



## Today's Prayer

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations from interested parents. School governance is a great way to play an active part in your community and help ensure standards in the school remain high and improve further. Click the links below for a copy of the parent letter (with application form included) sent out to all parents this week and an informative video from The National Governance Association.

[Parent Letter](#)

[The role of school governors and trustees - YouTube](#)

## Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the importance of excellent school attendance and punctuality. Being present and on time each day plays a vital role in your child's academic progress, wellbeing and sense of belonging within our school community.

All students must be **on site by 8.50am** each morning and **in their Tutor rooms by 8.55am**, ready to begin the day. Arriving late not only disrupts learning but can also affect your child's confidence and routine.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives in school promptly and attends regularly. If you have any concerns or require support with attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Year 7 Welcome Event

I would like to express my thanks to the Year 7 team and all involved in the Year 7 welcome event at the Cathedral on Thursday, it was flawless. Our Year 7 students listened intently to the speeches and music. Speeches from Co-Head of Year Mrs Ward, Head Girl Sylvie and Head Boy Joe were inspirational and the music was sublime. The standard of the Year 7 choir in just three weeks – wow.

## Year 11 Mock Exams 13 - 28 Nov

The Year 11 mock exam timetable is now available to view on the exams page of the school website [HERE](#). The dates for the mocks have been slightly extended to include additional sessions that are required for some subjects. Please note, the first two days of exams on 13 and 14 November will be held in the Foundation Room (with additional rooms for access arrangements where required) and will then move to the Dome from Monday 17 November.

Individual timetables will be shared before half-term. Should you have any questions or concerns about the mock exams, please email Mrs Blyth, our Exams Officer: [clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)





### Ski Trip

A place has become available on the ski trip for February 2026. This is open to Year 10 and 11 students, please contact Mr Post if you are interested in a place: [po@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:po@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

### Battlefields Trip

Another year, another memorable visit to the battlefields in Ypres and the Somme. Students embodied our values of Care, Courage, Curiosity and Creativity over the two-day trip. They treated those who served and sacrificed with dignity and respect; many took their first steps beyond our shores; students stumped our guides with thought provoking questions, and one particular student wrote the most beautiful words on the wreath that was laid in Thiepval.



Finally, the staff and I were so proud to hear that our guides regard the students of King Edward's as among the very best they get to work with. It was a privilege to take them."







### Under16 Football

The Under16 Football Team have begun the new season in good form. Having received a 'bye' in round 1, the County Champions reached round 3 of the English Schools National Cup with a hard fought 1-0 win over a spirited Debenham Team. Kruz scored the vital goal. The competition has an entry of 680 teams.

Closer to home, the team reached the semi-finals of the West Suffolk Cup which they also won last year by winning a qualifying tournament with wins over St Benedicts 1-0 (Josh), Ormiston 2-1 (Jesse and Aidan) and TGS 4-0 (Everett 2, and Will). The team will visit Stowmarket in the semi-finals.

### Co-Curriculum

Debate Club is in full swing after school on Tuesdays. It is open to all students in all year groups and newcomers are welcomed warmly.



### Exciting International Visit – Countdown Begins!

We are delighted to announce that the countdown has begun for a very special international visit! On Saturday 27 September 2025, we will be welcoming our visitors from Shanghai Yangjing Juyuan Experimental School to the UK.

Their week-long visit will be packed with cultural experiences and exciting activities:

- **Sunday 28 September:** Our guests will enjoy a guided tour of Bury St. Edmunds, taking in the sights and history of our beautiful town.
- **Monday 29 September:** The official school welcome will take place! Our wonderful Year 9 students will be greeting our visitors as they arrive on site. Throughout the day, our guests will tour the school, attend lessons, and meet both staff and students.
- **Tuesday 30 September:** A visit to the Cathedral will offer a glimpse into local history and architecture, followed by a special opportunity in the evening – our guests will be welcomed into some of our students' homes for a traditional evening meal.
- **Wednesday 1 October:** Students from King Edward VI School will accompany our visitors on a fun-filled cultural exchange day in London, with sightseeing and various activities planned.
- **Thursday 2 October:** The group will spend time visiting local primary schools, followed once again by an evening meal hosted by our families – a wonderful chance to strengthen new friendships.
- **Friday 3 October:** It's time to celebrate! A farewell party will be held at the school, featuring performances from both our students and our guests, along with great food and entertainment as we bid them a fond farewell.
- **Saturday 4 October:** Before departing, our visitors will take a final trip to Cambridge to explore this historic city, before heading to the airport for their journey home.

This promises to be a week filled with cultural exchange, new friendships, and unforgettable experiences. We are incredibly proud of our

students and families who are playing such a key role in welcoming our guests and showcasing the very best of our school and community.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Flu Vaccinations are taking place in school Monday 6 and Monday 13 October. This year, the vaccination team will see all students in the school, and time slips will be allocated to everyone. Therefore, we strongly advise you to complete the consent form to indicate whether or not you consent to your child receiving the Flu vaccination. Click the link to complete the form.  
[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation](#)

### **School Photographs**

On Monday 15 September school photographs for Years 7, 9 and 11 were taken, including the Year 11 group photograph. Photos were also taken of children who had arrived in school since the start of the last academic year. Students should have all received instructions on how to order their photographs. A code is required at point of ordering, this is your child's tutor group. E.g. 9TO

### **Can you support the King Edward VI Career Programme?**

It is becoming increasingly important for industry to have input into children's education in order to ensure relevancy and understanding of what is needed in a modern workforce. We would like to give you the opportunity to showcase your industry and capture the imagination of students, motivating them in their education and thoughts about the future.

We have a range of events throughout the year and are hoping to have an even wider variety of people from a range of backgrounds and careers, volunteering their time to inspire a new generation. Together, we can build the world of work and develop well-rounded, experienced and aspirational future employees.

If you are interested in supporting our careers program, and introducing our students to the world of work, please complete the below form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CndBJD02P2>

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a magical weekend.



Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b> Term dates <u>2025-2026</u> & <u>2026-2027</u> Additional information can be found on the <u><a href="#">calendar page</a></u> of the website.	
Sat 27 Sept – Sun 5 Oct	Shanghai Visitors
Tues 30 Sept	Year 11 Author Visit
Thurs 02 Oct	Open Evening 6-8pm
Mon 6 Oct	Flu Immunisations
Wed 8 Oct	Year 10 PSHE Day
Wed 8 Oct	Year 11 Celebration of Achievement 2024-25 cohort
Mon 13 Oct	Flu Immunisations
Tues 14 – Fri 17 Oct	NEA Investigations
Wed 22 Oct	Year 11 PSHE Day
Thurs 23 Oct	Open Mic Night
<b>Fri 24 Oct</b>	<b>School Closed – Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Mon 27 – Fri 31 Oct</b>	<b>Half-Term</b>

Thought for the Week:

**If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other, also; if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.**

**Matthew 5:38-42**

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