



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for everything you are doing to get your child to school every day on time. We realise the challenges that some families are facing and would urge you to contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year if you need help in raising your child's attendance towards the school target of 96%. With the crisis in school attendance affecting schools nationally please can we all work together to solve this problem and ensure students are rarely absent from school. To help us please do not plan/book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise family holidays during term time as your child's absence affects our ability to teach the entire class.

We made some excellent teaching appointments last year and I'm delighted to introduce two of them formally to you in this edition:



Mr. Shaw is our new Subject Leader for History. He is committed to ensuring all students make meaningful connections with the past.

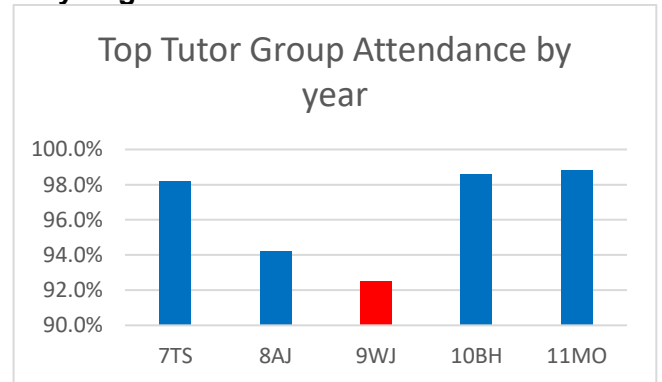
It is his hope that all students leave King Edward VI School as lifelong scholars of history. To facilitate this, if you are or know of anyone involved in conservation, heritage or further education and can support the History Department with their vision, please reach out. As they would love to provide even more rich encounters with the past.

Mr Gaw/Matt Gaw is an English teacher who has a background in journalism, with work published in the Guardian, Telegraph and Countryfile magazine. As well as teaching,



he is a published author, with his third creative non-fiction book - In all Weathers - coming out in March. Along with Ms Reynard, Mr Gaw is now running a creative writing club on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Way to go Blue House!



Duke of Edinburgh

We recently launched the Duke of Edinburgh Awards for Years 9 and 10! It was great to see so many parents at the online meeting on Monday. I'm thrilled to see students signing up.

The school can offer full funding for Pupil Premium students and partial funding for Pupil Premium (Service) students.

Registration is open until **Friday 20 October 2023**. Don't miss the opportunity! Do be in touch if you have any queries.

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Under 14 Boys Football Team

The under 14 boys football team are into the third round of the Suffolk Schools FA Cup after an 8-1 win over County High thanks to goals from Ned, Dylan, Josh and Will!

Year 9 in the Netball Finals!

Year 9 girls came second, narrowly missing out on first place to Finborough who beat them by two goals but a sweet victory against Culford, who came third! They are through to the County Finals!



Art and Photography

Last year's GCSE Art and Photography work is now ready for collection. If students would like to collect their work, they will need to book a collection time slot on either Tuesday 14 November 2023 or Wednesday 15 November 2023. Time slots are:

3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40

To book a day and time slot, please email Mrs Southgate on jvs@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Raising Awareness of Online Safety

Please click the link below to a useful guide on how to keep safe online.

<https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Online-Safety-Fact-Sheet-Oct-2023.pdf>

Kind Gestures



Thank you to the parents who sent in these beautiful home-grown flowers for us to enjoy this week.

Travel Training



Essex County Council have been delivering a very successful Travel Training service in Essex for over 10 years. Suffolk County Council have a contract with Essex County Council to deliver travel training to students and adults with special educational needs or disabilities in schools, colleges and adult day care services/accessing the community in Suffolk.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full details.

Literacy Festival Bury St Edmunds

On the weekend commencing Friday 20 October, Bury Literary Festival are hosting a range of local authors in the Unitarian Meeting House on Churchgate street.

All events are **free** for under 18s but tickets for under 18s **must be booked in advance**. This would be an excellent opportunity for your child to develop their interest in literature and reading by getting to hear from real local authors.

On Friday evening, there will be an event with poet, Elizabeth Cook, who has recently made a video offering tips to students in our creative writing club on writing poetry. If students sign up for this event and arrive before 6pm, they can sign up for the Open Mic and read their own

poetry. Last year, we had several students impress the speaker with their own poems. Ms Reynard and Mr Gaw will be in attendance that evening if any students plan to share their poems and want some support.

Other items that may interest students include:

1. "Your Show" by Ashley Hickson-Lovence - Saturday 21 October at 3pm

A football themed book about being black in white spaces and achieving your goals in the face of adversity. The book is about the Premier League's only black referee.

2. New Voices in Fiction - Sunday 22 October at 3pm

This is panel event which will focus on the how to of being published. Four recent debut authors, Karen Angelico, Eva Verde, Sussie Anie and Rajasree Variyar will talk about studying their route to publication. Something for those with a real interest in taking their creative writing further, but who might not see themselves as 'traditional' authors.

3. "The Leviathan" by Rosie Andrews Sunday 22 October at 6pm

A great book for anyone interested in witch trials and that era of English history. A young man returns home from war in 17th Century England to find that his sister believes their maid to be a witch who has cursed their home. This event will also be hosted by English Subject Lead, Ms Reynard.

Tickets are available here: [Programme & Tickets 2023 | Bury St Eds Lit Fest \(burylitfest.co.uk\)](https://www.burylitfest.co.uk)

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

Deri O'Regan

A career in teaching?

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<https://ctsnscitt.info/>

Come along to one of our autumn term teacher training information events to find out more

CTSN SCITT, now incorporating Essex Primary SCITT, is recruiting to its 2024-25 school-based initial teacher training programmes. We offer primary & secondary, salaried & non-salaried, full-time & part-time initial teacher training across Cambridgeshire, west Suffolk, Essex and parts of Norfolk.

Wednesday 18th October, 6-7pm online via Zoom
 Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR codebook (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726722576087?aff=oddtitlecreator>

Tuesday 14th November, 5-8pm face-to-face in Norwich
 Book (free) via Get into Teaching using the QR code on the right or via this link:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/231114-get-into-teaching-east-of-england-event>

Monday 20th November, 6-7pm 6-7pm online via Zoom
 Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/728810227957?aff=oddtitlecreator>

Friday 1st December, 10-11am online via Zoom
 Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right or via this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/726824340167?aff=oddtitlecreator>

Thursday 14th December 1-2pm online via Zoom
 Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/728833477487?aff=oddtitlecreator>

For more information contact: scitt@catrust.co.uk

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 and additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
23 – 27 Oct	Half Term
10 Nov	Remembrances Service
24 Nov	Report 1 Published
27 Nov	Silverstone Trip Years 8,9,10

Thought for the Week

“If you learn from defeat, you haven’t really lost.”

Zig Ziglar

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