



King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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

[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Music Department have been successful in gaining an award for the school within East Anglia. In a new initiative, King Edward VI School will be the Lead School for Music for West Suffolk for 2025-26, in partnership with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hubs.

Lead Schools for Music have been judged to be schools that go above and beyond in their music education offer. They exemplify best practice and will play a key leadership role in helping other schools improve and innovate in music education. It is anticipated that Lead Schools will deliver and model high-quality curriculum and co-curricular music, support teacher development through mentoring, training and networks, create inclusive pathways for musical progression, shape and deliver localised music education activity and act as advocates for the power of music in education.



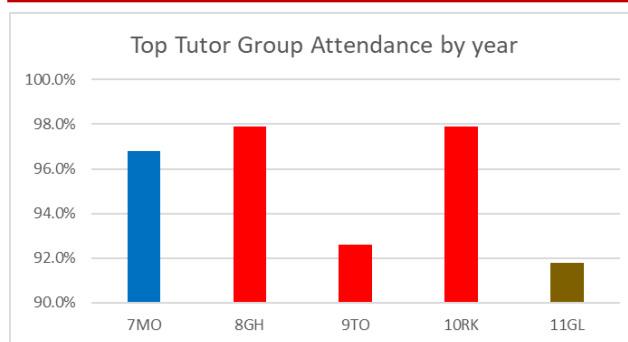
Lead School 2025-26

Our Director of Music, Richard Walmsley, said: *"This will be a very exciting opportunity for us to develop stronger partnerships in order to begin to realise the notion of through-education in the area, from Primary school to College. The opportunity to do this through a musical curriculum is truly exhilarating!"*

If you are supporting your Year 11 scholar with revision over Easter, why not use this website to print off past papers for them?

[Physics & Maths Tutor](#)

Exam boards for King Edward VI School can be located here: [Specification codes from Sept 2024.xlsx](#)

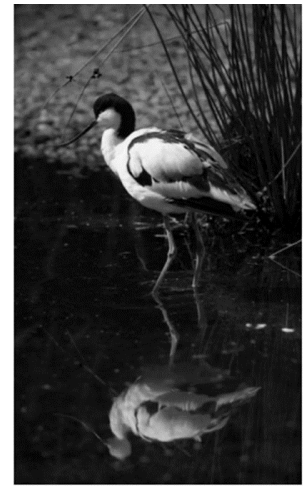


In other news, well done to our Year 7 students who participated in a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt, with a total of 148 students joining in on the fun! Not only was it a glorious afternoon in the sunshine, filled with excitement and teamwork, but it also served as a great fundraising event. The students raised a generous amount of money, which will go towards their much-anticipated Reward Day at the end of the year. A big thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and to the parents and staff for their continued support.





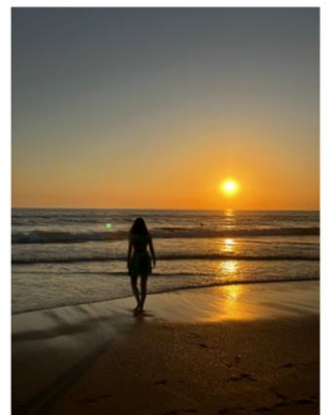
**1st –Callum -
'Avocet'**



**2nd - Isabelle (Y8) -
'Reflection in a mirror'**



**3rd - Elizabeth (Y9)-
'Sunset'**



Old Burians' Association Photography Winners!

Well done to the 4 photography competition winners! The next competition is now live, please see posted below for more information, prizes and details on how to enter!



**4th - Gracie-Mai
(Y10) - 'Eye'**



Old Burians' Association
Former Students of King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026



PRIZES

Fourth Prize	£10
Third Prize	£20
Second Prize	£30
FIRST PRIZE	£50

The winning entries will be published in the 2026 "Old Burian" Magazine and on the www.oldburians.org website

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON

HOW TO ENTER

Send your photo as an attachment (any common picture format, but at least 1600x1200 pixels, please) to: OBphotocomp@mail.com by 28 February 2026

Don't forget -
Please include:
Your full name
Your date of birth
Your college
The date your photo was taken (must be between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026)

IMPORTANT: You can use your artistic skills to manipulate your photo with Photoshop™ or your favourite program, but the entry **MUST** be based on a photograph taken by you. We reserve the right to ask to see the original, un-manipulated image with proof of the date taken, camera used, etc., in cases of doubt.

House Cup Spelling Bee Highlights

Last week, the Library held a House Cup Spelling Bee, and it was a thrilling event from start to finish! Each year group selected two volunteers from their tutor group to compete, showcasing their spelling skills and determination. After some intense rounds, we crowned a winner from each year group.

