



## 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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**Friday 3 February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to speak to many of you last night at our Year 9 Options Evening. We hope that those of you who attended were successful in finding out about all the GCSE courses that your children can select.

We are proud of our broad curriculum offer and are continually reviewing it to ensure we provide the best possible courses. If your child is in Year 9 they will have received a message direct to their school email account linking to the Online Options Portal. Please finalise choices by Friday 3 March 2023.



## Xello Family Careers Account

We hope that by now you are familiar with

the features of the [Xello Family Account](#) and how you can support your child(ren) to explore careers and plan their next steps during their time at King Edward VI School and beyond.

The next step is to gain your permission to link with your child/ren's Xello account. On Monday Ms Hahn (Careers Co-ordinator) will email all parents to gain this permission. We are aware that some parents have given their permission already but would appreciate an updated authorisation for this year.

The deadline for responding is 28 February 2023. The Xello creators have made a short video to guide you through logging in and exploring your Family Account once permission has been received.



## Performance Opportunity!

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are welcome to sign up to perform at an Open Mic event on Monday after school in the PAC. Please encourage your child/ren to put their names down outside the music office. Whilst students from all year groups are welcome to come along to watch, we are sorry that we are unable to welcome Parents/Carers on this occasion.

## Year 10 PSHE Day

Next Friday we will welcome a wide range of external speakers to school to work with Year 10 students. This is part of our Personal Social Health and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum which will help students to keep safe and make good choices.



### Free February Half Term Activities

Abbeycroft Leisure are offering free activities during half term. They have three sessions available:

- Family Park Cooking - Every family will cook a hearty lunch and receive ingredients for five meals for the family
- Adventure Days - A six hour Action Packed Adventure Day including a packed lunch and snacks
- Swimming - Free swimming and a lunch for families

These sessions are FREE for any children eligible for free school meals. To book please email [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com) or call 01284 757495 and leave your name, number, town and session that you want to book. [More details of sessions can be found here.](#)

### Safeguarding

Thursday  
2 February 2023 was Time to Talk Day, so please take the time to have a conversation with a friend or family member about mental health and wellbeing.



You don't need a degree in listening to lend an ear. "Are you feeling...? I'm here to listen." Or you may wish to consider other ideas here - [Talking Tips - Time To Talk Day](#)

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 6 Feb 23	GCSE Music Showcase/Open Mic for students
Fri 10 Feb 23	Year 10 PSHE Day
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



## COME AND LEARN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE



Wednesday 6PM - 7.30PM

40 Week Course - £300 - Term Time Only

- Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace
- All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
- Face to face sessions
- Tea/Coffee facilities available
- 30 places available
- 20% Deposit to book your place

**Starts 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Contact: Mrs Talbot

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For further information and to start your journey!

Enrolment form



Family Action Norfolk and Waveny ASD ADHD  
Support Service & Family Action West Suffolk  
Neurodevelopmental Support Service



### Dad and Male Carer ASD/ADHD Drop-in Chat

We are hosting virtual drop-in's for  
dads/male carers

Come and join us for a drop-in chat.  
Do you have any worries, concerns or just  
want to speak with likeminded male carers/parents

**Tuesday 7th February  
6pm-7pm**

Meeting ID: 425 756 9109  
Passcode: 231659

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact us at  
swaffham@family-action.org.uk or wsuffolk@family-action.org.uk or via  
telephone 01284 636655 (West Suffolk) or 01760 720302 (Norfolk)

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

**'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.'**

*Winston Churchill*

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