



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our Tchoukball team for becoming **national champions** – phenomenal!! (please see Page 2 for more details).



Year 11 GCSE Final Preparations

GCSE equipment: reminder to parents to ensure their child has all the essential GCSE equipment - pens pencils, maths equipment, calculator.

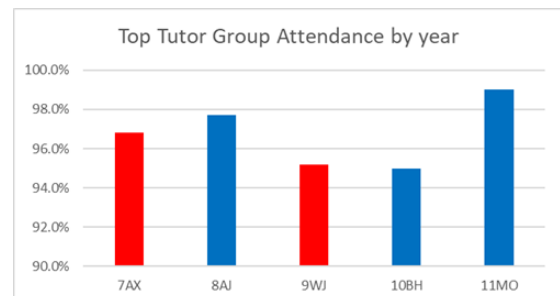
Uniform: Year 11 must be in full uniform for their GCSE examinations (NO LEAVER'S HOODIES). Please contact admin@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk if

Holidays and Term Time absences

Term-time absence is a significant factor in children's under-achievement. Children have 13 weeks a year of school holidays – please take them away during this time. Parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays in term-time. **Every child's education in a class is damaged if students miss learning which then needs to be retaught.** If you do require leave, a Leave of Absence form should be completed and returned to school for authorisation well in advance.

If the school refuses a request for a term-time leave of absence and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an **Unauthorised Absence** on the child's attendance record and school report. A Penalty Notice may be issued, or a referral made to Educational Welfare.

you are experiencing financial difficulty and may need support with equipment or uniform. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full GCSE schedule. There are only eight school days until the first formal written exam!!!



Year 11 Exams Assembly

Please be aware that Year 11 will have an additional assembly next week on **Tuesday 30 April** in the Performing Arts Centre during tutor time. It is very important that all students attend

this assembly so that they are aware of all guidelines and regulations for their upcoming examinations.

The PowerPoint presentation and video will be available for parents to also view on the examinations page of the school website after the Assembly.

All students who had not viewed their exams timetable link via their school email as of the end of last week have been given a paper copy in school time. Please encourage your son/daughter to ask the Exams team any questions they may have about their exams and timetables in the next few days and not leave it until the day of their exams.

KING EDWARD'S U14 TCHOUKBALL TEAM WIN UK TITLE!

King Edward's has a National Champion Team after our Under 14 Tchoukball squad triumphed in the Tchoukball UK Schools Championships held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium last Friday!



The squad of eight faced schools from as far afield as Leeds and Portsmouth in the fast moving and exciting hand ball sport.

Placed in a group of six the team won all five of their group games with Henry in defence and Sam, Max, Jack and Toby racking up the points. Ned linked everything through the middle with superb catching and passing from Sylvie and Gabby who both played every minute of every game.

In the final the squad faced Farnham based Ash Manor School. King Edward's dominated from the start with Toby in particular scoring a hatful of points. The final score of 32-17 was just reward for a fantastic display from the team.

Special mention must go to Sam in Year 8, who brilliantly managed the tactics, formation and

squad rotation. A future National Team Manager for sure! You read it here first!

Year Team Fundraising

This week there have been several fundraising events taking place throughout school, including penalty shoot outs, bake sales, guess the number of sweets in the jar, colour runs and non-school uniform day. All of which have been a huge success. The bake sale raised over £180 in one afternoon! Thank you, parents, for your support and donations. There is a second colour run on taking place on Friday, 3 May.



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](#).

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

Additionally, parents will receive updates on student 'Independent Home Learning' grades through our student reports, accessed via Go4Schools.

Library Announcement

Please see message going out to all students this week:

As a reminder, the Library is open during break and lunch for those seeking a peaceful environment to study, read, or finish assignments. Please remember that the Library is not a social space or hangout spot. Please do not come to the Library if you're looking to socialise or are out of lesson. Let's maintain the tranquillity and focus within our Library space for those who need it most. Thank you for your cooperation!

Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from "Away with Words" by Sophie Cameron. It is about a girl with selective mutism who moves to Scotland with her father.

The blurb:

Gala and her dad Jordi have just moved to Scotland from Spain, to live with Jordi's boyfriend Ryan. Gala feels lost, lonely and unable to be her usual, funny self. Until she befriends Natalie, a girl with selective mutism.

The friends find their own way to communicate, but just as Gala's settling into her new life, the actions of an anonymous classmate threaten to take it all away. Surrounded by other people's

words, will Gala be able to find her own and show everyone who she really is?

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.



Work Experience Opportunity

The Theatre Royal are offering a work experience placement designed to give young people an insight into careers in the arts. These opportunities are available for Year 11 students, to take place during two weeks in June. Students will work across all department in the theatre and be mentored by the Creative Learning team. During the placement they will gain valuable insight into the operation of the theatre supporting the Doorstep Festival.

For more information about work experience, please contact the Creative Learning Team via engagement@theatreroyal.org. To register your interest in work experience at Theatre Royal, please complete the following form [Theatre Royal Work Experience Application](#).

Mental Health Support

As a school we have recently seen an increase in young people reporting their use of self-harm as a coping strategy. As a result, we thought it might be useful to share some resources for young people and their families, on understanding and supporting young people who engage in self-harm

- Download a **Parent guide** to coping with self-harm: [HERE](#)

- Download the **Calm Harm App**: An award-winning free app developed to help teenagers manage the urge to self-harm. [Home - Calm Harm App \(stem4.org.uk\)](http://stem4.org.uk)
- Sign up to [Self-Harm UK Alumina](#) – Free online group self-help support group for 11-19 year olds. This is an online seven-week course for young people struggling with self-harm in the UK.
- Visit the **YoungMinds** website which is a mental health charity for children and young people in the UK. Visit: [Self-harm | Advice for young people | Get help | YoungMinds](#) for information on self-harm for young people and families.
- Call the **YoungMinds** parent helpline on **0808 802 5544** (9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday) or use a webchat service: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline-and-webchat/>

If you are worried about your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact their Year team or the GP for additional support.

SEND Support and Advice



SENDIASS are offering relaxed online sessions for parents and carers.

1 May: SENDIASS is offering a relaxed online session for parents and carers explaining the process of support in schools for pupils with special educational needs (SEN). [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the online event.

8 May: SENDIASS is offering a relaxed online session for parents and carers exploring solution focussed approaches for working with schools. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the online event.

SPCF
Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

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OPEN EVENT

Meet professionals in SEND & Mental Health from Suffolk County Council, Health Services, Voluntary Sector and more

Wednesday 19th June
10:30 – 1:30
United Reformed Church
Ipswich St, Stowmarket
IP14 1AD

Information Stands Presentations Refreshments Provided

Free Attendees draw to win an Amazon Voucher

Working towards a brighter future for Suffolk's children and young people

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

Deri O'Regan

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 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

A body of people holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody.
Thomas Paine

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