



## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report that our students have hit the ground running and have made a positive start to what will be a busy term for us here at King Edward VI School.

Thank you to all parents in Years 7-10 who have prioritised school uniform over the holiday and have sent their teenage scholar back to us looking so smart.

I'm pleased to announce that summer term club and activities are up and running and parents should sign their children up via

<https://kingedwardvicevp.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Industrial Action

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the letter sent to parents this week, regarding the School's plans during the industrial action days on 27 April 2023 and 2 May 2023.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to all the students that took part in the recent DofE Bronze practice expedition who did a sterling job with their walking and camping amidst some wet weather. They have now proven themselves skilled and prepared for the qualifying expedition come the summer!



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

A wide range of extra-curricular clubs to enrich our school curriculum and provide additional opportunities in performing and visual arts, PE, debating and a whole host of other areas is available to students. You can view all the clubs on offer on our website <https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/enrichment/extra-curricular-clubs/> and book places (for after-school activities) using the online booking

<https://kingedwardvicevp.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Under 16 Girls are West Suffolk Champions!

King Edward's Under 16 Girls Football team are West Suffolk Champions after a thrilling victory over Stowupland at Bury Town's Ram Meadow Stadium on Thursday night.



The girls started slowly with Stowupland much the better side for most of the first half and deservedly claiming a 1-0 lead. After the break King Edwards came to life and were level through top scorer Ella Harding before Stowupland regained the lead. With the rain pouring down, the girls fought back through and Amber Cameron finished a great move to make it 2-2.

With seconds remaining goalkeeper Tilly Thompson pulled off a great save to deny Stowupland the winner and force a penalty shoot out to decide the destination of the cup. The girls had practiced penalties in their last two training sessions and it paid off handsomely as Lily Clayton, Olivia Maguire and Ella all scored.

With Stowupland missing their first two penalties, it was left to Amber to fire home the winning spot kick and start the celebrations!



It was a much-deserved success after the girls suffered heartbreak in their County Cup semi final earlier in the week when, despite a great

performance, missed chances saw them slip to a 3-2 defeat to Alde Valley.

Pictures show captain Chelsea-Marie Brett receiving the trophy from Bury Town Chairman Russell Ward.



## Attendance

We are using a new system to inform parents if students have not registered in the morning. If your child is not in school, you may receive a message from this number, 0114 303 4042 registered in Sheffield. Please respond by either phoning the school, leaving a message or reply by email.

If you know your child is absent, please contact the school by 9am each day, by leaving a message on the absence line 01284 761393 (option 1) or by emailing [attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).

## Emergency Alerts

On 23 April 2023, the Government are launching a national emergency alert which will send a notification and emit a loud noise on all mobile phones even if they are on silent. As a result, there will be a test alert sent at 3pm this Sunday to show how the system works and then future alerts will be used to let you know about emergency situations (like severe flooding) at any time.

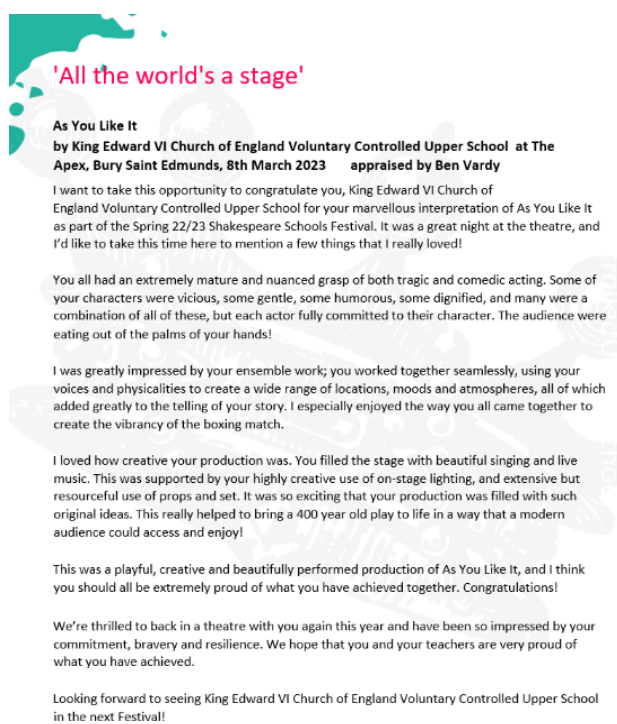
Although we hope that none of our families are living in domestic abusive relationship, we felt it important to raise this information as you may know someone living in these circumstances. As for victims of Domestic Abuse this could expose a "hidden" phone they may have to use in the case of an emergency and could therefore place them in a dangerous situation.

