

Today's Prayer

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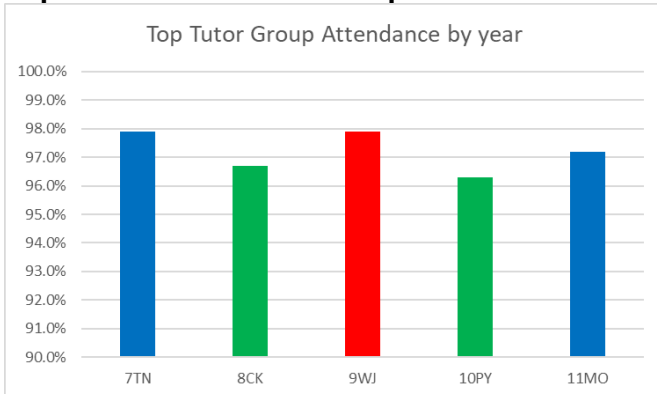
Friday 24 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we hit the mid-point of the Year 11 mock exams, thank you to all Year 11 parents who are providing motivation, study rewards and nurture for your son/daughter's hard work and efforts.

It was good that the second Parents Association meeting of the year happened this week. Please look out for the Parents Association at the upcoming Christmas Concert on the 14 December. Keen members of the association will be looking to sign-up new parents to help support the parental community.

Top Attendance Tutor Groups



Christmas Lunches

Our Christmas lunches are taking place on Tuesday 12 December for students in Years 7 and 8, and on Wednesday 13 December for students in Years 9,10 and 11.

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 27 November.

Please see this link for further information: [Parent Letter - Christmas Dinner](#)

Public Speaking

Two Year 10 teams competed in the English Speaking Union's Churchill Public Speaking Competition. The competition contained St Benedict's, Framlingham College and Finborough School. The quality was fantastic. Meral and Otto did us proud with two great main speeches!



The Learning Support Team will be hosting the first Parent Connect Event on Thursday 30 November, from 9.30am until 10.30am. This is an opportunity for families with Autistic (traits) children, to meet and connect. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis, be on the SEN

Register or Additional Needs Register to attend. It will be an informal event, allowing you to connect to other parents. The West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service will also be present. If you are planning to attend this event, please can you follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4hDbb0Rp4Z>



The King Edward VI School Learning Support Hub Instagram page is live! [CLICK HERE](#) to follow us. You will find information about upcoming events, updates, support and resources.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Bronze (Year 9): We had a brilliant 'drop in to log in' session during Thursday lunchtime. We had 79 of our whopping 98 sign ups attending. They will now be able to access their eDofE

account and can begin recording evidence for their activities!

Silver (Year 10): Mr Hepper will be running a 'drop in to log in' session next Thursday (30 Nov) lunchtime in A39 for our Silver award students. A reminder that he is available for students on Thursdays and Fridays at breaktime in A117 if they ever need anything. Or can be contacted by email at dofe@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Would you like a career in medicine?

The Lincolnshire Training Hub is holding a free online event via zoom on 29 November 7-8:30pm. This event is led by medical students and aims to help Year 9 to 11 students decide whether medicine could be the career for them.

The evening will include:

- How do I know medicine is right for me?
- The Application Process
- The Medical Degree/Life as a Medic
- Foundation Years (Post Degree)
- Time for questions

Please fill in the sign-up form below to receive the log in details:

<https://forms.gle/rqG3y6yWb94hs9J9A>

Work experience opportunities at Lotus



The call for applications to the 2024 cohort is now open. Please note the following criteria:

- Students must be between the ages of 14 - 18 years old at school or college
- The current programme is available at our Hethel and LAS (Lotus Advanced Structures) sites
- This is open to all applicants within the UK.



If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining Lotus for work experience, please complete this form: [Application for Work Experience \(office.com\)](#)

Christmas devices

As Christmas is approaching many children and young people will be asking for new devices. It's important that parents think carefully about these devices and the parental features that are available. It's equally important that parents think about what the device will be used for e.g. an all-singing-all-dancing smartphone when it will only be used for messaging and the odd phone call, would a dumb phone be better?

Internet Matters has put together a couple of really good guides for parents:

- How to choose the right phone for your child guide can be found [HERE](#)
- Children's tech guide 2023 - which has guides on a huge range of tech from laptops

to gaming consoles, smart TV's and much more can be found [HERE](#).

HAF Holiday Activities



TEEN CHALLENGE DAYS

AGES 11-16 YEARS

EXPLORE OUTDOOR

Bury St Edmunds - Thursday 21st Dec
Haverhill - Friday 22nd Dec
10am-2pm

Giving young people the chance to take part in alternative activities and challenges and socialise with peers.

Hot lunch and snacks for all participants!

Activities including:
 Climbing, Combat Archery, Axe Throwing, Cinema visits and more.

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FAMILY PARK COOKING

EXPLORE OUTDOOR

Locations across Suffolk
Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd December
10am-2pm

Adults and children take part in an amazing family day out. A whole range of activities including a cooking masterclass.

These sessions include outdoor activities, cooking class with a lunch provided.

Christmas Dinner and Boxing Day Lunch!
 Take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards to make an extra special Christmas!

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SWIM & LUNCH

Swim & Lunch will run in the Christmas school holidays providing FREE swimming and meals for families eligible for free school meals'

21st - 30th December
*Subject dates applied

Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre
 Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
 Haverhill Leisure Centre
 Kingfisher Leisure Centre
 Newmarket Leisure centre
 Mildenhall HUB

To book:
 Email: HAF@acleisure.com
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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a fantabulous weekend.



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	
24 Nov – 01 Dec	Year 11 Mock Exams
24 Nov	Report 1 published
27 Nov	Silverstone Trip Years 8,9,10
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 7 Parents Evening
7 Dec	Carol Service (Years 7 & 8): 2.15pm
12 Dec	Christmas Lunch Years 7 & 8
13 Dec	Christmas Lunch Years 9,10,11
14 Dec	Christmas Concert
20 Dec	End of term 1.20pm finish
4 Jan 2024	Start of term for all students

Thought for the Week

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth

Matthew 5:5

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