



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support for your son/daughters learning this term. I am delighted to announce that I have issued 212 Grafter Awards this term (for 20 Merits) and 51 Super Grafter Awards (80 Merits). There have also been nearly 300 prizes awarded for high number of merits. We are proud of the hard work and efforts of our students and thank you for the encouragement and support you give them.

We are also exceptionally proud of our Performing arts who have entertained us all week with an amazing version of My Fair Lady. As one guest commented, *'Well quite frankly, the performance was outstanding and I would very much appreciate it if you passed on my congratulations to the whole cast and team. It really was an amazing show and the kids and staff should be proud of themselves, their commitment, bravery, talent and hard work. Thank you for an amazing night and an amazing achievement.'*

It really was a triumph, and it did what only the Arts can do. Months of work and planning pulled together a considerable pool of talent and skills into one common purpose. Whether on stage as actors, singers and dancers, playing in the band, or working as (equally vital) stage management, make-up and hair, wardrobe, sound and light, movement and choreographer, front of house, logistics and company manager, together with all the other varied skills that come together to mount a major production, here was a wonderful demonstration of combined creativity backed by dedication, commitment and huge energy. For the audience, it was a joyous presentation of one of the great mid-twentieth century classics. For any school, the Performing Arts are its beating heart. With "My Fair Lady", King Edward's

Friday 16 Feb 2024

showed that it is up there with the best of them. Many congratulations to everyone.

Year 11 Parents

If you have a Year 11 student, please encourage them to spend some of the half term on revision. Top revision tips from students themselves include:

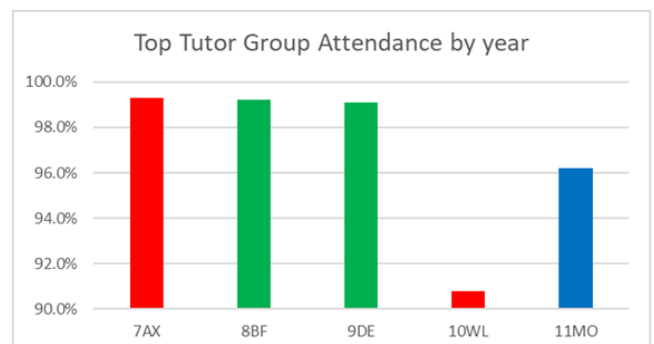
- 'Blurting' this is where they write down key knowledge on a mini whiteboard before then attempting exam papers
- Mind maps
- Flash cards
- Quizlet - [Digital Flashcards & Revision Cards for Students | Quizlet](#)
- SENECA
- Writing short summaries of learning in a paragraph or few bullet points

Vaccinations

Thank you to all parents who supported the recent vaccinations for Year 9, and to Ms Skittrall our First Aid Administrative Assistant for making this happen.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about local catch-up vaccination clinics running in the February half term.

Attendance Awards



Students from each year group with 100% attendance were entered into the half-termly prize draw for £5 amazon voucher. Well done to Arthur, Zee, Ryan, Caleb, Brody.



The Tutor Group winners for overall top attendance were: Y7 GH, Y8 BF, Y9 DE, Y10 BH, Y11 PR.

100% attendance winners for this academic year are Toby and Casper, both in Year 11! Well done!

School Uniform – Jewellery

[CLICK HERE](#) for an important parent letter in regards to Jewellery.

Message from the Prefect Team

Dear Parents and Carers, Year 11 prom is coming up in June and to make this experience the most enjoyable and affordable for students, the Prefects are organising an Open Mic Night, where students will have the chance to perform to raise money for the prom. All years will have the opportunity to perform and all parents, carers and students who attend will be helping support fundraising. The recommended entry donation is £3 per person and drinks and food will be available for purchase.

open mic

All Years:
-singers
-musicians
-bands

Sign up sheet outside music office
- deadline for signup
16 th Feb

Thursday 7th March 2024
5:30 - 7:30pm

The poster features a red background with yellow text. At the top, the words "open mic" are written in a large, stylized font. Below this, there is a blue and red microphone on a stand. To the right of the microphone, there is a list of categories for performers: "All Years: -singers -musicians -bands". Below the list, there is information about the sign-up sheet: "Sign up sheet outside music office - deadline for signup 16 th Feb". At the bottom, the date and time are given: "Thursday 7th March 2024 5:30 - 7:30pm".

