



# King Edward VI School

## Weekly Parent Newsletter

### Today's Prayer

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### Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everything you have done as parents to support King Edward VI School this academic year. We are exceptionally proud of our community and would like to thank you for working as close partners this year.

### HouseFest 2025

Despite the weather challenges HouseFest took place again this year and was enjoyed by all. Tutor Groups really went all out to 'wow' the school and represent their houses. The emphasis was on fun, participation and teamwork and involved mini competitions all day. Well done Crown House, for winning HouseFest 2025! Results:

**Crown House – 542**

**Lion House – 488**

**Rose House – 486**

**Top Tutor Group – DE**

**Top Year Group – Year 10**

**Best Dressed Tutor Group - AX**



Parents are asked to spend some time in late August ensuring that students are well prepared for the start of term, in terms of correct uniform. Please note the following:

- Skirts should be worn no shorter than the top of the knee.
- Footwear must be plain black school shoes; trainers are not permitted.
- Students may wear one small stud earring in each ear only and not hoops.
- Facial piercings are not allowed, under any circumstances.
- Nails should be clipped short. Fake, acrylic, painted or gel nails are not allowed.
- Trousers must be worn correctly at the waist and should not be accompanied by shorts or tracksuit bottoms underneath.

From September, the school will be insisting on skirts being worn inline with our uniform requirements.

Click the link for a copy of the [Parent Letter](#) sent today.



### Sports Day 2025

The results are in for another fantastic Sports Day. Well done Lion House!



House Points	Crown	Lion	Rose
Year 7 & 8	384	426	366
Year 9 & 10	365	365	339
Total	749	791	705



**Prom 2025**  
Thank you everyone for making this year’s Prom a huge success, I hope everyone had a great time. Students will now have a link in their student email accounts, to view the photos taken by the photographers. Here’s a small preview:







PC Jonathan Burke, who helped deliver baby Genevieve in Ixworth 17 years ago, escorts her to Blackthorpe Barn prom: click the link for the full story in the [Suffolk News](#)

### VR Headset Sessions with Suffolk Police

The school had the opportunity to trial a PSHE VR Headset session with PC Canning and PC Harman of Suffolk Police, using scenarios based on real life cases of anti-social behaviour and Gangs. The students invited were from Years 8 and 9, with the session lasting for an hour. During that time students were presented with scenario and had to make their own decisions on the situations presented in their individual headsets. This was followed by a discussion afterwards.



### Farewells

As with every summer we say farewell to a number of staff as they move on to variety of new things. Each and every colleague below has given so much to our school community and some of them over an exceptionally long period

of service, we are extremely grateful for the commitment they have shown King Edward VI School and our students. Whilst it is sad to say goodbye, we wish them the very best in their various new adventures.

### Lost Property

All lost property items from the Summer Term will be retained until the end of term. **Any unclaimed items will be given to charity on Wednesday 23 July 2025.** To ensure that student's have the opportunity to retrieve any missing belongings, please remind them to visit the Lost Property room. There is a 'Lost Property' page on the school's website, where you can check for your child's lost items [HERE](#).

**Parents/ Carers, please make every effort to write your child/ren's name on belongings to help us return lost items.** Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage lost property efficiently.

### Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs on School Cloud is open for bookings for Autumn Term and more clubs will be added at the start of Autumn Term.

### King Edward VI School Catering

In order make service as quick and efficient as possible, our school food service operates from three locations around the school, each supplying different options.

Students can choose from:



In **Le Bistro** we serve our main course of the day. This will vary from day to day and the weekly menu is available on our school website (Essentials/Students/School Catering/Weekly Menu).

Students are given the option to sit in the Lower Hall to eat their lunch where they can use crockery and cutlery, in preference to disposable items. However, take-away options will still be available for students who prefer to eat elsewhere, or take part in one of the lunchtime clubs on offer.



In Ed's Place we serve sandwiches and pasta with a variety of sauces.

In ShEd's Place – our outdoor servery area next to C Block, students can purchase jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings.



There will always be vegetarian and vegan options available at each outlet. Gluten free and dairy free options are also available on request. Please encourage your child to talk to the staff in the servery for details of what is on offer, particularly if they have any special dietary needs. The Catering staff are very accommodating and love talking to our students!

All areas also sell a variety of desserts, snacks and drinks and offer a meal deal option - giving better value with two items. For details of what can be purchased within a meal deal, please see the School Catering link on the school website. We offer a variety of snacks and drinks in Le Bistro and Ed's Place at Breaktime.

In order to maintain a good quality selection of food, and generous portions, we will increase our prices slightly from September 2025.

