

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words. <u>Today's Prayer | The Church of England</u>

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please join me in offering congratulations to our Year 7 Basketball team, for becoming West Suffolk Year 7 Basketball Champions!!!!!!!!! The Year 7 Boys team finished the season in style with a convincing victory against Samuel Ward Academy, 36 - 20. They also beat County High on their way to the final. Well done!



Parent Survey

Thank you to all who have completed the Parent Survey, which is closing 12pm on Monday 6 May. If you haven't done so already, please can you spend 5-10 minutes completing the survey: <u>PARENT SURVEY</u>

This survey will be used to inform school improvement at all levels in the organisation in addition to giving important motivation to your hard-working teachers and support workers.

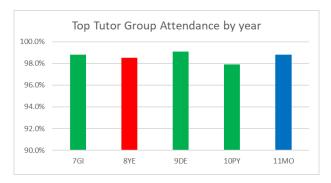
Deaf Awareness Week

We are exceptionally proud of our deaf students and look forward to celebrating Deaf Awareness week across our community next week. For more information <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Friday 3 May 2024

GCSE Exams - Important mobile phone reminder

Despite reminders to all students, we have already had two incidents involving mobile phones in controlled assessments and language tests which have resulted in malpractice reports being sent to the exam boards who will then decide whether marks will be awarded to these students. Please, as a matter of urgency, will you remind your son/daughter that their phone (and any other internet enabled equipment, watches and ear pods) must be **switched off** and placed in their bags **before** entering the exam room.



Ipswich Hope Hack

Mrs Anderson, Mr Palmer, escorted a group of five students to the Ipswich Hope Hack on Friday 26 April 2024 which was held at Ipswich Town Football Club. The Ipswich Hope Hack is all about changing the conversation, giving young people a voice and allowing them to explore and develop innovative solutions to societal challenges.

Students explored the overarching theme of poverty and inequality and then came up with their own solutions on how to create a fairer society through the eyes of young people.

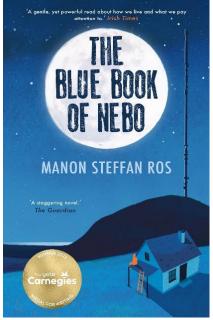


Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from "The Blue Book of Nebu" by Manon Steffan Ros. It is about a boy and his mother living in a world without electricity post apocalypse.

The blurb: Dylan was six when The End came, back in 2018; when the electricity went off for good and the "normal" twenty-first-century he knew disappeared. Now he's 14 and he and his mam have survived in their isolated hilltop house above the village of Nebo in north-west Wales. Despite their close relationship, each has their own secrets, thoughts and memories, which emerge as, in turn, they write in a found notebook – the Blue Book of Nebo.

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.



Household Support Fund

Suffolk County Council (SCC) are pleased to confirm that the Government announced a sixmonth extension to the Household Support Fund from April 2024 to September 2024. <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u> for a copy of the important letter from Suffolk County Council.

School Transport

Please see the link below regarding school transport. Please note, parents will need to opt in. <u>Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel for 2024/2025 – Suffolk Learning</u>

Carer Forum – Open Event

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum are holding an open event in Stowmarket for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, including mental health concerns.



National Crime Agency

All schools in the UK have recently been sent information from the National Crime



Agency, raising awareness of the recent rise in a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'. Children and young people worldwide are being targeted and it is a form of sexual abuse which has occurred locally. To improve your knowledge, here is what you need to know as parents, to recognise the signs of this form of abuse, understand how to respond, and increase your own awareness. National Crime Agency - Parent Letter

Suffolk Constabulary

Report Remove is a tool for under 18s to report nude or sexual images or videos of themselves that have been shared online, to see if they can be removed from the internet.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information about Report Remove.

British Sign Language Courses at King Edward VI School



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 1

Monday 6PM - 7.30PM King Edward VI School Sept 24 - July 2025 - £300 - Term Time Only

 Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience. 	
 Immersive and fun interactive sessions 	
·Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture a	nd sign
·Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualifi	cation at you
•All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual	
•Face to face sessions	Enrolm
 Tea/Coffee facilities available 	
•30 places available	
•20% Deposit to book your place	

Contact: Mrs Talbot SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk For further information and to start you



COME AND LEARN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 2

Wednesday 6PM - 8PM - King Edward School 34 Sessions - Oct 2024 to July 2025-£425 - Starts Oct 2024

Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
 Immersive and fun interactive sessions
 Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
 Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at you
 own pace
 All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
 Face to face sessions
 12 places available

Contact: Mrs Talbot SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk For further information and confirm your place!



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a long and sunny weekend.

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Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 and Term Dates for 2024-2025.		
Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website		
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	
Sat 8 – Sun 9 June	Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition	
Tues 25 June	Prom	
Fri 28 June	School Closed - PD Day	

Thought for the Week

I am still learning. Michelangelo

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