

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

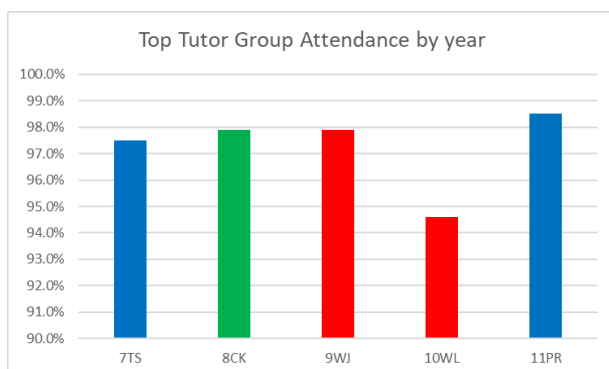
As we head into winter, please ensure that your child has a warm winter plain coat. For students who bike to school see information and advice below:

- Always use lights after dark or when visibility is poor.
- Check the lights work or if they need new batteries before travel.
- Light-coloured or fluorescent clothing can help other road users to see you in daylight and poor light, while reflective clothing and/or accessories (belt, arm or ankle bands) can increase your visibility in the dark.
- Avoid clothes that may get tangled in the chain, or in a wheel or may obscure your lights when you are cycling.
- Wear a correctly fitted cycle helmet that is securely fastened and conforms to current regulations

Click the link for more information: [Cycle Safety – THINK!](#)

Parents Association Meeting on Tuesday 21 November at 4.30pm, everyone welcome.

Top Tutor Group Attendance



Remembrance Service 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for the video reel from the Remembrance Service.





Old Burians' Association

On Remembrance Sunday, Old Burians' Association representative David Blackmore and two King Edward VI School students, laid a poppy wreath during last Sunday's Remembrance ceremony, at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.



Mock Exams Year 11 - 20 November - 1 December 2023

Year 11 will sit their mock exams over the next two weeks, it is important that they check their timetables which have been sent as a link to their student emails (a copy has also been sent to parent/carer emails), so that they know when and where their exams are.

For those students who have extra time, there may be occasions where their lunch breaks are shorter, and they may need to work on after the end of school. These students will be encouraged to use their extra time but where a student is unable to stay after school, but would have used their extra time, a note will be added to the paper to let their teacher know. If any students have any questions or concerns they are welcome to come to the Exams Office for additional support and information.

Lost Property

A significant amount of clothing, particularly coats and equipment is accumulating in Lost Property. If your child has lost anything please ask them to check in this area as soon as possible. Alternatively, parents are very welcome to come in and check for missing items. Many of the items are, unfortunately, unnamed so it is impossible to return them to their owners.

End of Autumn Term 2023

The last day of the Autumn Term is Wednesday 20 December 2023. On this day school will finish for students at 1.20pm. We are unable to change the timings of the school buses so they will run as normal at the end of the school day. If possible please make arrangements for your child to get home by alternative means that day but if this is not possible they can stay in school, in the Library, until the normal end of the school day.

Lunch, a choice of pasta or sandwiches, will be provided for those entitled to Free School Meals or those who need to remain in school, in Ed's Place only, from 1.20-1.45pm

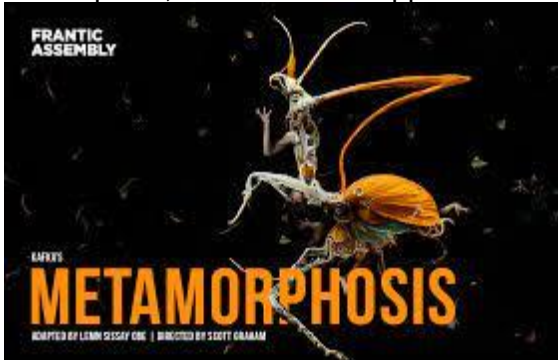
Updates from the Drama Department:



Cast rehearsals for the school production of My Fair Lady are in full flow. Please remind your children to keep an eye on TEAMS for Rehearsal Schedules.

