 2022-2023

[Term dates for next academic year](#) can be found on our website. Our school is having an extra day off in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday in the summer half term is Friday 1 July 2022.

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](#)

Performing Arts Showcase

THE APEX



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WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2022

8 March 2022

Dear Mr Nichols, aka the book hero of the school

Persuasive letter for World Book day Comprehension

Thank you for taking up your time to read my letter.

I would like to start off saying how kind you are doing this for the students by giving them this opportunity; but you will soon be thanking me as my favourite book I know will be perfect for the school library.

In Year 6 my class studied an emotional, yet in some places, comical book called 'Once', about a young Jewish boy, Felix and his struggles against the Nazis. This is an educational book that could improve a student's knowledge in History, English, Philosophy and Ethics and more!

Some people like a short (about just over 200 page), simple read and this one could make an impact on their education. My class did not want my teacher to stop reading – they were so intrigued by this book and developed a better understanding in the topic. So much that they started following the series, have you ever seen a class so interested in a book? Think about it. If this can impact one class, just imagine how much it would with the whole school. No boredom at all, you could read the book in less than a day! You would know what I mean if you chose this book. There are also so many twists and turns. There are new characters, building a relationship and opinion with a non-existent person! People will be thanking you in future. Imagine, this could become their favourite book, all thanks to Mr Nichols! Don't miss out on this opportunity.

Plus, this may encourage students to read more, as like I mentioned, this book is a lovely, emotional and comical series. Once they see how good it is, they will be down on their knees begging for the next book. Isn't that what the school wants? There are so many more reasons, I just can't fit it all in this letter.

So, Sir, there's no point in questioning yourself over it. You know this is the best book. What are you waiting for? Why not? This book could become your favourite. Please, you are such a caring, well liked teacher. You do so much for us so I will do you a favour by introducing this book.

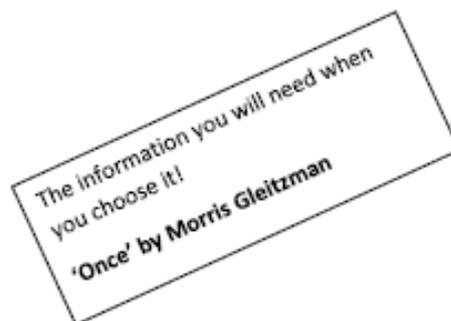
This might even be the cheapest (money wise) yet worthwhile reading opportunity you will get, so why aren't you taking it?

Thank you Sir! You are appreciated! Keep up the good work. Buy this book at once!

Your Sincerely

Gracie Brindley

Year 8



Thought for the Week

"When you cease to dream you cease to live." Malcolm Forbes

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