

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Reports were published today for all students as well as mock exam results for Year 11. To access this information, please login to Go4Schools here using the email address that you have registered with the school. Please note that the reports can only be accessed on the web-based version of Go4Schools, not on the app. If you are a first-time user of Go4Schools, or if you have any difficulty logging on, there is a Parent Guide which can be found here.

Year 11 Parents will also receive an email containing information about all the support we have available for successful exam preparation, including details of the wide range of after school revision clinics that we offer. This can be used in addition to the extensive resources found at Key Stage 4 Success - King Edward VI School (kinged.suffolk.sch.uk)

This week saw the launch of our inaugural interhouse sports competition. Boys Green College beat Red College 2-1 in the final and I look forward to hearing the results of the girls' football which is taking place tonight.

KEVI Careers Fair 2023





On Wednesday 8 February, we welcomed 24 employers and organisations into school for our annual Careers Fair. Students in Years 8-11 attended the Fair in a carousel during lesson time whilst Year 7 students were invited to visit the Fair in break and lunch times. The day allowed an exploration of job roles in Accountancy, Theatre, TV and Film, Archaeology, Personal Training, Civil Engineering and Hospitality to name just a few, alongside post-16 choices (A Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships) and Higher Education options.

The Fair was busy and the feedback from all attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to inviting our visitors back into school to further explore career roles and sectors with our students.

Careers Xello Family Accounts update

Thank you to all the parents and carers (53% to date) who have already let us know that they would like us to set up their Xello Family Account. The deadline for receiving permissions is 28 February 2023. Please click on this link to access the Permission Form if you have not yet submitted your request.

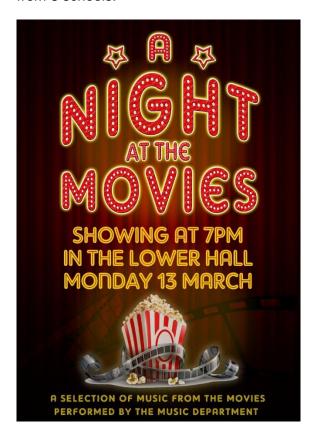
GCSE Revision in English

Students had an assembly on how to revise in English recently. The resources have been put on MSTeams. Revising for English Language can be done in a number of ways; different methods work for different people and it's important to find the way that works for you. Please remind your child to check their MSTeams account to access this information.

Half Term Roundup from the PE Department

- Girls' Football Many congratulations go to three of our female footballers. Under 16 players Izzy Haste and Chelsea Brett have been selected for the Ipswich Town FC Post-16 Education Programme and will study and play at Portman Road and other ITFC facilities from September. Meanwhile our Under 12 Mixed team captain Rosie Pilgrim has been selected for the Ipswich Girls U12 Academy and her first match is against Norwich City!
- County Finals King Edward's has competed in 3 County Finals this half of term. The Under 16 Boys Badminton squad were the highest placed state school when finishing 3rd in their final. The Under 14 Girls finished 5th in their Futsal final whilst the U14 boys finished 4th in theirs.
- Football Round Up It's been a mixed bag of results on the football front in the last couple of weeks but there's still plenty to play for. The Under 15 boys and U12 mixed teams have reached their West Suffolk Finals whilst the latter have a County Cup Quarter Final against as yet unknown opponents still to come. The U16 girls also have a West Suffolk Semi Final against Samuel Ward and County Cup last 8 match at Debenham coming up. The U16 and U14 boys still have West Suffolk semi-finals upcoming. The U13 boys and U14 Girls have recently departed both cups.

- Other Sports This term has also seen King Edward's teams compete in inter-school Volleyball and Sports Hall Athletics competitions. Great success also in Cross Country more news on this after half term.
- Transition We have hosted Sports
 Evening transition events for local primary school
 pupils from Years 5 and 6 whilst Primary School
 Games festivals for up to 100 pupils at each
 event have been held in Dodgeball, Table Tennis
 and Tchoukball, where our international King
 Edward's Tchoukball players from the BSE Club
 coached and refereed primary school children
 from 8 schools.



Baking Competition – Mon 27 Feb 23

We are encouraging students to get involved in baking and getting creative with their families. Join in with another one of our first Inter-College competitions by bringing in a cake to the Foundation Room for judging on Monday 27 February 2023. Prizes for the most creative cake, the best presented and the College with the most students participating. We won't be eating the cakes (unless you want us to), so they will be returned to you at the end of the day. Please see below for more details.

If baking is your child's thing and they are in Year 7, you could also encourage them to get involved with the junior bake off, a spin off from The Great British Bake Off. Applications are now open for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2023, but applications close on Sunday 12 March 2023. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Tayfen Road CLOSURE (again)

It has been brought to our attention that Tayfen Road will be closed from 14 Feb – 3 Mar 23. This may cause significant disruption so please allow extra time for your journey if you drive to school. Tayfen Road in Bury St Edmunds to be shut for three weeks (suffolknews.co.uk)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award update

We are thrilled with the number of students that have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award so far, but it's not too late to do so. The sign up deadline for Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) has been extended to the Monday 20 February 2023 - the same as the deadline for the deposit payment. Please see the school website here for sign on and payment links.

PIPA Trial

Mental health during childhood and adolescence is very important. Difficulties like **anxiety and depression** can start when people are young and it is important for young people and their families to understand these difficulties and get support when needed.

The PIPA Trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for Parents/Carers to help reduce **depression and anxiety** in young people. The trial is being coordinated by the University of Warwick and involves families of young people aged 11-15 years from schools in the UK.

The trial is free and conducted completely online. Eligible Parents/Carers and young people will be asked to complete some questionnaires. Parents/Carers will then receive access to some online parenting resources: either the standard educational package of factsheets or the personalised programme with up to nine modules. Parents/Carers and young people will also be asked to complete some follow-up questionnaires.



Please look out for an email about how to sign up which will be sent with some information sheets with more details. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Tucker TK@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Have a wonderful half term.

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Creative Cake Competition! Valentine's is coming during half term, so this is your opportunity to put your family creative baking skills in action. Design, make and bake a cake to put on display in the Foundation Room on Monday 27 February 2023 Entries will be judged and will win on the following criteria: Most creative Best presented House (College) with the most entries (you will take your cake home again at the end of the day!)

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 and additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Sat 11 – Sat 18 Feb 23	Ski Trip
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb 23	Half Term
Tues 21 Feb 23	Y10 & Y11 English Masterclass ASFC
Wed 22 Feb 23	Year 10 Parents' Evening 1
Thu 23 Feb 23	Year 10 Parents' Evening 2
Sat 25 Feb 23	Bronze DofE Training Day
Wed 8 Mar 23	'As You Like It' at The Apex
Sat 11 Mar 23	Silver DofE Training Day
Mon 13 Mar 23	Spring Concert 'A Night at the Movies'
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
'A person's a person, no matter how small.'

Dr Seuss

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