



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Support Staff Restructure Consultation

I am writing to inform you about an important consultation process currently underway regarding the restructure of the school's support staff team at King Edward VI CEVC School. This decision has not been taken lightly and follows an extensive review of the school's staffing structure and operational needs.

As you may be aware, the education sector continues to face significant financial difficulties, with schools across the country reviewing how best to deliver high-quality provision in a challenging funding environment. At King Edward VI, we have not undertaken a comprehensive review of our support staff structure since the school roll reduced from 1,581 in 2017 to 1,200 in 2020. Over time, our support staff model has evolved reactively in response to new priorities and increased demands. A full review is therefore necessary to ensure that our structure reflects the needs of the school today and continues to support the very best outcomes for our students.

The proposals currently being consulted on include:

- A full restructure of the school's support staff teams, aligning roles to the needs of a modern 11–16 secondary school.
- A reduction in the total number of support staff posts from 65 to 51 and a support staff reduction of 23 (Full Time Equivalent). This reduction in roles is mainly in our administrative support and site management teams.
- The creation of a number of new roles designed to improve efficiency and strengthen day-to-day operations, such as an Office Manager and new School Office Administrators.

Year 8 Boys Football

The Year 8 team had a very successful evening at County High School in their round-robin tournament this week. The team beat St Benedict's 3-0, County High School 11-0 and Sybil Andrews 4-1. All 3 games were fantastic team performances with the whole squad making an impact on the score line. The team are now looking forward to finding out who they face in the semi-finals.



These proposals are part of a forward-looking plan to ensure the school is best positioned to meet the needs of students now and in the future. No teaching roles are affected, and we remain fully committed to maintaining our high-quality educational offer while protecting the caring, inclusive ethos that defines King Edward VI School.

We recognise that this consultation will understandably cause concern and uncertainty for some of our valued colleagues. We are working closely with staff and trade union representatives to ensure the process is conducted with fairness, transparency, and compassion. Support is being provided for all those affected, and every effort will be made to seek voluntary solutions and redeployment wherever possible.

Our priority remains clear: to ensure the school continues to be strong, stable, and able to provide the very best education and care for our students and the wider community.

Parents and Carers are not directly affected by the restructure, and students' learning will continue as normal. However, we believe in open communication and wanted to share this update with you as valued members of our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Individual student mock exam timetables have now been completed and will be sent to students' **school** email addresses, and a copy to parental email addresses on Monday 20 October. Please encourage your child to check these timetables carefully for dates, times, rooming and seat numbers, as well as any subjects that have tiers. If there are any questions, students should come to the Exams Office to speak to one of the team **before half-term**, to give us time to answer and resolve these in time before the exams start. An exams assembly is scheduled for **Thursday 6 November**, it is important that all students attend as we will be sharing important exams information with them at that time

Bebras Computing Competition



Bebras is an international competition, run across more than 80 countries, designed to get students motivated about computing.

The competition involves completing as many challenges as possible in 40 minutes. These challenges are in the form of engaging puzzles

that require logical/computational thinking; they are not based on computer programming.

The window for the Bebras Challenge is from 10 - 21 November 2025. If your child would like to enter, please direct them to go to the Bebras website for some practice challenges.

[Home - UK Bebras](#) Then ask them to email Mr Thompson with their name and Year Group: TO@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

All practice can be done individually at any time, but the challenge will have to take place during a lunchtime to ensure the exam conditions required by the competition.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – In Person

Reminder: please can all Year 10 parents ensure to book appointments for Parents' Evening which will be held in school on Thursday 6 November between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. An email will be sent to all Year 10 parents shortly, with more details.

Hoodies

Unacceptable 



As the weather is turning colder, students will no doubt be coming to school in coats and other outer layers. Please be reminded of the following:

- A school jumper must be worn.
- Coats and jackets are allowed, but not hoodies including zip up hoodies.

- Any hoodies or zip up hoodies will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.
- Coats and jackets may be worn in public areas of the school but not in classrooms, the Library of assemblies.

Active Travel Ambassador Scheme



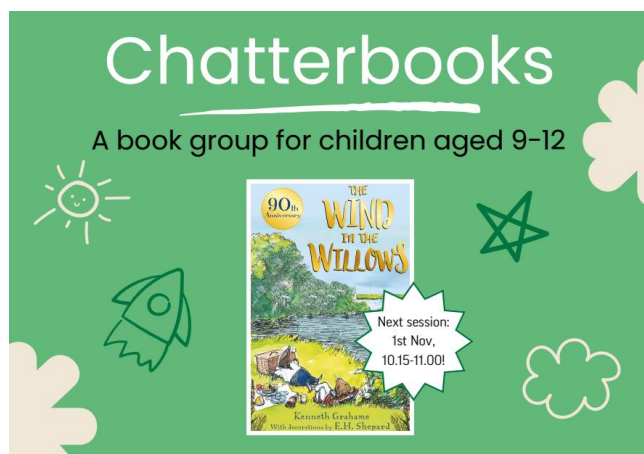
We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with an organisation called Modeshift to promote more active travel for our school community. We experienced a wonderful amount of student volunteers who showed an interest in becoming our ambassadors and they have now completed their first external training with our Modeshift partners. Over the next year, the aim is for the students and school to reflect on travel plans for our community and investigate how we can all make more sustainable choices around travel. The students will receive further external training as part of their ambassador roles and work as a team to create a campaign to improve active travel in the school.



Thank you to Ms Granger for her amazing support in getting the ambassadors up and running.

Bury St Edmunds Library Book Club

The next session of Chatterbooks Club at Bury Library will be on Saturday 1 November at 10.15 – 11am. The group meets on the first Saturday of every month and the title for next month is 'The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. Copies are also available to borrow from the display in the newly-refurbished Junior Library.



The book club is run by staff at the Library and is aimed at children aged 9-12 to come along and chat about the books they love. They do not need to have read the monthly title, but we hope they will enjoy making a craft or doing an activity related to the month's read during the session. It is a great opportunity for young book lovers to make friends and enjoy spending time in the Library.

Message from the SEN Department - Non-Violent Resistance



NVR can help families find calm, rebuild trust, and create a more peaceful home without shouting, punishment, or confrontation—just practical strategies for lasting change. Click the link below for more information about service: [NVA Leaflet](#)

Message from the Safeguarding Team

In line with Suffolk Police Hate Crime awareness campaign, members of the Community Policing Team have visited school this week to share information with students about Hate Crime. As part of this raising awareness, they have answered student questions and handed out the following leaflets during social time.

We would encourage you to reinforce their message at home and may find their information helpful as a reference:

[What is a Hate Crime?](#)

[No Hate in Suffolk Leaflet](#)

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



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates <u>2025-2026</u> & <u>2026-2027</u>	
Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website.	
Wed 22 Oct	Year 11 PSHE Day
Thurs 23 Oct	Open Mic Night – 4.30-6.30pm
Fri 24 Oct	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Mon 27 – Fri 31 Oct	Half-Term
Mon 3 – Wed 5 Nov	Year 10 English Spoken Language Assessments
Tues 4 Nov	Year 11 Drama Devising Practical Assessment
Thurs 6 Nov	Year 10 Parents' Evening (in-person)
Fri 7 Nov	Remembrance Service
Mon 10 Nov	Bebras Computing Competition Commences
Tues 11 Nov	Autumn Concert 7-9pm
Mon 17 Nov – Fri 28 Nov	Year 11 Mock Exams

Thought for the Week:

Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

Jim Rohn

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