Our main course of the day can be purchased individually for £3.00, but for best value, you may wish to include a drink or dessert for the meal deal price of £3.90. Students who have free school meals will be able to obtain food to the value of £3.90.

I hope our students will continue to enjoy the variety of food provided by the school, or try it if they are new to the school. If you or your child has any questions in connection with the food service, please call and ask to speak to Ashley Punched – Catering Manager. We are always happy to hear your views



### Shanghai - Year 8 Parents

Click the link below to view information about next year's Shanghai visit, which our current Year 8 students will be involved in. [Shanghai-Visit-Letter-Year-8.pdf](#)

### Ed's Eco-club

The Eco-club has successfully applied for a Tesco community grant which is now active in the Bury St. Edmunds Tesco branch. We are trying to raise funds for more outdoor bins aiding the students to keep the school tidy and supporting them to become more active and responsible citizens. It would be fantastic if all users of Tesco could spread the word and ensure they add as many blue tokens as possible to the King Edward section in store.

**Stronger Starts.**

### GCSE Examinations Timetable 2026

The GCSE examinations timetable for summer 2026 is now available to view on the exams page of the school website and can be accessed via this link: [Timetable-SUM26.xlsx](#). The updated specification codes for Year 11 and Year 10 (from September 2025) which I sent to Subject leaders last week for checking have also been updated and added to the exams page.

### Message from Konectbuses

Over the last months Konectbuses have been reviewing their local bus network in Suffolk and North Essex. They want to make the Konectbuses (formerly Hedingham & Chambers) network easier to understand and provide more journey opportunities for everyone. As a result of this they are planning **network and timetable changes from Sunday 31 August**. School journeys will remain largely unchanged as they still need to cater for existing students. For more information and new timetables please visit their website [www.konectbuses.co.uk](http://www.konectbuses.co.uk) in early August for more information.

### Keeping Children Safe Over the Holidays.

Over the holiday period, if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern.

Phone Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect (safeguarding) - Suffolk County Council



### Book Donations

We are collecting **children's and young adult books** to support a positive, and literacy-rich environment for our young readers during tutor time.

If you have gently used or new books suitable for ages **11 to 16**, we would love to give them a new home where they'll be read, loved, and shared. We will accept

- Fiction; short stories, novellas and novels
- Nonfiction
- Poetry books, joke books, magazines

**Drop-off Location:** Reception.

**Deadline:** End of September.

**FREE Summer Community Fun Day!**

**Back to school BBQ!**

Dear Parents & Carers, The C3 Church are excited to share an amazing opportunity for your family to enjoy a FREE Summer Community Fun Day, hosted by The C3 Church!

Date: 6 August 2025

Location: Howard Estate – New Bury Community Centre

Time: 12 – 2pm

This fantastic event includes:

✓ Free BBQ for all

✓ Fun games & activities, including a bouncy castle

✓ School Uniform & supplies

✓ A great way to connect with the community!

It's the perfect chance to bring the family together, enjoy some Summer fun, and meet others in the community. Bring your friends and neighbours along too – everyone is welcome! For more information, feel free to reach out to [hello@c3impact.uk](mailto:hello@c3impact.uk)

## Message from the NHS



### Has your child had all their childhood vaccinations?

By the time children start school they should have had their MMR and 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccinations. If your child missed having these vaccinations, it's not too late!

Childhood vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases, and help stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated.



The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella. The 4-in-1 pre-school booster protects against diphtheria, polio, tetanus and whooping cough.

The MMR vaccine can be given at any age, including to adults, and the 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine can be given to anyone up to the age of ten.



Speak to your GP practice to book any missed vaccinations.

From January 2026 children who were born on or after 1 July 2024 will be offered their 2nd MMR dose when they attend for the new 18 month appointment.

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a magnificent Summer Holiday.



Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b> <b>Term Dates 2025-2026 &amp; 2026-2027</b> Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website.	
<b>Tues 22 July</b>	<b>End of term (1.20pm finish for students)</b>
Mon 1 – Tues 2 Sept	School Closed - Staff Training Days
Wed 3 Sept	Term Starts - Year 7 Only
<b>Thurs 4 Sept</b>	<b>Term Starts - All Year Groups</b>
Wed 10 Sept	Year 7 Parents' Evening with Tutors - in person
Mon 15 Sept	School Photos
Tues 16 Sept	Year 10 and 11 EHCP & Pupil Passport meetings
Wed 17 Sept	Year 11 Success Evening
Thurs 18 Sept	Year 8 & 9 EHCP & Pupil Passport Meetings
Fri 19 – Sat 20 Sept	Battlefields Trip

Thought for the Week:

**As I work on the garden, the garden works on me.**  
**Gayla Trail**

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