



## Today's Prayer

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[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

I'm pleased to report that we continue to work in close partnership with Abbeygate and West Suffolk College on a range of issues working closely to support educational excellence in Bury St Edmunds.

It was in this spirit of partnership working that a lucky group of our students attended a local history event organised by Abbeygate Sixth Form College.



Thank you to Abbeygate for organising this. It was great to see our Year 7s in the Moyses Hall Museum learning about local social history. We are also delighted to be working with local primary schools as part of this project.

## Farewell



Today we have said a very fond farewell to Mrs Fouracre Smith, subject leader of Music. Staff and students were treated to a performance by current school band The 07's and previous student band Outbound, from Abbeygate Sixth Form College. Good luck to Mrs Fouracre Smith in her new career adventure.



## Industrial action on Tuesday 2 May

Due to large numbers of teachers taking part in industrial action, the school will only be open to Years 11 and 10 on Tuesday 2 May.

Please note that we have a local agreement in place with Unions to limit educational damage to Year 11s and ensure that their lessons can still go ahead.

For more details please note the letter: [Parent-letter-re-NEU-strike-27-April-2-May-23.pdf](https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/parent-letter-re-NEU-strike-27-April-2-May-23.pdf) ([king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk))

### Penalty Shoot Out

The Year 11 Penalty Shootout fundraiser was a huge success this week. Money raised went towards decorations for the Prom.



### Shakespeare in Love

On Wednesday 26 April we took eighteen Year 10 and 11 students to see Shakespeare in Love, at Bury Theatre Royal. It was performed wonderfully by local theatre company BSE Operatic and Dramatic Society.

All our students were fantastically behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the humour of Lee Hall's adaptation of the film. Many spotted references to a variety of Shakespeare's famous plays and were thrilled to be able to recognise and quote the Romeo & Juliet sections of the performance.



### Snapchat



We have recently had a number of concerns raised in school with regards to Snapchat, in particular students accepting friend request from strangers and their safety being at risk as a result.

Snapchat is age rated 13+, although Common Sense Media rates it OK for 16+ due to the exposure to age in-appropriate content and marketing ploys such as quizzes that collect your child's data.

We thought it would be helpful to share some step by step guidance to improve your child's security and we would encourage you to have an open conversation round online safety and accepting requests from unknown parties. Please click on the link below for the guidance.

[Snapchat Parental Controls | Internet Matters - Is Snapchat Safe?](#)

## Medication

Further to last week's article in the Parent Newsletter, regarding medication, this is restricted to **one tablet only** of paracetamol /Ibuprofen/hayfever medication and / or specified Asthma medication. No other medication is permitted to be carried by students unless this has been discussed with the Medical Office. Please contact the Medical Office for more information, if needed:

[CJB@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:CJB@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Local SEND Resources

The Offshoot Foundation filmmaking groups for SEND Young Persons and Young Carers are held during term-time at the Stowmarket Community Centre:

Monday 5:30-7:30pm (SEND)

Wednesday 5:30-7:30pm (Young Carers).

Come along if you like filming, editing, acting, or just want to try something different. £6 per session - First session free!

Contact [theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com) to register

The OFFSHOOT Foundation

ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED

FIRST SESSION IS FREE  
£6 PER SESSION AFTER THAT

# Film Making Workshops

COME ALONG AND LEARN  
HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN FILMS USING  
PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT, LEARN HOW TO EDIT,  
DIRECT & ACTING FOR THE BIG SCREEN AND MUCH  
MUCH MORE.

MONDAY 5:30 - 7:30 - SEND STUDENTS - 11-18YRS  
WEDNESDAY 5:30 - 7:30 - YOUNG CARERS - 9-18

EACH WEEK DURING TERM TIME  
STOWMARKET COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HILLSIDE  
STOWMARKET  
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CONTACT US TO BOOK YOUR PLACE  
AND FIND OUT MORE  
INFORMATION  
[THEOFFSHOOTFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEOFFSHOOTFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM)

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## SEND Advice drop in

**Date:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Venue:** Bridge Community Church, 68 Queens Rd, Bury St. Edmunds IP33 3EW

**Time:** 10.30am-12:30pm

A chance for families of children and young people with SEND to get advice from a range of services all in one place. Find out more about what our services have to offer and how they can help you.



[www.suffolk.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/familyhubs)

## Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/KingEdwardVISchool/>

Everyone at King Edward VI wishes you a fantastic bank holiday weekend.

Deri O'Regan

**Dates for your Diary**

[Term Dates for 2023-2024](#) and additional information can be found on the [calendar page](#) of the website

2 May	NEU Industrial Action – only year 10 and 11 in school. Years 7-9 to receive lessons on Teams.
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*

**'Whatever you are, be a good one.'**

Abraham Lincoln

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