King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

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

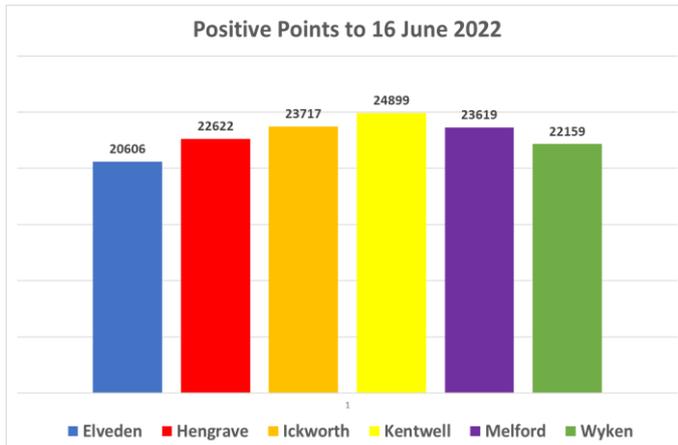**Issue No 34**   **Friday 17 June 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised here is an update of the college positive behaviour points totals this week. Kentwell in still in the lead but Elveden earned more points than any other college this week, congratulations to them! Ickworth are now beating Melford to second place.   Good work everyone!

Positive Points to 16 June 2022

Elveden	20606
Hengrave	22622
Ickworth	23717
Kentwell	24899
Melford	23619
Wyken	22159

Year 11 Exam results day 2022
GCSE results day for this year will be Thursday 25 August 2022. More details will follow about timings and location for collection of certificates from school. If any student is not available on results day to collect in person they can either bring a stamped addressed envelope to the Exams office, or pick up a form from the Exams office authorising a nominated person to collect on their behal. Results will also be published from 10am on Go4Schools on the 25 August 2022.

Train Strike
As you may be aware there is a national train strike planned for next week. If you normally travel to school by train (there is a GCSE Science exam on 23 June, one of the planned strike days) please ensure you find an alternative mode of travel.

Vaccinations Consent Reminder
Parents of students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will have received an email from us regarding HPV vaccinations taking place in school on Thursday 30 June 2022. In the email there was a link to an online consent form that needs to be completed in all cases.   The consent form needs to be completed by Wednesday 22 June 2022 please.

King Edward VI
2022
Art Exhibition

You are cordially invited to the 2022 Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will feature artwork from years 7,8 and 9 in conjunction with GCSE Art, Photography and Textiles.

Friday 8th July
Art Centre
4-6pm

Summer Open Mic

Please encourage your children to come and sign up at the Music Office for our next Open Mic event on Monday 11 July 2022. There will be limited slots available.

F1 in Schools – Miss Pickett

Year 8 and 10 teams have again been taking part in the F1 in Schools competition. They have been trialling their F1 cars on the official track in advance of the Regional Finals. Team leaders Theo Williams, Lotte Howes, Rhys Langton and Fynn Greenin went to Thurston Community College to race their prototypes with The Vipers (Rhys Langton's team) being the winners on the day.

Since January, the teams have been designing and manufacturing their cars using CAD software and CNC machinery. They have to create a team identity, a design portfolio, a pit display and give a verbal presentation to judges alongside their final car design. It's been a busy year for the teams!

DofE Bronze Expedition

Year 9 students took part in a very successful expedition from Thetford to Brandon at the weekend. They walked approximately 12 miles altogether and were lucky with the weather. Fantastic efforts on behalf of everyone involved!

Aurora Orchestra workshop and concert – Mrs Fouracre-Smith

Musicians in Years 9 and 10 took part in a workshop led by PGCE Music trainees from Cambridge University, where they composed their own pieces based upon the themes in Shostakovich's 9th Symphony. We then watched the ground-breaking Aurora Orchestra perform the symphony from memory at the Apex in the evening. It was a fantastic opportunity to see and hear this famous piece being brought to life by the highest calibre professional musicians. A very inspiring evening.