Congratulations to our winners:

- **Year 7 Winner:** William
- **Year 8 Winner:** Bella
- **Year 9 Winner:** Bethany
- **Year 10 Winner:** Ted
- **Year 11 Winner:** Rylan



We had so much fun with this event, and we're excited to announce that the House Cup Spelling Bee will be back again next academic year! Stay tuned for more details.



Junior Freetech Talent Cup - British Championship

George (Year 9) had a fantastic weekend racing his motorbike.

George joined the endurance team collecting 1st in the Honda CBR cup and 2nd in the production class. The endurance races range from 4-12 hours. This year, George is racing with his own team, and they finished 24th out of 49 teams. On to the junior racing and qualifying 6th he maintained this position in the first race managing to take 5th place in the last couple of laps. Unfortunately, a few teething problems with the bike in the second race led to George crashing out in the final lap having had a great battle for 5th.

Finishing 15th he started at the back of the grid for the final race, he finished P9. Well done George!

Year 10 Sports Leaders

15 Year 10 Sports Leaders have been going to St. Edmundsbury Primary School and have been leading activities during their lunchtimes. The students have been excellent role models for the school, with a member of staff emailing in to say: *"We were so impressed with the leaders on Tuesday. It was so useful to have some support and extra activities happening. They were so nurturing and enthusiastic."* Well done to all involved!

U14 and U19 Suffolk Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 25 March, King Edward VI School Netball Team travelled over to Northgate High School in Ipswich to take part in a Suffolk State School Netball Tournament. The U16 team battled through a tough league to come first on goal difference and the U14 teams played some fantastic netball, with one of the teams coming second! Huge congratulations to all teams, you represented the school superbly.



Cup Success for U15 Squad

King Edward VI School's U15 Football Team have landed the West Suffolk Cup after beating Castle Manor 8-1 in the final at Haverhill last week. Having beaten 'bogey side' Mildenhall 4-1 in the semi-final, King Edward's made a nervous start and found themselves behind before a four-goal burst in the last 15 minutes of the first half saw them take complete control. Top scorer Jesse grabbed a first half hat trick and added a fourth in the second half with other goals coming from Josh, Kruz, Seb and Will.



Following their West Suffolk Cup triumph last week, the U15 Football Team became the first

King Edward's team to reach a County Cup Final (post-COVID) after a thrilling last gasp semi-final victory at Hadleigh yesterday.

A tense first half had ended goalless before Hadleigh took the lead with 20 minutes remaining. Undeterred, KEVI equalised five minutes later when Jesse won and converted a penalty. Chances went begging at both ends and a penalty shoot-out looked certain until in the dying seconds a Troy Ross long throw caused panic in the Hadleigh defence and George Cunningham popped up to slam home the winner causing absolute scenes. Two minutes of added time were negotiated and the side now face Kesgrave in the final to be played at Needham Market FC on 6 May.

End of Term Attendance Winners

100% ATTENDANCE WINNERS

£5 AMAZON GIFT CARD

YEAR 7: **KEVIN T**
 YEAR 8: **BEN H**
 YEAR 9: **RHU C**
 YEAR 10: **WILLIAM W**
 YEAR 11: **CELAB H**



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

BEST REGISTRATION GROUP

YEAR 7: **PG**
 YEAR 8: **GH**
 YEAR 9: **AJ**
 YEAR 10: **WE**
 YEAR 11: **GL**



MOST IMPROVED ATTENDANCE FROM LAST HALF TERM WINNERS

£5 AMAZON GIFT CARD

YEAR 7: **JOEY S**
 YEAR 8: **NIEVE H**
 YEAR 9: **ALFIE D**
 YEAR 10: **AMY E**
 YEAR 11: **BELLA F**



Mathematician 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 Maths lessons since the beginning of the half term.

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


Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Saria P	Sophia C	Declan G	Xanthe E	Beth B
Triston P	Miguel M	Tommy R	Saffron J	Harry B
Molly A	Alice M	Rhu C	Poppy H	Violet P
William S	Alfred W	Robyn I	Kara G	Maisie M
Hayley T	Josh C	Rowan S	Esmee H	Ryan H
Holly C	Jeremy F	Melanie J	Abigail A	Bronwyn M
Harrison F	Georgia H	Oscar H-G	Piers G	Adele B
William F	Freddie G	Ellie M	Molly E	Tasmin M-H
Charlie H	Mia R	Charlotte H	-	Aiesha G

Congratulations to all students who have been nominated.

