



## Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

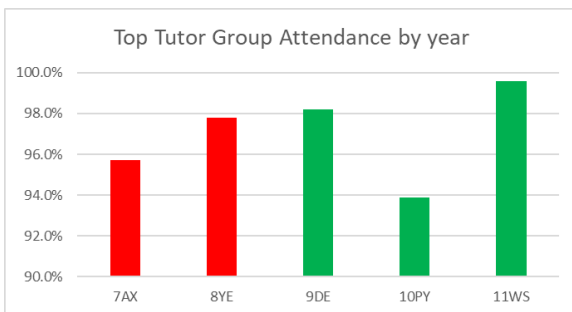
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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that King Edward VI School is growing significantly in popularity, and we have nearly 100 students on the waiting list for Year 7 entry next year. This is a credit to the excellent work of the dedicated staff at the school in addition to the wonderful support we get from the wider community: both from our dedicated local governors, plus supportive parent community. Despite this, we are committed to raising the bar substantially in many areas of our provision and would very much appreciate your views in guiding us. Please spend 10 – 15 minutes answering our Parent Survey: [PARENT SURVEY](#)



## School Transport



Please see important information regarding school transport. [Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel for 2024/2025 – Suffolk Learning](#)

## Ski Trip 2025

Parents in Years 8, 9 and 10 should have received a letter about the 2025 ski trip. The deadline for application is Monday 22 April. Please contact [po@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:po@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

## Student Expectations

Please familiarise yourself with our basic expectations for the Summer Term, located [HERE](#)

It is through parental support that we can create the best climate for learning in a safe and supportive environment for our students.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Good luck to the 95 students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition this weekend and early part of next week!

## NEW! How can I monitor my child's homework?

Following the school's move to MS Teams, we have been working with Microsoft to enable our parents better access to monitor homework set by teachers. Through some testing with parents, we are now able to release this update to the wider community. We have produced a separate guide called 'Microsoft School Connection' which is available on our school website here:

<https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/essentials/parents/microsoft-school-connection/>

At this time, we encourage parents not to use student login details, but instead to set up their own account, linking to their child/children as per this guide.

As this system verifies parental email addresses through our school data, **it is critical that parents ensure that the school have their up-to-date email address(es)**. If you experience any challenges with linking accounts, please contact our IT services team on:

[icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

Additionally, parents will receive updates on student 'Independent Home Learning' grades

through our student reports, accessed via Go4Schools.

### Educational Learning Platforms

We have been adding to the educational platforms available for students to access either in or outside school and have added EdLounge to our suite of platforms. All the platforms are free for students to use and will enhance the learning that they will be doing in lessons. Parents should encourage time on EdLounge or Seneca to support their child's learning.

<https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/essentials/students/it-help/>

### Military Preparation College for Training



Yesterday we had the privilege to be invited to the Military Preparation College for Training (MPCT) in Ipswich. MPCT helps students aged 16+ to develop their fitness and employability skills, whilst achieving a vocational qualification in a unique teaching environment. Five students were geared up with helmets, wooden weapons, heavy backpacks and camouflage gear as they practiced how to respond to enemy attacks whilst dealing with casualties in the field. The students completed an incredibly physically and mentally challenging day, showcasing their resilience, determination and teamwork. For more insight on our day please click the following link <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/hGBGzVTvqzchGdmU/> For more information on MPCT and the experiences they offer please click the following link [Military Preparation College for Training - MPCT](#).

### Suffolk Schools Athletics Association XC Finals

King Edward VI School supported Year 9 student Isla in this year's Suffolk Schools Athletics Association Cross County Finals. Her father said: *It was an amazing experience for her competing against the best runners in the country, there were over 400 athletes in her race so the start was frantic as you would expect, she held her own and progressed well during the race to finish in the top 25% which was an amazing achievement.*



### Olivier Award Winner!

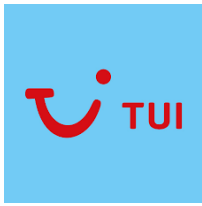
Former student Tom Francis **WON** Best Actor in a Musical at the Olivier Awards! He also opened the show. Click the link to see his outstanding performance.

[https://youtu.be/fRQZINe5ZTQ?si=Uip01\\_XyOufKcHLc](https://youtu.be/fRQZINe5ZTQ?si=Uip01_XyOufKcHLc)





### Apprenticeship Opportunity at TUI



Student opportunity to join TUI Retail as an Apprentice Travel Advisor at their Bury St Edmunds shop, which will provide a valuable insight into the world of travel.

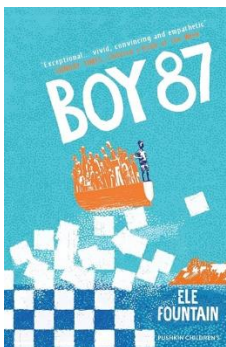
The successful candidate will be assigned a Learning Coach for the duration of the scheme. Completion of the training will result in a Level 3 Travel Consultant qualification. 20 percent of the working week will be set aside for working through the qualification standards, completion of practical or written assessments and updating a portfolio of work evidence. If your child is interested in applying for this role they should answer the questions fully on [Retail Apprentice Travel Advisor • TUI Careers UK \(tuigroup.com\)](https://www.tuigroup.com) application.

**For more information on upcoming opportunities, students should check the school website under Careers, and the noticeboard next to Miss Granger's desk.**

### Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

To try to "hook" students into reading a little more, we have started a "First Chapters" programme during tutor time for Years 7 - 10. Each week, your child's tutor will read out the opening to a young adult novel and generate a conversation about it. Two copies will be put into the school Library and one will be raffled for any students who felt "hooked" by the opening.

