



## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate these challenging times. Despite the obvious difficulties, I can report a significant rise in focus and maturity levels from Year 11 students within school as they engage in the final revision phases of their courses. The younger students have some excellent role models in the majority of our focused and ambitious older students.

### Year 10 Revision

It was good to see large numbers of Year 10 revising yesterday to prepare for their exams which take place after the Easter break. With four weeks to go, all Year 10s should be revising topics covered so far this year. The school website shows information about GCSE exam courses in the section called 'KS4 Success'. Information about precisely what will appear in Year 10 exams should be sought by students directly from their teachers.

### Music From The Movies!

The arts are thriving here at King Edward's as anyone who attended the music concert this week will testify to.



Some passionate and fun performances took place and we were treated to some great film tunes.



### Outreach Youth - Championing Young LGBT\*Q+ People

[Click Here](#) for the latest Outreach youth newsletter, with fun features and updates on all things LGBT\*Q+ youth in Suffolk.



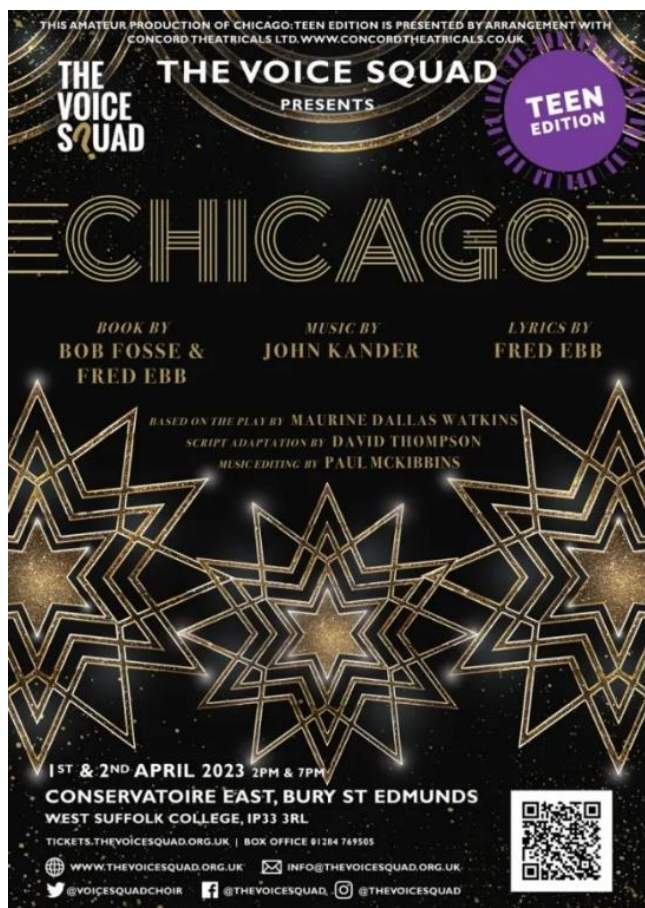
### West Suffolk Youth Music Concert

A concert showcasing junior and senior groups from Abbeygate Sixth Form College!  
Friday 24th March 5.30pm – 8pm  
Tickets available via ticket source: [CLICK HERE](#)



### The Voice Squad presents Chicago

The immensely talented performers of Bury St Edmunds' own award-winning The Voice Squad bring their scintillating take on this epic classic. Featuring sizzling numbers such as 'All That Jazz, the Merry Murderesses' 'Cell Block Tango', The Sheer 'Razzle Dazzle' of this show would make it a crime NOT to come and see it!



### Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Easter holidays. The grant will be issued as a £30.00 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday. These will be issued before the end of term.

If you have yet to your voucher for the February half term please do so as soon as possible as the expire after three months and cannot be reissued.

For full details click the link: [Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund](#)

### U16 Girls reach Suffolk FA Cup Semi-Final

Hot on the heels of reaching a West Suffolk Cup Final the U16 Girls football team have made the last four of the Suffolk FA County Cup after a hard fought 3-1 success at Debenham.

After a goalless first half a Debenham own goal following an excellent Livvy corner was followed by a strike from Sophie. Debenham pulled one back but a late Katie goal settled any lingering nerves.



### U12 Friendly Football Fixture

Year 8 and 9 girls travelled to Culford School. The girls scored early on from an excellent strike from Sophie. 1-0 going into the second half the girls had plenty of chances to go further ahead with Culford's keeper coming to the rescue numerous times. Just before the final whistle Culford scored so the game ended 1-1.



## World Autism Acceptance Week - 27 March - 2 April

World Autism Acceptance week was created by the National Autistic Society and aims to draw attention to the 700,000 in the UK who are Autistic. For more information click the link: [Family Action West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service \(office.com\)](#)

## Parenting in a digital world – Guide

Parenting in a digital world is difficult, no-one can deny that. For many of us, we didn't grow up in a world of technology, therefore we don't have 'lived experience', we're just trying our best. As such many parents struggle to know how to start such a conversation and with the exploitation of children getting significantly worse each year, those conversations are so important.

Students have been reminded how to keep themselves safe online in assemblies this week presented by Suffolk Police. To reinforce their Online Safety, the Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide, including conversation starters for parents which you can find [HERE](#). As well as helpful checklists on their website linked to current social media apps.

Their TALK acronym breaks these steps into four main areas that gives you some practical ways to help your child reduce their risk and use the internet more safely. The key is to start now: whether your child has been using the internet independently for a while, or are about to get their first mobile phone, it is not too late to take these steps.



**T**alk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

**A**gree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.

**L**earn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.

**K**now how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

## Transport to School - Sept 2023

Parents of students who currently receive school funded travel will need to complete an opt-in application for transport for September 2023 via [Suffolk on Board - School Travel / Opt-in \(apply\)](#). The deadline for applications is **31 May 2023**.



## West Suffolk Council's Easter HAF Provision

A free programme of holiday activities funded by the Government and coordinated by West Suffolk Council is being extended once again this Easter for children whose families are eligible for free school meals, pupil premium or have an identified need,

[CLICK HERE](#) for the activity timetable

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Have a peaceful weekend from everyone at King Edward VI School.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. O'Regan' followed by a horizontal line.

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	
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
Fri 31 Mar 23	Year 9 Men ACWY/DTP Vaccinations
Sat 1 - Fri 14 Apr 23	Easter Holidays

Thought for the Week  
**The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it**  
*John Hay*

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