



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move further from the challenges of the pandemic it is essential that we return to the normal patterns of attendance which we know are essential to high quality education.

Every day of education missed leaves four areas of the national curriculum uncovered which may damage your child's education at a later date. Also, if there are two or three students always missing every lesson, then it is difficult to provide the learning continuity which students in the best schools enjoy.

40% of students are between 96-100% attendance however many students are being put at a disadvantage by missing too many days.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor if you need support with attendance or their Year team office. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss how King Edward VI can support students in attending school better, please contact me directly: Head@king-ed.suffolk.sck.uk.

Consultation on vision and values to support the future of the school

The governing body is currently reviewing and developing the school's vision and values and wants to consult with as many parents as possible to help develop the school over the next few years. Please find attached a link to a short consultation. All views welcome!!

[CLICK HERE](#) for King Edward VI School Parent Consultation Survey on vision and values.

Year 5 Enrichment Day at Abbeygate Sixth Form College

Our Science Department is working with Abbeygate Sixth Form College to arrange an enrichment day for Year 5 pupils in our feeder

schools on Wednesday 21 June 2023. We are looking for student volunteers who would be interested in helping.

It will take place from lesson 2 to 4 on that day and students will act as teaching assistants to help with experiments that the pupils will do at Abbeygate.

We are looking for keen scientists who would be confident supporting the Year 5s to complete their experiments. Please email Mr Thompson th@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk if your child is interested in taking part.



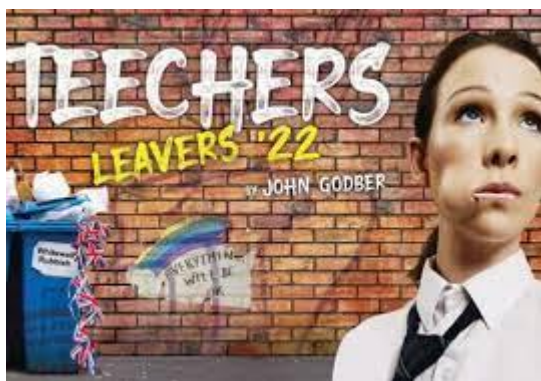
Cashless Catering Daily Spend Limit

We have a daily spend limit set on our student's Cashless Catering accounts to prevent them from spending more than necessary in our food service areas. This limit is currently set at £6, to enable students who wish to buy food at break and lunchtime to do so. We have decided to increase this to £6.50. If you would like us to set a different limit for your child's account please let us know.

Teachers

Miss Stoll and Miss Scott took 31 Year 9 and 10 students to the Theatre Royal yesterday to see

John Godber's 'Teachers'. Based on his own experience as a Drama teacher, the play explores themes of education, class systems and the role of Drama/The Arts in school. Year 10 students said: "The show was creative, energetic, comedic and enjoyable. It was easy to understand when they changed roles because they were amazing at changing their accents and using simple costume changes."



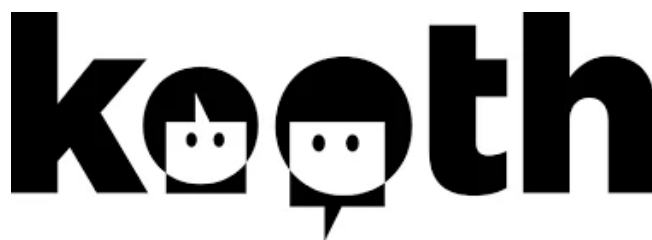
Library

For those who have not yet seen, our Library has a selection of new colourful, contemporary, yet comfortable chairs!



At this time of year, the focus is on using the Library as a place of study but there is a huge range of fiction and non-fiction available for all students to borrow. This includes exam study guides, dyslexia friendly books and so much more!

We currently have a Book Sale running – suggested donations of 20p - £1.00 for some nearly new books, please encourage your child/children to come and take a look.



Starting on the 15 May 2023 and for Mental Health Awareness Week, Kooth will be releasing lots of new content and discussions around the topic of anxiety. This includes helpful content around coping with panic attacks, social anxiety and ways your child can cope with these difficulties.

Kooth is an online mental health and wellbeing service for children and young people.

Here are some things to remember about Kooth:

- It's free to use
- No bullying or discrimination can take place
- No kind of referral is needed to join
- Signing up and getting started only takes a few minutes
- No problem is too big or small

How to join Kooth: Whatever your child is going through, Kooth's team and online community can help. Your child can get started today by clicking here <http://go.kooth.com/HeBa>

Support for you: Kooth also has a service for adults called Qwell. To check if it's available to you click here <http://go.qwell.io/qfaPEX>

SEND

Help Suffolk County Council get the views of children and young people with Special education needs and disabilities. Suffolk County Council is repeating the SEND CYP survey to empower children and young people with special educational needs to share their experiences. As part of the SEND Strategy, they want to hear how the services that young people access impact on their lives and the choices they make about their futures. The survey is now live, and you can access here: <https://forms.office.com/e/b0U9CQRt5Z> All responses are anonymous and there is the incentive of a free prize draw.

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Everyone at King Edward VI wishes you a magical Coronation 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	
Mon 15 May	Full GCSE Exams start
Mon 15 May	Careers focus week Year 7 –10
Mon 22 May	Extended Tutorial Week – Relationships
Fri 2 June	Year 10 WWI Battlefields History Trip
Tues 13 – Fri 16 Jun 23	Year 9 & 10 Paris Trip

Thought for the Week

Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.

George Orwell, 1984

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