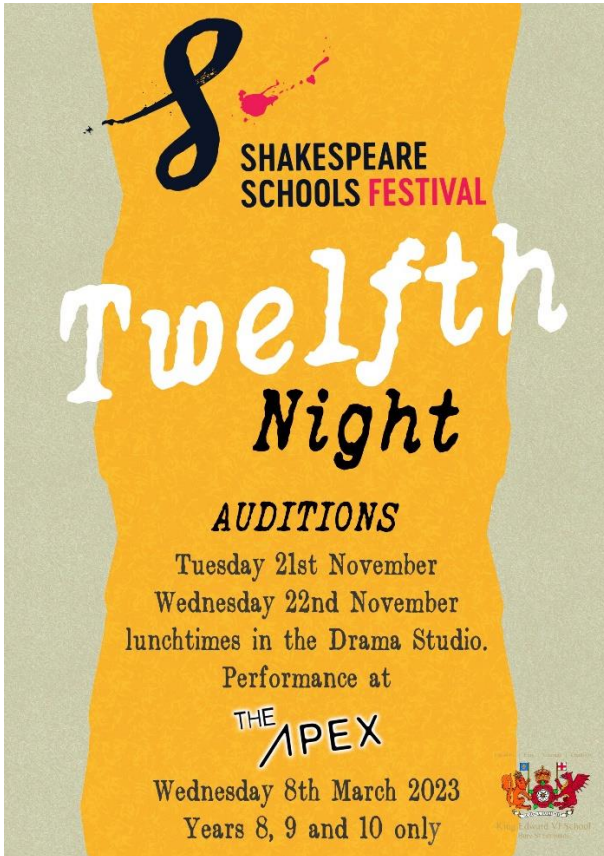
Frantic Assembly's Metamorphosis

On Wednesday 8 November, Year 10 and 11 Drama students had the unmissable opportunity to watch this re-working of the contemporary masterpiece, and it didn't disappoint!



Shakespeare Schools Festival - It's coming!!!

Auditions for Twelfth Night will be held next week.



Shakespeare Reimagined



As we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's first published works, we are very proud and excited to be launching this year's unmissable theme of '*Shakespeare Re Imagined!*'. It is open to Years 8-10.

Netball

The PE Department took two teams to the Suffolk Netball Finals this weekend at Ipswich School.

The Year 9 team played extremely well, they played six teams and beat four of them convincingly and losing against two. The overall result was that they came third in Suffolk, missing out on second place by only one point and progressing through to the regional finals. This has been a huge success for the Year 9 team and will only give them more of a boost for competing in future games.



The Year 11 team had some very tough games but played to an excellent standard and finished seventh overall in Suffolk. Well done girls.



The Year 10 netball team played against Thurston this week and won 16-14 in a very competitive match. Huge well done to the team.



Football

Our U14 girls football team travelled to Ormiston Ipswich looking to build on their recent success. The girls showed control and flair throughout the game beating Ormiston 5-0. An excellent performance from all with goals coming from Evalynne, Mia, Charlotte, Lexie and Rosie.



Vocabulary support

We have a new page on the school website that includes key vocabulary for subjects. Students can use this page to check definitions of key words, which may be helpful for homework and revision. [Subject Vocab Lists - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/subject-vocab-lists)

Key Stage 3 Parents

Bedrock is holding its inaugural Bedrock Parents' evening, running online on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the homework programme and

curricula and to have any questions answered by a leading specialist. It is also a great opportunity for you to get a better understanding of the system to support your child at home.

Details of the event can be found at this link:

[Bedrock Parents' Information Evening - Secondary \(getcontrast.io\)](https://www.getcontrast.io/bedrock-parents-information-evening-secondary)

According to the EEF, [parental engagement has a positive impact on average of four months' additional progress.](#)

Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

Suffolk Council have partnered with Holiday Activities to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). The vouchers for eligible families have been processed and we are advised that they will be sent out from next week. If you have any queries regarding these vouchers please contact the Holiday Activity Programme Lead at Suffolk Council.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Bronze students (Year 9): There is a re-scheduled drop in session in A39 on Thursday 23 November for DofE Bronze students; a member of DofE staff is coming in to help students get logged in and set up.