Each week, I will include the book's title and a blurb. Feel free to ask your child about the opening. If they seem interested and didn't win the raffle, it may be a perfect opportunity to take them to the wonderful Library in Bury St Edmunds, who will be ordering in multiple copies of the book in connection with this programme. You can find these upstairs in the Young Adult section.



This week's book was called "Boy 87" by Ele Fountain. It is about a refugee child fleeing his country.

"Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friends home from school. But one day,

soldiers with guns come to his door – and he knows he is no longer safe.

Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by sand and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will be separated from the people he loves."

### Plan Bee

Understanding and supporting your child or young person with additional needs' sessions.



These sessions will run from 10 until 12pm, on 23 April, 30 April and 7 May.

The school is offering parents the opportunity to attend to attend 'Plan Bee'. This is a 3-week course (2hrs per week) written by two Clinical Psychologists working in Norfolk Community Health and Care who are passionate about supporting parents to understand their children/young people with neurodivergent conditions. They believe all behaviour is a means of communication and the course seeks to understand what your child is communicating in their most anxious moments.

The aim of this course is to help parents and carers to:

- Understand why their child or young person might become overwhelmed.
- Have time to reflect on what might trigger certain distressed behaviours and how to implement pro-active and re-active strategies.
- Develop a support plan which they can share with other family members or carers and with schools to provide a consistent approach.
- Meet with other parents/carers for peer support.

If you would like to book onto the course please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/plan-bee-3-week-course-king-edward-school-school-booking-tickets-880701480837?aff=oddtcreator>



[CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of KOOTH's parent letter about online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people.

KOOTH are also running 45-minute virtual training session on **how you can support your child to manage exam stress**.

The training will cover the following:

1. An overview of how Kooth works as a mental health service
2. How to support your child to manage exam stress
3. Tips when talking to young people about their feelings

Click the below dates to book your place on one of the two free sessions if you are worried about your child's anxiety:

[Mon 22 Apr. 1-2pm](#)  
[Thu 25 Apr. 6-7pm](#)

### Local Youth Clubs

Teen Chill is a project whereby Abbeycroft has been funded by Suffolk Police Crime Commissioners, West Suffolk Council and in partnership with Bury Town Council to provide young people with a safe environment to socialise on Monday evenings. 'Teen Chill' provides a service for young people in Bury St. Edmunds and immediate surrounding areas. Sessions are not structured, instead they allow young people to choose what they want to do...or do nothing. But if they do want to get involved, there's plenty to do and they can suggest activities that they'd like to see added.

- Sports
- Music
- Computer Games Consoles
- Tuck Shop.

The Teen Chill sessions take place:  
Monday evenings- 7-9pm  
New Bury Community Centre, BSE, IP32 6TD.  
£1 entry fee  
Turn up and pay!

**BE YOUNG,  
BE FREE,  
BE YOU!**

AT TEEN CHILL

Find out more

Are you aged 11-16?  
Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

Turn up & pay  
**£1**  
a session

Newbury community centre  
Monday 19:00-21:00  
[abbeycroft.org.uk](http://abbeycroft.org.uk)

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**HEALTHY  
HABITS FOR  
HAPPY KIDS!**

Are you aged 11-15 and want to explore the gym?  
Our qualified gym instructors are here to teach you how to use the equipment safely & effectively while having fun at the same time!

Juniors can attend any gym session if they are accompanied by their parent.

See junior hours on the fitness timetable.

[abbeycroft.org.uk](http://abbeycroft.org.uk)

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## Youth Club for Young People with Additional Needs



**SATURDAY  
ACTIVITY  
CLUB**  
For young people with additional needs

**New Club  
Launch Offer  
Half Price  
£14**  
During April  
Usual price £28

Come and join us for different activities in a safe, fun environment

**Ages: 8-15 Years**

**13th + 27th April**  
Then 2nd + 4th Saturday of each month

**10am-3pm**

**Thomas Clarkson  
Centre, Hospital Road,  
Bury St. Eds IP33 3JT**

**Activities Include:**

- Music Workshops
- Games
- DJ Skills
- Woodworking
- Crafts
- Sports
- Exercise
- Health & Wellbeing

[www.chapters-activities.co.uk](http://www.chapters-activities.co.uk)

For further information or to book your place email: [info@chapters-activities.co.uk](mailto:info@chapters-activities.co.uk)

or call Niki: 07712 132809



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



Deri O'Regan

## Year 9 Fundraising Event



**King Edwards School Presents...**

# **BAKE SALE!**

BRING LOTS OF CASH AS THERE WILL BE CUPCAKES, COOKIES, AND SWEET BAGS!

IT WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE OF ED'S PLACE AT LUNCH ON 23RD APRIL 2024



### Dates for your Diary

[Term Dates for 2023-2024](#) and [Term Dates for 2024-2025](#).

Additional information can be found on the [calendar page](#) of the website

Mon 22 – Tues 23 April	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition
Mon 22 April	Penalty Shoot Out Fundraiser (£1)
Tues 23 April	Bake Sale
Fri 26 April	Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)
Mon 29 April – Fri 3 May	Prayspace
Tue 30 April	Transition Evening
Wed 1 May	Long Road Scholars Trip
Mon 6 May	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 9 May	GCSE Examinations start
Friday 17 May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half Term
Fri 28 June	School Closed - PD Day

Thought for the Week

**Money won't create success, the freedom to make it will.  
Nelson Mandela**

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