



## Today's Prayer

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## 22/23 Issue No 36

Dear Parents and Carers

Following a tremendous amount of hard work and graft completing their examinations, last night was the opportunity for Year 11 to celebrate; and celebrate in style they did!



Looking amazing and draped in class, they celebrated and partied together at Blackthorpe Barn.



All staff at the event were bubbling with pride and keen to wish every student success as they head off to our partner Sixth Form colleges: Abbeygate and West Suffolk (or to other equally exciting destinations). We look forward to our

## Friday 30 June 2023

sixth formers returning to King Edward and working with the younger students next year in a variety of activities.



## Industrial Action - 5 & 7 July 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for the parent letter sent out this week regarding arrangements during the strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023.

## Peripatetic Music Lessons

During 5 July and 7 July industrial action, peripatetic music lessons are still taking place. If your child is not due to be in school on either 5 or 7 July, but has a peripatetic music lesson scheduled, please ask them to sign in at reception to attend their lesson

## Paris Trip 2023



It was a pleasure to conduct a visit to Paris this year. All staff were impressed by each and every student, in terms of both behaviour and enthusiasm for the experiences and activities on offer. Parents should feel very proud of the way their child represented the school.



We have compiled some highlights of the trip, please find the link here which we hope you enjoy: <https://youtu.be/GPPU63-TW-c>

### Performing Arts Summer Showcase



Wednesday night saw an amazing showcase of talent from our students! A record 122 were involved in dance, drama and music pieces throughout the evening. Year 11 students came back to perform and help front of house and backstage. One stepped up at the end and gave a beautifully eloquent speech about how important the Department and the arts had been to her during her time here. She shared her hope that those opportunities will continue to be offered to the younger years as they come through.

As a school we are deeply committed to ensuring the Arts are central to our offer, and we are excited for our new performing arts team of teachers joining the school who will continue the wonderful opportunities for our students to shine,

perform and do what they love. Thank you to everyone who braved the heat of the PAC to support the students and Department and of course, thank you to the students themselves for making our school so memorable and incredible.

### Year 10 KS5 Taster Day

On Thursday, Year 10 students visited West Suffolk College and Abbeygate Sixth Form College to take part in a KS5 taster day.



Students got to experience a day in the life at the campuses completing a variety of lessons. Students had the opportunities to take part in Level 3 courses such as Carpentry, Beauty Therapy and Leisure and Tourism or study potential A Level courses including new subjects such as law and criminology. An excellent day with excellent feedback from the college staff.





### Sports Day 6 July 2023

For students taking part in Sports Day, please can parents ensure their child comes to school with a water bottle, sunscreen and hat. Can students in Years 9 and 10 also bring a packed lunch, as they will be competing throughout the afternoon. (Children entitled to Free School Meals will be provided a packed lunch). Reminder that this is an athletics team's Sports Day for students only.

### Second hand Uniform

Thinking ahead to September and the new school year!

If your child has outgrown their existing school uniform and it is in good condition we would be very happy to receive your donations in school. Please drop in to Reception.

### U15 Boys and Girls Tennis - County Finals

The boys and girls U15 tennis teams finished off a great season by qualifying from their group for the County Finals. Both teams performed really well in the hot conditions and won their semi-finals against Framlingham. In their final, both teams put in some great performances to take the matches to a deciding tie break. The teams

were both narrowly beaten in these to finish second overall.



Well done to Freddie, Angus, Lewis, Matthew, Erin, Grace, Kiera and Milly!

### Stableford Trophy Winner – three years in a row!

One of our Year 7 students, Jacob has been playing golf for nine years.



He plays for Bury Golf and the U14s Suffolk county team. Great result this week for Jacob, who also made the local press!

### Wild Swimming Risks

Please see below guidance and information regarding the risks of wild swimming, which include:

- Low temperatures, which can cause the body to go into cold shock and even hypothermia, drawing the blood away from your muscles to protect your organs. This can lead to drowning

- Reeds and other plant life, which can get tangled around limbs and keep you in the water
- Litter, like shopping trolleys, which can trap your feet as well as cause injury
- Depth perception - it could be much shallower than you expect it to be and cause serious harm if someone jumps in, as well as being much deeper than expected in other areas
- Waterborne diseases such as Leptospirosis (Weil's disease)

[Open Water Safety Tips | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#)

### Reservoir safety advice

Reservoirs can be extremely dangerous. Here are some key points to remember to keep you safe.

- Deep water and steep sides, reservoirs are very deep with sudden drops and steep sides, making it difficult to get out
- Remote locations – it may be difficult for emergency services to help anyone in trouble
- Strong currents caused by machinery under the water
- Cold water shock can take your breath away and lead to panic and death – reservoirs are very cold

United Utilities provide some great advice, guidance and activities for parents and children about reservoir safety.

[UU Reservoir safety education pack.pdf \(derbys-fire.gov.uk\)](#)

### King Edward VI Foundation



The Foundation funded mini bus from King Edward VI School supported Abbeygate this weekend, in its maiden Year 12 voyage

transporting 6th formers to the Brecon Beacons for their Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

### Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Awareness week



In light of Anti-Social Behaviour Week next week, Suffolk Police have designed a leaflet to highlight the impact on ASB has on vulnerable people. Suffolk Police wants to raise awareness of the different types of anti-social behaviour and where to go for support and assistance. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### Support for families



Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the six-week summer holidays. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full letter from Suffolk County Council.

### Mental Health Resources for Parents



Kooth are offering mental health resources and activity packs for parents and carers to access. Click the link below for the packs available.

[Parents/Carers resource pack](#)

### Free Summer Holiday Activities

FREE activities are back this Summer holidays with Abbeycroft and West Suffolk Council. There are 6 sessions running across Suffolk for eligible families including free school meals, pupil premium young carers etc..

- Family Park Cooking - Every family will cook a hearty lunch and receive ingredients for five meals for the family.
- Adventure Days - A six hour Action Packed Adventure Day including a packed lunch and snacks.
- Teen Challenge Days - Activities such as Snorkelling, Climbing and Combat Archery including hot food.
- Swimming - Free swimming and a lunch for families.
- Extreme Adventure Days - Only for children registered SEND (These days are £10.00 per child)

- Duke of Edinburgh Award - A fully funded Bronze award programme including camping, away days and more

There is a brand new booking system for this summer! To book visit: [www.acleisure.com/HAF](http://www.acleisure.com/HAF)

Please email [admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if you have not received a code from Evouchers but believe you would be entitled to this provision.

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a wonderful weekend.



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	
Mon 3 Jul 23	PD Day
Wed 5 Jul 23	Strike Day
Thurs 6 Jul 23	Sports Day
Fri 7 Jul 23	Strike Day
Mon 10 – Fri 14 Jul 23	Year 7 Thorpe Woodlands Trips
Sat 15 - Mon 15 Jul 23	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Thurs 20 Jul 23	House Fest
Fri 21 Jul 23	Last Day of Term.

Thought for the Week

**Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.**  
 Mark Twain

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