



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year! Thank you for everything you have done to send your child(ren) into school looking so smart and well-equipped for the start of term. If you are interested in seeing the basic expectations information provided to students please click [HERE](#) so that you are able to support your son/daughter in getting the basics right.

Attendance is a core focus for us this year and the following tutor groups have made a great start with 100% attendance!

7PX, 7AX, 7NS, 7TN,
8AE, 8YE, 8AJ,
9MW, 9BT, 10PZ, 11MO

Houses

I'm delighted to inform you that the House Festival Champions from last summer were Green House! We are currently in the process of naming our three Houses and look forward to more House events this term.



Extra Curricular Clubs

A 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 from next Monday, 11 September 2023.

We encourage all parents/carers to have a conversation with your child/ren to choose at least one club a lunchtime and one after school so they can get fully immersed in school life and make new friendships.

You can view the Clubs on offer on our website [HERE](#) and book places (for after-school activities) using the online booking system: <https://kingedwardvicevp.schoolcloud.co.uk/>).

The initial list of clubs will be added to over the next few weeks, so please remember to check back from time to time.

FOKES

Following many years of dedicated service, the chair of our Parents Association sadly no longer has any children left in the school so is retiring from the important role of FOKES (Friends of King Edward School) chair. This brings an exciting opportunity for some new parents to get involved. Please email Head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk if you are interested in joining the Parents Association this year.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the important information and updates from Suffolk County Council, for all parents.



Over the coming year, King Edward VI School is taking part in a research project called 'BITUP'. [CLICK HERE](#) for information on this project and to **opt out** if you do not wish to participate in it.



Please see letter [HERE](#) from Suffolk County Council regarding educational opportunities at University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools in Suffolk.

GCSE Exams - Summer 2024

The confirmed timetable for GCSE exams for Summer 2024 has now been published on the school website in the exams section: [HERE](#)

Second-Hand Uniform



Over the Summer holiday period we have gathered together surplus school uniform from donations, sincere thanks to all parents who have donated, and unclaimed lost property and are now pleased to be able to offer a second-hand uniform 'shop' to parents. The word 'shop' is a bit of a misnomer because there is no cost attributed to any items. If you have a need for uniform and we have it in stock we will gladly supply it to you, free of charge. Please contact admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk with the details of the items you want and we will let you know if we have them in stock.

Likewise, if you have any old school uniform, washed and in good condition, that your child has grown out of or no longer needs, we will gladly receive it in school to add to our 'shop' stock. Please drop off at Reception.

Student Voice

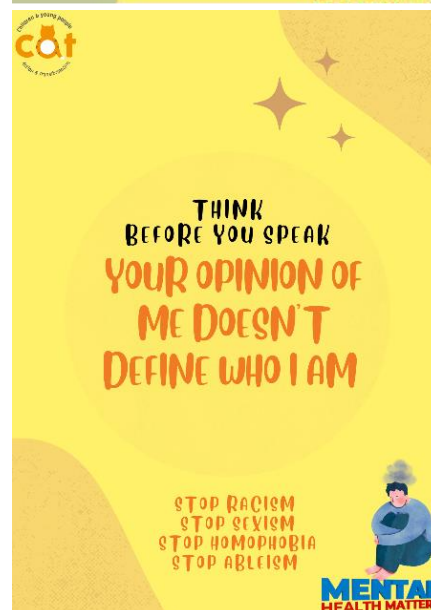
Throughout last year, Ria Taher from Suffolk County Council's Children & Young People's Service Engagement Hub met with a group of

students to promote their voice within school and external community projects. Please see below a summary of what the Student's Voice, (CAT Network) achieved the last academic year.

Firstly, a big topic for the students was ableism and describing some microaggressions that occur in school and the impacts that these have on mental/emotional health and well-being. A student created a survey. Overall, they felt that a safe space to talk to trusted adults is important, they wanted to feel listened to and see that the matter is taken seriously.

They spoke about the importance of everyone having more awareness about racism, sexism, ableism and homophobia.

The students created a poster for display in school.



Our students also helped to develop our [Suffolk Source Website](#) for young people.



The Source provides information, advice, and support for young people in Suffolk. This has been co-produced with young people, they looked at the relevant pages and fed into the content.

Finally, Student Voice ended the year with some of the members of the group joining forces with the Youth Parliament.

Student Voice attended the British Youth Council YouthCon event in London with the Youth Parliament. They particularly enjoyed the debate section and finding out some key tips on negotiation.

Road works In Spring Lane next week

We have been advised that there will be roadworks in Spring Lane, close to the entrance to the school between 12 & 18 September and as such a traffic management system will be in place.

Whilst the school buses will still be able to access the turning circle, there will be single lane traffic along Spring Lane. In order to reduce congestion at the beginning and end of the school day, could you please refrain from dropping students off immediately outside the school gates.

NHS Resources

Please see links below for forthcoming parent workshops from



The Psychology in Schools Team and the Under 18s Wellbeing Team from NHS Suffolk Children's, Families and Young People's Pathway.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Supporting our Young People with Anxiety – The Next Steps

[CLICK HERE](#) for Childhood Neurodiversity PST Workshop Programme

[CLICK HERE](#) for Supporting Young People's Mental Health

All-Age Autism Strategy

[CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to get involved in Suffolk's All Age Autism Strategy.

Pop-up Prayspace

Prayspace is back this year!



Everyone and King Edward VI School wishes you a fantastic weekend.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. O'Regan'.

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	
13 – 14 Sept	Residential Theatre Trip
13 Sept	Year 11 Success Evening
14 Sept	Year 7 Cathedral Visit
25 Sept	School Photographs for years 7, 9 and 11
4-5 Oct 23	Flu Vaccinations – available for all students (if consent received)
23 – 27 Oct	Half Term

Thought for the Week

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

CS Lewis

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