

## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

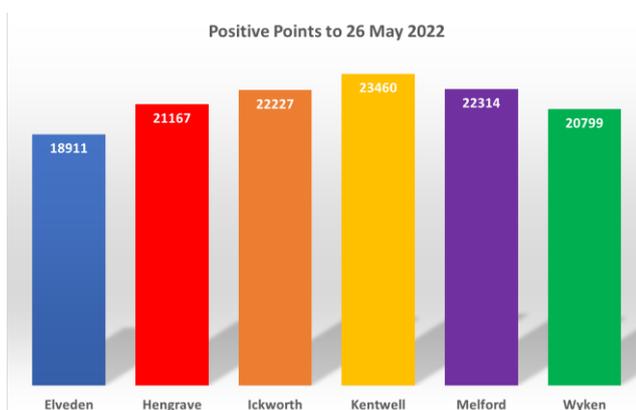
I am delighted to share with you our **student magazine**

<https://www.yumpu.com/xx/embed/view/7YJhFpTorc6uVsxn>

We are extremely grateful to Miss Warner for coordinating this great piece of work. She said, "Thank you to our wonderful team of year 11 editors and designers for their hard work. I am so incredibly proud of them all for their wonderful writing, artwork and general contributions."

I am pleased to announce that 128,878 merits have been handed out to students so far this year at King Edward VI School. This shows the outstanding concentration and effort put in by students to their learning. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and I look forward to celebrating the academic success of students in the remaining parental newsletters of the year.

In the spirit of inter college competition Kentwell College had the most merits before half term. Well done Kentwell! We shall include the new totals next week so see if Melford or Ickworth have overtaken Kentwell, as both were coming in at a close second.



## Mobile Phones

As you are aware we are a 'no phones' school. We are passionate about the benefits of social interaction at school and are aware of the mental health dangers of too much social media and screen time. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones unless with the express permission staff. This rule applies from when students enter site in the morning until dismissal from class at 3.35pm.

Students' phones should be switched off and in bags during the school day. Please support us in enforcing this rule by **not messaging or calling your children during the school day** (and not responding to messages from them). You may inadvertently get them into trouble for using their phones. If you have an URGENT message that cannot wait until the end of the school day that needs to be passed to your child please call Reception on 01284 761393 and we will be happy to help.

## Holidays in Term time

Whilst the school recognises the immense value of affordable family holidays we also see the damage that the pandemic has done to the education of students and gaps in both skills and knowledge from the last two years. Removing a child from lessons not only damages their education but it also damages the education for their classmates because teachers need to go over content a second time if some students are absent from the class.

## '& Juliet' trip on Friday 17 June 2022

Students who are joining this trip please come into school for Registration and Session 1 on the day of the trip (Friday 17 June), we will leave for London at breaktime. Students going on the trip do not need to wear school uniform on this day.

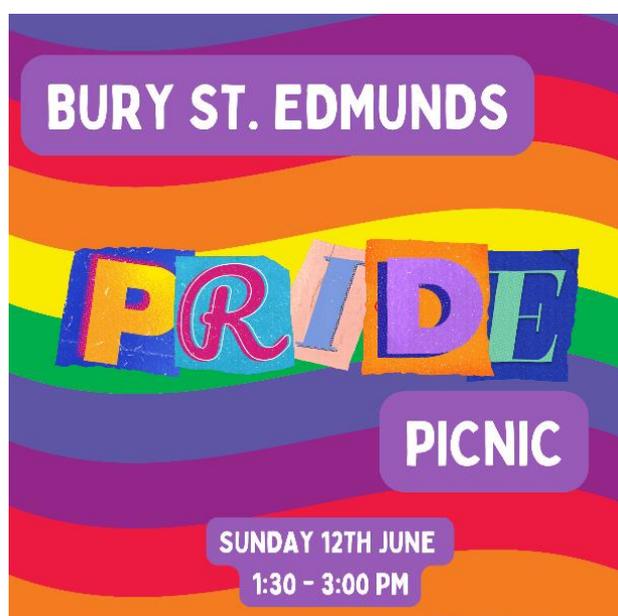
There will be a meeting for students attending this trip at breaktime in the PAC on Tuesday 14 June.

