



## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and not because of any issues at our school.

We would like to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. We are considering several options, in line with guidance, and will confirm our plans as soon as we can.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. King Edward VI School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible via email. The information will also be on the school website.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).



### U16 Girls Football

Our under 16 Girls Football team are into the Quarter-Final of the County Cup after a 7-1 thrashing of County Upper last week. Goals came from Ella (4), Izzy (2) and Amber in an excellent all-round performance. The girls will face Debenham away in the last eight. Well done girls!

### Year 9 Parents' Evening

If your child is in Year 9 please don't forget that Parents' Evenings will take place online on Wednesday and Thursday evenings next week. You should have already received the relevant information to enable you to book appointments with teachers. Please log in to the [School Cloud system via the website here](#). If you have any questions or need help to log in please email [admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).

## Year 9 Options Support

As part of our guidance relating to GCSE options, all Year 9 students participated in a bespoke Careers programme today during Sessions 1 and 2. The programme included a webinar by one of our partner organisations (InvestIN) on 'My Future Career' which explores how students can maximise their career potential at an early age. West Suffolk College delivered a presentation on Post-16 options and there was also time to embed this knowledge through activities in Xello.

## Xello Family Accounts

We plan to launch the Xello Family Account sign-up for all parents and carers again at the end of



January 2023 to increase the uptake for this valuable careers platform. [Please watch the video and read the Xello Family Account information on this page](#) for details of how Xello can support you and your children at all stages along their career pathway. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hahn at [ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:ahn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)



## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are holding an online information evening for parents on Monday 23 January 2023 at 5.30pm. This is for Year 9 who are interested in participating in the Bronze Award and Year 10 who are interested in participating in the Silver Award. The links for joining the meeting and registering are below:

- **MS Teams Meeting Link**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 345 930 636 983  
Passcode: Z6ZkjF
- **Registration Form Link**  
[Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2023](#)
- **Registration Form Link**  
[Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2023](#)

You may attend the meeting without registering. If you have any questions please email Mr Hepper at [seh@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:seh@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)



## SENDIASS Newsletter

SENDIASS in Suffolk (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service) is a local information service who provide unbiased information and advice about the local authority's policies and procedures about health services and provision in relation to SEND, and about the policy and practice in local schools and other settings. [Please follow this link to read their latest newsletter.](#)



## Safeguarding

We are aware that a large number of our students use TikTok among other online platforms. In recent weeks, parents have expressed concerns about the inappropriate language or content of some videos posted using TikTok and WhatsApp specifically.

We recognise how important our students' digital life is and would encourage all parents/carers to take an active interest. Being open about their activity could protect them from online harm. You may find the following links helpful to understand more about the apps if you are not aware of them, including family pairing options and advice.

- [TikTok's 'Guardian Guide'](#)
- ['Internet Matters' Social Media Advice Hub](#)

## Hardship Funds

Due to the generosity of the wider King Edwards community, we have a variety of hardship funds which we can use to support school uniform purchases for any family in financial difficulties. Please contact [Head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:Head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if you would like more information.



Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b> <a href="#">Term Dates for 2023-2024</a> and additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
Mon 23 Jan 23	Year 9 & 10 DofE Online Q&A for Parents 5.30pm
Wed 25 Jan 23	Year 9 Parents' Evening 1
Thu 26 Jan 23	Year 9 Parents' Evening 2
Thu 2 Feb 23	Year 9 Options Evening
Mon 6 Feb 23	GCSE Music Showcase
Sat 11 – Sat 18 Feb 23	Ski Trip
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb 23	Half Term
Wed 22 Feb 23	Year 10 Parents' Evening 1
Thu 23 Feb 23	Year 10 Parents' Evening 2
Wed 8 Mar 23	'As You Like It' at The Apex
Mon 13 Mar 23	Spring Concert
Wed 22 Mar 23	Year 8 Parents' Evening 1
Thu 23 Mar 23	Year 8 Parents' Evening 2
Wed 29 Mar 23	All Years Open Mic
Sat 1 - Fri 14 Apr 23	Easter Holidays

### ***Thought for the Week***

**'Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God,  
which is why we call it the present.'**

*Bill Keane*

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