There is a way to opt out to turn this alert off, please watch the YouTube video below and share with any friends/family who this may affect. Alternatively switching the device off entirely or placing it in aeroplane mode is another option.

[Managing Emergency Alerts on your phone to stay safe if you're experiencing domestic abuse - YouTube](#)

## Shakespeare Schools Festival 'As You Like It' at The Apex

Thirty-one students from Years 8 and 10 took part in in Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation's youth drama festival at The Apex on 8 March 2023. We received an appraisal, detailed below, from Shakespeare School Festival's Ben Vardy



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## A message from our First Aider

As hayfever season is upon us, please remind children who suffer, to take medication before school or carry ONE TABLET with them if needed as we do not have this available in school.

Also, please be aware children who regularly suffer with headaches/cramps or other general aches/pains can carry ONE TABLET of

paracetamol/Ibuprofen ONLY in their bag should this be needed throughout the day.

## Year 8 Reception Leadership Initiative

We are delighted to announce that we are reinstating our Leadership Initiative that some parents will remember we used to offer prior to the Pandemic. We hope this will provide responsibility opportunities for all Year 8 students and will engage them with school and develop relationships with staff.

This opportunity also provides Year 8 with valuable careers insight into the running of a school, in line with the Government's recommendation for schools to achieve the Gatesby Benchmark 5: Encounters with employers and employees and Benchmark 6: Experience of workplace. The school has had a long history pre-lockdown/s of offering all students the chance to 'step up' and complete community work for the school by providing support at Reception.

Year 8 Tutors will ask their groups to assign two students to each session during the course of a week. Students will be able to choose two lessons for their Leadership Initiative and will complete it together with a tutor group 'friend'. Mrs Mack's tutor group will be blazing the trail next week and they are super excited about it! I look forward to giving feedback on their successes. On successful completion of each of their Leadership sessions, they will be awarded three merits.

## Last College Taster Events for Year 11 students

The Eastern Colleges Group (Abbeygate Sixth Form College, One Sixth Form College and West Suffolk College) are hosting Explore Your Options events for Year 11 students who are still undecided about their further education choices.

Students will be able to explore all of the courses and subjects at each College, apply, complete an interview, and be offered a place all in one evening!

Suffolk New College (Ipswich, Rural and On The Coast campuses) will run their final Taster Events for this academic year on 3, 4 and 20

May 2023 respectively.



Come along to one of our  
**TASTER  
EVENTS**

Ipswich Campus  
**03|05|23**  
5.00pm - 8.00pm

Suffolk Rural  
**04|05|23**  
5.00pm - 8.00pm

On The Coast  
**20|05|23**  
09.30am - 12.00pm

To book your place visit  
[www.suffolk.ac.uk/tasterevents](http://www.suffolk.ac.uk/tasterevents)  
01473 382200 | [info@suffolk.ac.uk](mailto:info@suffolk.ac.uk)



### Year 11 French/German/Spanish GCSE speaking tests

Please remind your son/daughter that, if they take French, Spanish or German, the speaking tests will take place on Monday and Tuesday 24 and 25 April 2023. They have already received timings and the room to go to, but if they have any queries please ask them to speak to their subject teacher as soon as possible.

### Peripatetic Music Lessons

Please note that peripatetic music lessons will still take place on Thursday 27 April 2023, despite the industrial action. Students should arrive using the Grove Road entrance only, ensuring they sign in and out at Reception.

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I wish you all a wonderful weekend.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
<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 17 April	Year 10 Exams Start
20-21 April	Year 11 BETC Drama
27 April	NEU (National Education Union) Industrial Action
2 May	NEU Industrial Action
3-5 May	Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
Mon 15 May	Full GCSE Exams start
Tues 13 – Fri 16 Jun 23	Year 9 & 10 Paris Trip

### Thought for the Week

**'Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,  
I would still plant my apple tree.'**

*Martin Luther*

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