

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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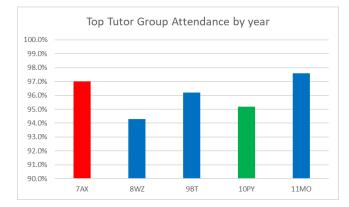
Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for everything that you are doing to support attendance and thank you to the parents who provided me with additional information about how to support attendance. The whole school community will improve and the education of every child will improve if we can get attendance high. If you need extra support to help get your child into school every day, please contact your son/daughter's Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager, SEND department, Tutor or Head of Key Stage. This is a top priority for our school community and we are keen to do more to ensure every child is happy in school.

I am delighted to inform you that yesterday teachers from across the entire town came together in the first Bury School's Partnership Conference in many years. It was inspiring to hear Geoff Barton speak at the event as our key note speaker and super to meet teachers from across all phases in education, working together in improving educational standards across the town.

Tutor Group Attendance Table

Congratulations to the top attendance tutor groups in the school!



Friday 10 November 2023

Mathematicians of the term

Each half term, teachers within the Maths department are nominating a student from each of their classes to be placed in a prize draw. These students have been nominated for showing amazing effort and or achievement within their math lessons since September.

All students have received a certificate, the runner up from each year has received a chocolate bar, and the winners from each year have also received a chocolate bar along with a queue jump pass which allows them to skip the lunchtime queue on a day of their choice.

Congratulations to all students that have been nominated.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	
Elery	Lexie	Millie	Dorothy	Matilda	
Andrews	Georgia	Emily	Amy	Charlie	
Solomon	Jayden	Imogen	Ella	Oscar Chu	
Noah	Florence	Maia	Phoebe	Aimee	
Jase	Elliot	Arun	Tamina	Harry	
Shay-Lucas	Elden	Godwin	Morgan	Marley	
Seb	Mannix	Harriet	Taylor	Ayesha	
Ellis	Cleo	Oliver	Dexter	Isabelle	
Oscar	Isabella	Ruby	Sienna	Lucas	

A new round of Mathematicians of the term will take place before the Christmas break.

Football Success

Our U13 Mixed football team are into the next round of the West Suffolk cup after their 5-1 win against County High. Going in to half-time at 1-0 up, the subs made a big impact ensuring a comfortable win with an excellent performance in the second half. Goals coming from Oliver, Freddie, Max with 2 and a goal of the season contender from Josh with an amazing free kick.

Suffolk Schools Golf Association Team Championships, held at Rushmere Golf Course, Monday 30 October 2023.

29 players representing 9 different schools took part in the County Final, which is also the qualifying competition for the National Final, being held at Woodhall Spa Golf Course in June 2024.

Congratulations Jacob (38pts) & Rhys (28pts), who represented King Edward VI School and won the Suffolk Schools Golf Association Team Championship County Final



New extra-curricular clubs

We have two new clubs which are starting this half term. Sing and Sign runs on Wednesday lunchtimes with Ms Sanderson from 1.50pm in ST6 where they will be starting to work on a Christmas hit. It is the ideal time to start so join up, it's going to be fab. We also have a new initiative, Eco Club with Mr Magee on Tuesday lunchtimes in A23 at 1.30pm. They will be working on a series of environmental and sustainability projects to become a core part of our daily school life and for implementing change. All ideas are welcome from students and our wider community. Details of our full extra-curricular activities can be found on the website : <u>Extra-Curricular-Clubs-and-</u> <u>Activities.pdf (king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)</u>

Year 11 Group Photo

A proof of the Y11 group photo has been distributed to students this week. If you wish to place an order for one please either order online at <u>www.Braiswick.co.uk/orders</u> or return your order to Student Services in school by Wednesday 22 November 2023.

Keeping Safe - Common Online Scams

With Christmas approaching fast it's likely that online scams will increase significantly if it follows the pattern of previous years. To avoid falling into this trap, this article from Internet Matters highlights a number of online scams which specifically target teens. Please take time to read and discuss this with your child. You can see the article <u>HERE</u>.

SEND

SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service) are hosting sessions for parents and carers, click the link below for more information and session dates. <u>SENDIASS sessions for</u> <u>parents and carers – Suffolk Learning</u>

The National Autistic Society have updated their advice and guidance page with some helpful tips. Click the link for more details <u>Tips (autism.org.uk)</u>

School Bus

Recently parents have reported that BE374 AM service is overloaded. This has been reviewed on several occasions by the bus company who state the following:

There are two main issues that leads to the bus feeling overloaded:

- (1) Passengers leaving bags on their seats.
- (2) Passengers having a reluctance to use the upper deck.

I've made the drivers aware to ensure they are telling people to take bags off and use seating.

Please remind your children not to place their school bags on the seats, for the safety of all that use the service.

Cleaners/Floor Operatives (Multiple Positions)

We are seeking enthusiastic and reliable people, with a good work ethic, to join our Cleaning team. You will be ensuring that high standards of cleanliness are maintained throughout the school. Position details: £11.50 per hour (+ holiday pay allowance) 10 - 15 hours per week Monday – Friday To be worked between 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm 44 weeks per year

Permanent

Further details, and an application form, are available from our website <u>https://www.king-</u> <u>ed.suffolk.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/</u> or by collection from the school. Closing date – Thursday 30 November 2023 Interview date – TBC

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

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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		
24 Nov	Report 1 published		
27 Nov	Silverstone Trip Years 8,9,10		
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 7 Parents Evening		

Thought for the Week

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent."

Madeline Albright

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