Inter-House Competition

The attendance for this week's Inter-House competition was high, with 62 students signed up. The winners of the Inter House football game, for Year 7 were the **Green team**. It was competitive throughout and a close encounter all the way through. It was so close that it came down to the last game. Both Blue teams needed to win to stay top with the Green team only needing to win at least one of the last games. The competition was a great opportunity to give students a chance to play as well as developing one's individual skills/team skills.

All students went home with a smile on their face and enjoyed the evening.



Valentine's Day Cup Cakes

The Year 8 charity committee organised a Valentines cupcake delivery service this week. They have raised over £60 for Battersea Cats and Dogs Home and spread a lot of love and joy in the process. We even had a successful prom date request! Thank you to everyone who took part and thank you to the catering team for such delicious cupcakes.





Parent Connect – Travel Training



On Wednesday 13 March Theresa Salmon, from Essex Travel Training, will be coming into school to talk to parents about Travel Training. Travel Training

gives people with special educational needs or disabilities the confidence and skills to travel independently on buses, trains and walking routes.

Being able to travel on public transport is a key life skill as it allows a young person to make choices about how they live, go about their daily life and fulfil their potential.

During training Theresa will cover:

1. confidence in using buses or trains
2. personal safety
3. how to use timetables and buy tickets
4. road safety, including how to cope with traffic on major roads
5. what to do when things go wrong (e.g. the bus is late)

If you would like to attend this session, which will start at 10am please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/yLVXm8QVWN>

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable June 2024

The Year 10 mock exam timetable for June is now available to view on the Exams page of the school website. Click the link to view this year's timetable: [Master Timetable Year 10 mocks June 2024.xlsx](#).

Year 11 GCSE entries

Year 11 students have this week been issued their entries summary for their GCSE exams. Please encourage them to check these carefully

and to direct any tier of entry queries to their subject teacher, and any other questions to the Exams Office.

Worrying about money?

[CLICK HERE](#) for help and advice in West Suffolk. You can also contact your child's Year Team for additional advice and access to emergency food parcels.

Year 7 Football

King Edward's Under 12 Football Team are in to the Quarter Finals of the County Cup after a 6-0 win over Thomas Mills High School in the last 16.

A hat trick for the outstanding George was the highlight with other scorers being Leo, Tyler and Finley. The squad now face a tricky away tie at Woodbridge College.

Year 7 Basketball

King Edward's Year 7 Basketball team made their debut with an 18-14 victory over County High this week. All 11 players made excellent contributions with captain Vasco the MVP.

A friendly was then played against County's B team which King Edward's won 20-2! Vasco scored 22 points across both games. The team now goes on to play Samuel Ward in the West Suffolk Final.



F1 in Schools Regional Finals

This week, teams from Years 8,9 and 10 took part in the F1 in Schools Regional Finals in

Norwich. After months of hard work and dedication designing miniature F1 cars to race, writing presentations and creating pit displays, our teams went head-to-head against other schools from across East Anglia. And the hard work paid off with Team XALLO becoming East Anglia Entry level winners!

A big well done to all our teams; Team Typhoon, Team XALLO, Team Phoenix and Team Barracudas - showing enthusiasm and professionalism in a hotly contested competition this year. The standard was very high, and they should be proud of their achievements. Well done F1 teams!



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a great half term.

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	
Sat 17 – Fri 23 Feb	Ski Trip
Mon 19 – Fri 23 Feb	Half Term
Wed 28 Feb – Thurs 29 Feb	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tues 5 Mar	Taster Tuesday
Wed 20 – Thurs 21 March	Year 8 Parents Evening
Fri 22 March	Year 9 Romeo & Juliet Trip
Thurs 28 March	End of term

Thought for the Week

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

D. Bonhoeffer

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