A new round of Mathematician of the Term will take place before May half-term.

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

[CLICK HERE](#) for the SPCF Newsletter



Suffolk Parent Carer Forum
Invites parents and carers to

Meet Mike McKeaveney
 The new Assistant Director of Inclusion and SEND
 at Suffolk County Council

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to learn about Mike's plans and how he aims to bring about change in Suffolk.
 Please note, this session is **only for parents and carers** and is not intended for feedback.

Thursday 24th April 10:30AM – 11:30AM

This is a virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams and requires registration. If you would like to participate, please E-mail info@suffolkpcf.co.uk to register your interest.



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

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Message from our Safeguarding Team



Vaccination – Catch-Up Clinic

During the Easter holiday, there are catch up clinics if your child missed their vaccines for MMR, HPV, MenACWY, DTP. Click the link to find a clinic near you: [Clinics](#)

Local Activities:

The Blank Page Project Returns This Easter!



Young people aged 10–16 can get creative for free this Easter with Blank Page Project workshops running 2–12 April across Suffolk Libraries.

From nature journaling, digital art, and filmmaking to puppetry, photography, creative writing, and more—there's something for everyone! Some sessions explore themes of spring and new beginnings, supporting our new Make a Difference With a Daisy campaign. Workshops will be held at libraries in **Lowestoft, Haverhill, Bungay, Beccles, Gainsborough, Great Cornard, Chantry, Halesworth, Stowmarket, Bury St Edmunds and Felixstowe.**

Book now: suffolklibraries.co.uk/blank-page

Questions? Contact Katie:

katie.puls@suffolklibraries.co.uk

E-sports

Is your child in Year 10 or 11? This is their chance to show off their skills, compete, and claim victory in Suffolk New College's e-sports tournament! Join their free workshops, battle it out against other players, and connect with fellow gaming enthusiasts. Don't miss this chance to level up your experience!

Overwatch tournament!

Tuesday 15 April | 10:00 – 11:45am | Ipswich campus.

Valorant tournament!

Tuesday 15 April | 12:15 – 2:00pm | Ipswich campus.

Booking via their website

www.suffolk.ac.uk/events

Football and Cricket – Catch 22

Catch-22 are offering free sports activities for young people over the school Easter holidays. For further queries please contact:

positivefutures.suffolk@catch-22.org.uk



Present

Jumpers For Goalposts Project

Easter Holidays

Ipswich

Date	Venue	Time
Tue 8th April	Murray Rd Park	12.30pm-2pm
Tue 8th April	Gippeswyk Park	2.30pm-4pm
Thurs 10th April	Alexandra Park	2.30pm-4pm
Tue 15th April	Castle Hill Park	12.30pm-2pm
Tue 15th April	Dumbarton Rd Park	2.30pm-4pm



Ages: 10-16
Activities: Mainly football and cricket
Booking: Just turn up and join in
Cost: FREE!!

Contact: positivefutures.suffolk@catch-22.org.uk
Follow us on twitter - @suffolkpcf and facebook 'suffolk positive futures'



Project funded by Ipswich Borough Council and supported by Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner

LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Celebrating 50 years: Est. September 1974

OPEN EVENINGS
For September 2026 entry
2ND & 3RD JULY 2025
From 5 until 9pm

Come and study with us at Long Road Sixth Form College. Explore our green and leafy campus, meet our staff and students, and design a study programme that is tailored to **YOU**. Whatever choices you make, as a member of our friendly and vibrant community you will develop the skills, independence and focus you need to keep moving forward.

Be Prepared. Be Inspired. Be Long

Attention year 10s
Scan here to book!
Year 11s welcome

These are our only 2025 Open Evenings, so be sure to attend!

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a wonderful and joyous Easter!

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Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates <u>2024-2025</u> & <u>2025-2026</u>	
Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website	
Fri 4 April	End of Term
Sat 12 – Wed 16 April	Iceland Trip
Tues 22 April	Return to school
Tues 22 – Fri 25 April	Art and Photography GCSE Exams
Mon 28 – Wed 30 April	MFL GCSE Speaking Exams
Tues 29 April	Downing College Trip
Mon 5 May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Tues 6 – Fri 9 May	Citizenship Week
Tues 6 May	EHCP Target Meetings Y9, 10 and 11
Wed 7 May	Hosting Shakespeare Regional Final Heat
Wed 7 May	Immunisation Catch-ups - ALL Year Groups
Thurs 8 May	GCSEs Commence
Fri 9 – 11 Sun May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

Thought for the Week:

Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.

Albert Einstein

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