Silver students (Year 10): There is still capacity for additional students at Silver level available for those in Year 10 that might like to take part! Take a look [here](#) for more details. The school is thrilled to offer full funding for Pupil Premium students and a discounted rate for Pupil Premium (Service) students.

Emotional Wellbeing and Childhood Neurodiversity Parent and Carer Workshops

The Psychology in Schools Team from Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (NSFT) have a series of free workshops coming up over the next few months to help provide advice and support to families on topics, such as, supporting young people with challenging behaviours, and helping children and young people manage big feelings. There is also a programme of workshops that explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodivergent children and young people. To view all workshops available and to book a place, please go to the ['Family Wellbeing'](#) page which can be found on the Wellbeing in

Education website:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/wellbeingeducation

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life activities
Christmas
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
Bury St Eds.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS
AGED 10-15 YEARS

THURSDAYS - 21ST, 28TH DECEMBER
FRIDAY - 29TH DECEMBER
TUESDAY - 2ND JANUARY

10am - 3pm

**MORETON HALL YOUTH CENTRE,
6 TALLOU COURT, BURY ST EDS IP32 7BF**

FREE FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS,
OTHERWISE £35 PER DAY

Healthy Lunch included

For further information and to book your place:
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or call: Niki 07712 132809

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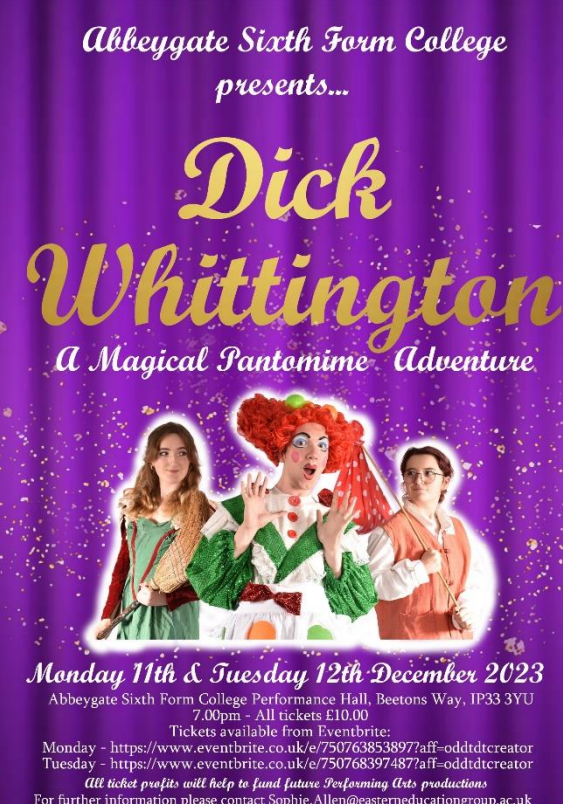
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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a restful weekend.



Deri O'Regan



Abbeygate Sixth Form College
presents...

Dick Whittington
A Magical Pantomime Adventure

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December 2023

Abbeygate Sixth Form College Performance Hall, Beetons Way, IP33 3YU
7.00pm - All tickets £10.00
Tickets available from Eventbrite:
Monday - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/7507638538977?aff=oddtcreator>
Tuesday - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/750768397487?aff=oddtcreator>

All ticket profits will help to fund future Performing Arts productions
For further information please contact Sophie.Allen@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk

Dates for your Diary <u>Term Dates for 2023-2024</u> and additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website	
20 Nov – 01 Dec	Year 11 Mock Exams
21 Nov	Parents Association 4.30pm
24 Nov	Report 1 published
27 Nov	Silverstone Trip Years 8,9,10
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 7 Parents Evenings
7 Dec	Carol Service - Year 7, 8 2.15-3.15pm at Cathedral
14 Dec	Christmas Music Concert – 7pm In School
20 Dec	Last day of term – 1.20pm finish

Thought for the Week

“Whoever is happy will make others happy too.”

Anne Frank

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