



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](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you if you have already completed the tutoring survey. The deadline for completion is today (Friday 6 May 2022). The form won't close until midnight tonight so there is still time to tell us what you think here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/HZbVPtYzk6> There will be more news about this in due course when all responses have been collated.

There were two nominations for the parent governor role so there will be an election next week.

Don't forget to sign up for our Quiz to raise money for the school, organised by FOKES. This will take place in school on Thursday 12 May at 6.30pm. See below for more details or follow this link/scan the QR code to register your interest.



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

A letter has been emailed to all Year 11 parents today with full details of the final weeks including, study leave dates, practical exam arrangements, revision support and of course details of the Prom.

Clubs

[Here is the link](#) to the clubs page on the school website, do have a look to see everything that's available. We are very proud of the range of activities on offer. Would your child like to try something new this term? Please book your place/s via the online booking system, the link for which is also on the clubs page.

Careers Programme



Please click on the link below/scan this QR code to provide your feedback on our Careers programme. Please ensure that you have read last week's [summary](#) of the programme before you respond.

[Parent and Carer Feedback Form – The KEVI Careers Programme](#)

We will share the results of your feedback in next week's newsletter!

Open Mic event

Following the success of the busking sessions last term the Music Department are holding an Open Mic event next week. Open to all singers and instrumentalists in any musical style. Students can accompany themselves on piano or guitar or they may have a backing track ready that can be found on YouTube. On this occasion we can't welcome parents to watch the event but please encourage your child to take part and bring their friends along to watch. Students need to see Mrs Fouracre-Smith in the music office to sign up.

Summer Term OPEN MIC

Weds 18 May
4pm
PAC

Open to all singers, bands, instrumentalists & songwriters.
Sign up for a slot outside the music office.

Bring your friends to come and watch!

Sporting News



Following UK team trials in February and March this year, six of our students have successfully gained places in the U12, U15 and U18 UK Youth Tchoukball Teams. They will compete in the European Youth Championships in Leeds over the summer. Congratulations to Harry Meachen (Y11), Harry Upton (Y10), Harry Humpage (Y10), Jack Law (Y8), George Humpage (Y8) and Henry Flores-Holland (Y7).

School success survey

We have been asked to take part in a study by the University of Durham about what school success means for students. It forms part of a project which ultimately aims to understand how to increase support in schools for autistic and neurodivergent pupils.

The online survey will take roughly 10-15 minutes to complete and is aimed at both autistic and non-autistic pupils (aged 12-17).

- If you are a parent of an autistic adolescent who is currently in mainstream secondary education (aged 12-17), [please follow this link for more information and the survey.](#)
- If you are a parent of a non-autistic adolescent who is currently in mainstream

secondary education (aged 12-17), [please follow this link for more information and the survey](#)

Safeguarding



The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week this year is 'loneliness'. Ms Tucker has been hosting assemblies with hints and tips for students to help themselves and each other to combat this, encouraging students to build meaningful connections with friends, family and communities and seek support for themselves or their friends if they are struggling.

Loneliness affects many of us at one time or another and can be both be the driver for and a product of, poor mental health. It may feel tricky knowing how to approach that chat with your child or to find the 'right' words once you do. This [conversation guide](https://mentalhealth-uk.org/) from <https://mentalhealth-uk.org/> is designed to help you along the way.

And finally ...

Thank you to all parents who have supported the push on uniform last week; we have seen an improvement but there is still work to be done. In particular, there are too many students attending school in trainers. All students are required to wear plain black leather school shoes. Meeting the uniform requirements helps create a culture of high standards and allows teachers to focus on learning. Your support with these basics is much appreciated.

Deri O'Regan

Reluctant Reader Tip 19:

When reading with your child, don't worry about correcting everything they get wrong. Constant interruption could knock their confidence but also interrupts the flow and disrupts the enjoyment of the story.



Click here to register your interest <https://forms.office.com/r/zXPJUgzNKc>

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates for next academic year 2022-2023 are now on our website.	
Mon 25 Apr - Fri 6 May 22	Y10 assessments
Tues 10 May 22	Y9 Deadline for Meningitis (&etc) consent
Thu 12 May 22	FOKES Quiz Live!
Mon 16 May 22	Y11 GCSE Exams begin
Tues 17 May – Weds 18 May 22	Y9 Meningitis (&etc) Vaccinations
Sat 21 May – Sun 22 May 22	Y10 DofE Silver Practice expedition
Tues 31 May 22	Deadline for opt-in application for school transport
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 Jun 22	Half Term
Sat 11 Jun – Sun 12 Jun 22	Y9 DofE Bronze Qualifying expedition
Fri 17 Jun 22	'& Juliet' Theatre Trip London
Thu 23 Jun 22	Y11 leavers day
Tues 28 Jun 22	Y11 GCSE Exams end
Weds 29 Jun 22	Y11 National Exams Contingency Day
Thu 30 Jun 22	HPV Vaccinations Years 8, 9 & 10 (2 nd date)
Thu 30 Jun 22	Y11 Prom at Blackthorpe Barn
Fri 1 July 22	School closed in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday
Mon 4 July 22	PD Day school closed to students
Sun 3 – Wed 6 July 22	Y9/10 Paris Trip

Thought for the Week

'The beginning is the most important part of the work.'

Plato

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