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.
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.
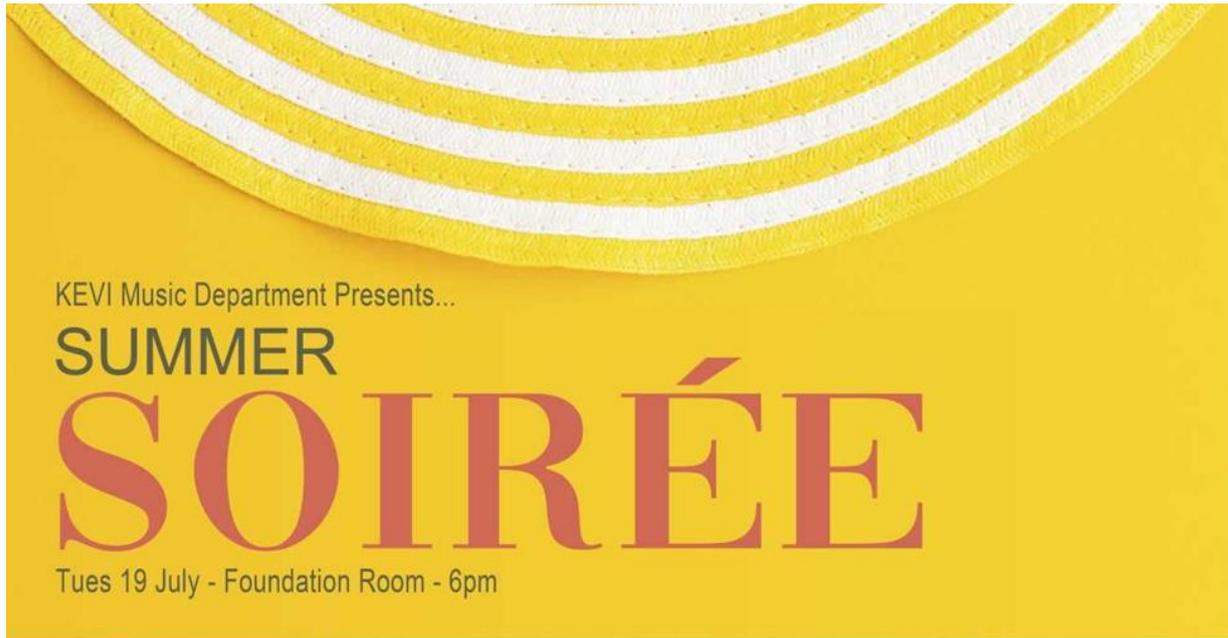
Online Safety - Discord App Security Settings
During and post-lockdown the app Discord has become hugely popular with young people. Historical usage was related to gaming, where young people would play online games together and discuss the game within the Discord app. However, it is now being used as a messaging system similar in many ways to WhatsApp.

Discord requires users be over the age of 13 to create accounts, however this relies on honesty and is up to users and family members to ensure correct information is given. As with many apps there is no age verification and there is lots of 18+ content, including children setting up their own servers (chat rooms) and allowing anyone to enter. The safety features within Discord are unsurprisingly limited but there are some you can view HERE for your own knowledge.

If you have concerns about your child's online presence there is a wealth of support available on the SWGFL website or feel free to contact our Online Safety Lead, Sue Sweny.

Deri O'Regan

KEVI Music Department Presents...

SUMMER

SOIRÉE

Tues 19 July - Foundation Room - 6pm

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates for next academic year 2022-2023 are now on our website.	
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 8 July 22	Art Exhibition
Mon 11 July 22	Open Mic event
Tues 19 July 22	Music Dept Summer Soiree
Fri 22 July 22	First day of Summer Holidays

Thought for the Week
'The world is full of magical things patiently waiting
for our wits to grow sharper.'

Bertrand Russell

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