### Happy Pride Month!

June is Pride Month, and we are proud to celebrate love and equality with the LGBTQ+ community. We should all be able to be who we are, and love who we love, without fear of discrimination.

As part of our support within school we work closely with [Outreach Youth](#), a local youth work charity that supports and works with young people aged under 25 across Suffolk.

This weekend they are organising a picnic (this Sunday 12 June).



“We're having a 'come and meet us' picnic for any LGBT\*Q+ young people - you can bring your food, meet us, talk about all things Pride and tell us what Bury St Edmunds needs for LGBT\*Q+ young people.”

Young people can sign up via this link <https://linktr.ee/Outreachyouth> if they wish to attend and to get details of the venue'

If your child is struggling with their mental health as a result of experiences they are having because of their sexuality or gender expression, Young Minds have lots of information and advice [on their website](#) that can help.

Alternatively, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager for additional support.

### Careers Support – message from Angela Hahn, Careers Coordinator

- **Year 11** Please remember that I am available to support all Year 11 students with their post-16 applications until the last day of summer term (Thursday 21 July). I also plan to be in school for Results Day to provide advice and guidance where needed. If you have any questions or wish to request an appointment, please email me at: [AHN@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:AHN@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)
- **Post-16 Preparations for Year 10s** Year 10 students will begin their introduction to Post-16 options this month. A series of assemblies has been scheduled from 22 June onwards hosted by West Suffolk College, Abbeygate and One Sixth Form Colleges and The AIM Group to inform Year 10s about apprenticeships, A Levels, Diploma courses and T-Levels and what life is like as a student or employee/trainee after leaving school. I also hope to involve local school Sixth Forms in providing information about their unique offer.
- **and for Parents and Carers** The Eastern Colleges Group (Abbeygate, One and West Suffolk College) is hosting a Post-16 Options information evening specifically for parents/ carers of year 10 students to explain the various pathways available to young people when they leave school. This is a virtual event on **Thursday 30 June, 6pm- 7pm**, with information from each of the three colleges- including A levels, Apprenticeships, Vocational Qualifications, T levels and support information.

[Please register for this event via this link](#)

## Sporting News



Year 8 student Samara Rotherham competed in the European Kuk Sool Won (Korean martial art) tournament held at UEA in Norwich over half term. There were over 900 competitors from across Europe. The youngest in her 13-17 category she won medals in

forms, staff spinning and sparring. Well done Samara!

## School Library Returns - Year 11

Many Year 11 students have borrowed School Library books; including a large number of revision guides. All School Library items must be returned before the end of term. We have a long line of current Year 9 and 10 students who require them. Invoices for lost/unreturned items will be posted in September; monies required to enable the purchase of replacement titles.

Deri O'Regan

### Dates for your Diary

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

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 (2nd 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
Fri 22 July 22	First day of Summer Holidays

Thought for the Week

**'It is our choices that show what we truly are,  
far more than our abilities.'**

*J K Rowling*



Suffolk and North East Essex

# Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

## Please do not contact the centre

If you have queries please go to  
[www.sneevaccine.org.uk](http://www.sneevaccine.org.uk)

or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961

Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



### NHS VACCINATION BUS

**TESCO**

St Saviours Interchange  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP32 7JS

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**10.30 – 15.00**

**First dose 5 – 11 years**

**First & second dose 12 years plus**

**Spring booster available for 75 years plus**

Please check vaccination eligibility against latest government guidelines  
[www.sneevaccine.org.uk/what-you-need-to-know/faqs/](http://www.sneevaccine.org.uk/what-you-need-to-know/faqs/)

If you suffer from anxiety or have a needle phobia and wish to discuss the process; please come and speak to a member of our team who are more than happy to talk you through the process with no obligation



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