

## Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we get close to the end of the year, I'd like to thank all staff who have worked tirelessly on our extra-curricular offer. We are deeply committed to continuing our long tradition of great performing arts. As such, I am delighted to introduce three new members of staff who will be joining us in September:

### **Mr Walmsley: new Director of Music**

Mr Walmsley has been a fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts since 2014 and brings a highly prestigious career in music education to the school. He has been active in orchestral, cathedral and choral music for many years alongside musically directing numerous productions including *Beauty & the Beast*, *West Side Story* and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

### **Ms Bentley: new Joint Head of Drama**



Ms Bentley has 20 years experience with directing whole school productions and developing student leadership in the arts. She has organised trips to Arts Festivals for students to showcase their hard work to the surrounding communities. She has strong

links with professionals in the Arts which she has used to allow students to ask questions about working within the Performing Arts industry. She is an avid performer and has performed with award-winning theatre companies, and she has worked with skilled performers to produce high quality performances, such as *Sister Act*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Hairspray*. She is thoroughly looking forward to helping students

develop and grow in the Arts at King Edward VI School.

### **Mrs Peddel: new Joint Head of Drama**



After several successful years working as a GCSE and A Level Drama Examiner, Ms Peddel is looking forward to returning to the classroom to drive her passion and experience into the hearts of the next generation of KEVI students. Ms Peddel

has worked as a Lecturer and Course Director in Performing Arts and is looking forward to delivering a vibrant curriculum and putting on some incredible shows. She passionately believes that it's not all about star quality but getting every individual to find their self-confidence and unique spark. With experience directing a huge range of productions, both in the UK and internationally, she is keen to give our KEVI students the opportunities they deserve.

### **HouseFest is next week!**

[CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the parent letter send in June for details regarding HouseFest on 20 July.

Some FAQ's  
**Are donations needed for Non-School Uniform: No**

**Does everyone need to wear sportswear and trainers?** Yes! Also, if your child is scheduled to use the Astro for a tournament, they need to bring Astros to wear for this, too.



**Is there a theme this year?** No – just House Colours: Red, Blue, Green, Face paints optional!

### Second-hand Uniform

Over the summer we are establishing a second-hand uniform facility where donated uniform can be provided free of charge. If you are interested in taking advantage of the stock we have, please send precise details of what you might need to [admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk). We will be in touch with you at the beginning of next term with more details.

### Year 7 SevFest

The deadline to purchase tickets for the Year 7 event SevFest is Tuesday 18 July at 4.30pm. Please contact [intake2022@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:intake2022@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if your child has dietary requirements.



### Preparing for Adulthood

[CLICK HERE](#) for a guide to transition planning from Year 9, for parents and carers of young people with SEND Students.

### Activities Unlimited Summer Guide

Suffolk Learning have just published their Activities Unlimited Summer Guide, if you click

on the link you will find the guide on the Short Breaks landing page. The guide includes a comprehensive list of all the activities available this summer for children and young people with SEND.

[Summer Guide 23 \(suffolklearning.com\)](#)

### Immunisations

EA Community and School Age Immunisation Service are offering teenage vaccination catch-up community clinics across the county, throughout the summer.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details

### Flu Vaccines

The vaccine team are provisionally planned be in school on Wednesday 4 and Friday 5 October to deliver flu vaccinations. More details and parental consent forms will be posted to parents over the summer holidays.

### Suffolk Parenting Hub



Suffolk Parenting Hub continue to offer a wealth of seminars and parenting courses that you may find of interest.

Please click this link for further information.

[Parenting programmes - Suffolk County Council](#)

### Message from Linden House

Linden House will be open throughout this summer with different sessions from Monday to Thursday. [CLICK HERE](#) for the schedule, filled with some exciting new activities and some of our tried and tested favourites!

Guest Workshops are preliminarily set for alternating Tuesday mornings. This may change. These sessions are set to include speakers from RNLI, Fire Services and Get Suffolk Reading. As before, these activities are free to attend with no booking required. The age range is 8-18 and sessions will be hosted by our fully trained team in a safe environment.

Parents are welcome to stay and use the café facilities to unwind whilst they wait. We hope that these sessions will act as additional support to childcare whilst also providing an excellent support network for parents.


**Kids Eat Free – or for less than £1**

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of venues and provisions with offers on for children’s meals over the summer holidays.

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you all a lovely 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	
Sat 15 - Mon 17 Jul 23	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition
Mon 17 Jul 23	Year 6 Transition
Tue 18 Jul 23	Year 6 Transition
Tue 18 – Thurs 20 July 23	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Thurs 20 Jul 23	HouseFest
Fri 21 July 23	SevFest
Fri 21 Jul 23	Last Day Of Term

Thought for the Week

**Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.**

Roy T Bennett

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