

# Weekly Parent Newsletter

#### **Today's Prayer**

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

Today's Prayer | The Church of England

#### 23/24 Issue No 3

Thank you to all Year 11 parents who attended the Year 11 Parents Information Evening last week. Next week we have Year 10 Parents Information Evening. All Year 10 parents should attend to gain key information about how to be successful on GCSE courses.

On Tuesday 260 September 2023 we will be relaunching FOKES with a short meeting at 4.45pm in my office. If you would like to get involved with the wonderful parental community here at King Edward VI please come to main Reception for 4.45pm that day.

#### **Open Evening**





## **School Photographs**

Reminder, the school photographs for Years 7, 9 and 11 will take place on Monday 25 September 2023. If your child is in Year 8 or 10 and has arrived in school since the start of the last academic year, their photographs will also be done.

Please remind your child that they should bring a school jumper that day, and that they need to look extra smart!

### Friday 22 September 2023

Red House is doing well in this week's top attendance league table.



Year 10 and 11 Drama Residential Trip 13-14 September 23



Year 10 and 11 students attended a two day residential trip to Central London last week. They saw three shows including: Matilda, The Play That Goes Wrong and Witness for the Prosecution. The trip was a huge success and brilliant time had by all!

## Whole School Flu Vaccinations – 4 & 5 October 2023

We are in the process of confirming some information from the vaccination team due to

deliver the vaccinations detailed above. As soon as we have the information we need, we will send out the letters for parents to complete and return – this should be early next week.

Meanwhile, if you have not had the opportunity to do so, please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> to read and important letter regarding vaccinations taking place in school this year.

#### **Netball Finals**

KEVI Under 16 Netball Team have qualified for the Suffolk County Finals after a successful afternoon at the area tournament at Thomas Gainsborough School.

With wins against Culford, Thurston and Sybil Andrews alongside narrow defeats against Stowmarket and Finborough, the girls will now go forward to the County Finals which will take place soon. Alongside excellent play from our team, Beth demonstrated great maturity with her umpiring.

Team: Kiera, Martha, Erin, Elodie, Milly, Marley,

Tamzin, Emily. Umpire: Beth

Coach: Mrs Leppard



#### **Duke of Edinburgh Awards**



We are launching the Duke of Edinburgh awards next week. Assemblies are taking place next Thursday and Friday to share more information with Years 9 & 10.

#### **Rugby Club**

From Thursday 28 September 2023 there will be a boys Year 7 and 8 Rugby club. A professional coach will be coming in from Northampton Saints

to run the session. Any queries please speak to Mr Post PO@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.



#### This Year's School Production - update

We are aware that rehearsals were well under way this time last year. However, we are in the amazing position to have three new members of staff in the Performing Arts Team - Mrs Bentley, Mrs Peddel and Mr Walmsley. This is why we have decided that the show will take place on 12-15 February 2024, therefore enabling the students and the staff ample time for auditions and rehearsals, to ensure that the production reflects the high calibre of talent that King Edward VI School has to offer.

We will be holding a School Production Meeting on Monday 25 September 2023, in the PAC at 1.30pm. It is open to all students interested in performing, being in the show band, or part of the tech / backstage crew.

Auditions will be held on Monday 2 October 2023 in the PAC at 1.30pm.

#### Year 11 Mock Exams 2024

The Year 11 mocks exam timetable has now been published on the school website in the exams section. There will be an exams assembly for Year 11 on 8 November 2023. Year 11 students will receive individual timetables by Monday 13 November 2023. Please contact the Exams Officer at <a href="mailto:clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk">clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk</a> should you have any questions.

#### Youth Mental Health Day - 19 September

During this week's Extended Tutorials, students have been learning about mental and emotional wellbeing with Year 7 and 10 also looking ahead at the challenges starting a new Key Stage.

Mental Health concerns for young people have multiplied in recent times. Youth Mental Health Day, an awareness day run by teenage mental health charity stem4, is here to provide hope and positivity.

Youth Mental Health Day encourages understanding and discussion of mental health in young people, enabling them to live happy and healthy lives all year round.

This year's campaign is #BeBrave; Getting young people engaged in discussions and activities about how to improve their mental health, Youth Mental Health Day goes beyond raising awareness and breaks the stigma surrounding mental health.

You can find resources, apps and information via the STEM4 website <a href="stem4">stem4 - supporting teenage</a> mental health and please do continue discussions at home about mental health. Additional resources can be found on the school website <a href="Teen wellbeing resources - King Edward">Teen wellbeing resources - King Edward</a> VI School (king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

Why not get involved with big science this weekend with the Big River Watch?

The Big River Watch | The Rivers Trust

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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	
25 Sep	School Photographs
27 Sep	Year 10 Success Evening
4 – 5 Oct	Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
5 Oct	Open Evening
23 – 27 Oct	Half Term

Thought for the Week

You are allowed to outgrow people. This includes past versions of yourself.

Mandy Hale

All past issues of this Newsletter are available on our website.