



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

What an evening at the Apex on Wednesday! Students performed to rapturous applause and there were stunning and unexpected performances from students like Eddie Page and Maya Jolie. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Florence Cano-Carbollar sang 'She used to be mine' from 'Waitress: The Musical'. A real credit to the work of the Performing Arts Department and enormous talent of every single one of the students who took part.



'Revoluting Children' backstage at the Apex!

Year 9 students successfully navigated around the countryside last weekend on their DofE Bronze Practice expedition, well done to all of them.

Year 8 students and 5 staff are travelling to London this evening to see a performance of Macbeth at the Globe Theatre which will be an amazing experience which will truly bring the text to life for them.

Living with COVID-19

There is new guidance from the DfE (effective from today, 1 April 2022) regarding 'living with COVID' which as a school, we are required to follow. The new guidelines are as follows:

- Free universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England will cease and therefore regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in school.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If your child does test positive for COVID (if you have access to tests) please ensure that they stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. You no longer need to report any test results to the school website.
- Please ensure that you report your child's absence by contacting attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk or by phoning the school
- From 4 April 2022, no Free School Meals vouchers will be issued to students who are absent because of COVID-19.
- If your child wishes to continue wearing a mask whilst they are at school they are able to do so. If a member of staff wishes students to continue to wear masks in their lessons, they should do so and masks will be supplied for this purpose.

Although this presents a big change to our way of 'living with Covid', we are very aware that Covid has not disappeared, so whilst working within these guidelines we will continue to do what we can to protect both students and staff, by encouraging good ventilation and hand hygiene.

FOKES Quiz cancelled

We have had to cancel the FOKES Quiz night sadly due to insufficient numbers. We will run a live Quiz in May, so please look out for the date. Thank you to those who did sign up. Your entry fees will be refunded, we will contact you via email.

Year 10 & Year 11 Exam Preparation

As we are running into the Summer Term, we are busy making preparation for Y10 Exams and Y11 final Exams. Y10 Exams fall directly after Easter and students will receive an assembly about this next Wednesday. Y11 Exams start on Monday 16 May, so we only have four teaching weeks between now and then.

Parental support and encouragement at home has never been more important, especially with the disruptions over recent years. For both Y10 and Y11, we would encourage students to complete revision activities over the Easter break, as directed by their teachers.

Work will be set in lessons, on MS Teams, or on other platforms such as GCSEPod. In preparation, please make sure that students are aware of their login details (which for some platforms is the same as their usual school login and password). If you need any help with logins please contact ICThelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' Hoodies are now available to order via this link.

<https://www.snowunion.co.uk/product/kes-bury-st-edmunds-leavers-2022-hoodie/>

Price £25, delivery will be to school before May half term. Deadline for ordering is 24 April 2022. For further details please follow the link. Any questions, please contact Mr Post on PO@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.



Buskers Wanted: Notice for Students

For a musical end to the term there will be busking at lunch time in the Crush Hall and Library on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April 2022. Open to students (and staff!), any singers/bands/instrumentalists are welcome to perform. We can provide backing tracks via YouTube if required. Please see Mrs Fouracre-Smith in the Music Office / email FR@ if your child would like to sign up.

Help for low income families

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the two-week school Easter holiday. The grant is to help families with their essential living costs. There are also a range of activities available, for information, contact families.communities@westsuffolk.gov.uk

The Suffolk Advice and Support Service operates a helpline offering free professional advice in confidence on a range of topics, such as debts, access to food and one-off grants to purchase essential items (0800 068 313). Further information can be found at:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service.

Suffolk County Council Funded School Transport

If your son/daughter currently receives funded school transport, you will need to complete an opt-in application for transport for September 2022. Please make your application via [Suffolk on Board - School Travel / Opt-in \(apply\)](#) The deadline is 31 May 2022.

Safeguarding

The following campaign has been brought to our attention and might be something you could follow up with at home if you feel able to do so.

Violence against Women and Girls (Mayor of London/London Assembly)

In the UK, a violent man kills a woman every three days. Changing this starts with men reflecting on their own behaviour and the way they see, treat and talk about women.

The Mayor of London and the London Assembly has launched a campaign called 'Have a word with yourself, then with your mates'. There are number of videos and other resources to encourage behavioural change from men and boys towards women.

The resources are here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/content/have-a-word>

We are aware that this is a very challenging subject that may be quite close to home for some of our students and families.

If you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school please do not hesitate to call Customer First on **0808 8004005** or contact our Safeguarding Team for advice and guidance.

And finally ... Skateboarding Coaching Session

A group of King Edwards students took part in a skateboarding coaching session with top UK Skateboard coach Ash Lever last week. They learnt a number of skills and tricks.

In the photo talented skater Raphael Akehurst (Year 10) jumps a bench.



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Reluctant Reader Tip 16: Visit a book shop and allow your child to select a book of their choice. The visually appealing marketing and layout of best-selling books can attract even reluctant readers.

Dates for your Diary

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

Fri 1 Apr 22	Y8 'Macbeth' Globe Theatre Trip London
Fri 1 Apr 22	Fokes Quiz night (cancelled)
Fri 8 Apr 22	Y10 Silver DofE consent deadline
Fri 8 Apr 22	Y9/10 Paris Trip payment deadline
Mon 11 Apr - Fri 22 Apr 22	Easter Holidays
Sun 24 Apr 22	Y11 deadline for ordering Leavers' Hoodies
Mon 25 Apr - Fri 6 May 22	Y10 assessments
Fri 29 Apr 22	Y10 Silver DofE final payment deadline
Mon 2 May 2022	Bank Holiday
Mon 16 May 22	Y11 GCSE Exams begin
Tues 31 May 22	Deadline for opt-in application for school transport
Sat 21 May – Sun 22 May 22	Y10 DofE Silver Practice expedition
Tues 28 Jun 22	Y11 GCSE Exams end
Weds 29 Jun 22	Y11 National Exams Contingency Day
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 Jun 22	Half Term
Sat 11 Jun – Sun 12 Jun 22	Y9 DofE Bronze Qualifying expedition
Thu 30 Jun 22	HPV Vaccinations Years 8, 9 & 10 (2nd date)
Fri 17 Jun 22	'& Juliet' Theatre Trip London
Fri 1 July 22	School closed in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday
Sun 3 – Wed 6 July 22	Y9/10 Paris Trip

Thought for the Week

“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone,
but in every leaf in spring-time.”

Martin Luther King

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