



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please take time to watch a short video reel from our Service of Remembrance: [Remembrance Video](#). All students in Year 9 and 10 participated in this important and highly reflective moment in our school calendar.

Year 11 students have started their mock exams and we wish them well in demonstrating what they have learned so far in their GCSE courses. Further help and resources can be found here: [Key Stage 4 Success - King Edward VI School](#)

Remembrance 2025



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award - Year 10

Expedition

Explore the great outdoors and spend two nights away from home

Create memories that will last a lifetime



YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS



Registration for the Silver award has been extended to **Friday 21 November 2025**. Please have a look at our website by following the link below where you will find the dates and the registration form.

[Duke of Edinburgh - King Edward VI School](#)

This is a great opportunity for students to gain new skills and make more friends, whilst out in the countryside. For more information please have a look at the DofE website.

[DofE basics - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](#)





Super Curriculum Recognition

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to Year 9 student Jeremy who entered this year's highly prestigious Lewis Silkin Essay Competition (despite the competition being for students in Year 12 and above!). The judges said they were delighted to receive Jeremy's entry, and that they were very impressed by the thought and effort he had put into his work. They wished to acknowledge his enthusiasm and also to commend the quality of his writing. They added "We hope he will consider entering again when he reaches Year 12, we would be thrilled to see what he produces then!"

As a small token of appreciation, they sent Jeremy a goodie bag - which he was delighted with.



Under 13 Girls Football

Our U13 Girls' Football team had four new Year 7 members playing yesterday! They played against Ormiston Sudbury Academy, winning the game 4-0! A great result for the girls. Well done indeed.



Message From our Safeguarding Team

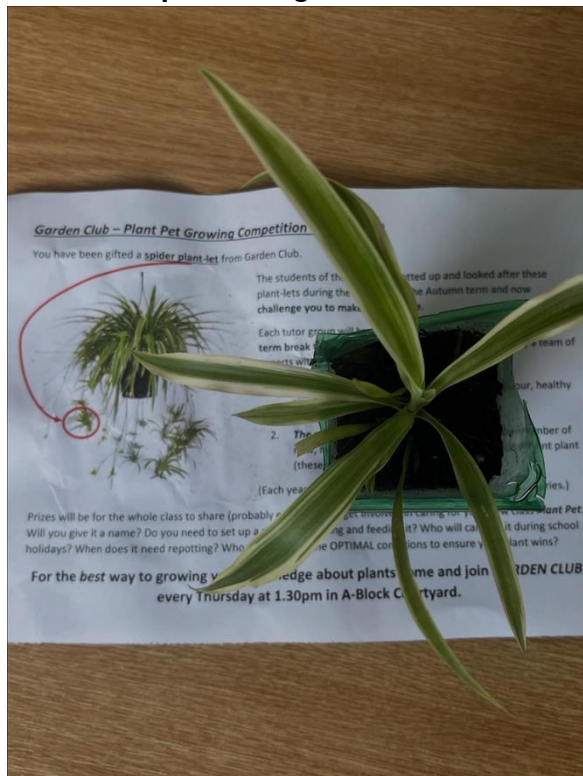
Recently there have been a number of reports from local neighbours and parents regarding the safety and behaviour of our students as they travel to school.

Please can we ask you to remind your child of the following advice:

- Avoid using your mobile phone while walking, cycling or crossing the road.
- Wear a bike helmet correctly.
- Remember to Stop, Look and Listen when crossing roads.
- If possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights.
- Don't try to cross the road between parked cars.
- Respect the community and environment by not throwing litter.
- Do not knock on strangers' doors, this can be very frightening for the resident.

Finally remember you are an ambassador of the school whilst in uniform and should behave appropriately as we know you can.

Tutor Group Challenge



All Tutor Groups in Years 7 & 8 have been gifted a baby spider plant from the Garden Club!

The students of the club potted up and looked after these plantlets during the first part of the Autumn term, and each Tutor Group has one plantlet to nurture. In May 2026, the plants will be photographed and judged by a team of experts and prizes will be awarded in two categories:

1. The healthiest/best kept plant - with bright colour, healthy leaves, and strong growth.
2. The most productive plant - with the highest number of new, healthy "baby" plants grown from the single parent plant (these can be still attached, or potted up).

Tutor groups have been asking the following questions...

Will we give it a name?

Do we need to set up a rota for watering and feeding it?

Who will care for it during school holidays?

When will it need repotting?

Who will research the optimal conditions to ensure our plant wins?!

Garden Club - Growing Success

Members of Garden Club were very busy last half-term, including clearing summer weeds, planting spring bulbs and winter bedding, potting up houseplants and planning activities for the upcoming seasons. One really important additional job was ticked off over the half-term break by Mr Magee (who runs Ed's Eco Club) and Ms Ambrose (who runs the Garden Club); they built a giant compost heap! Not only is it built from reclaimed and recycled materials, but it means we should be able to start processing garden waste, canteen plant peelings and scrap paper trimmings into lovely nutrient rich compost, saving money AND reducing waste.



Encourage your child to come and take part in Garden Club, every Thursday at 1.30pm, in the A-Block Courtyard.

Please remember, Garden Club is always grateful for unwanted garden tools; at the moment **a wheelbarrow** or any **potting trays** (see picture below) would be particularly welcome. If you feel you could help the club in any way, please contact Ms Ambrose: AE@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk



China 2026 Leadership & Cultural Exchange Trip – Update

Thank you to all the students who submitted an Expression of Interest Form for the China 2026 Leadership & Cultural Exchange Trip. We were absolutely overwhelmed by the response, receiving over 50 applications from our Year 9 and Year 10 students. It has been truly inspiring to see such a high level of enthusiasm, leadership potential, and interest in representing King Edward VI School on a global stage.

Due to the exceptional volume and quality of applications, the shortlisting process took slightly longer than anticipated. The standard was incredibly high, with many outstanding submissions demonstrating maturity, commitment, and genuine passion for cultural exchange.

We are pleased to share that a number of students have now been shortlisted and invited to attend interviews on Thursday and Friday this week. These interviews form the next stage of our selection process and will help us identify the 24 students who will take part in this unique opportunity.

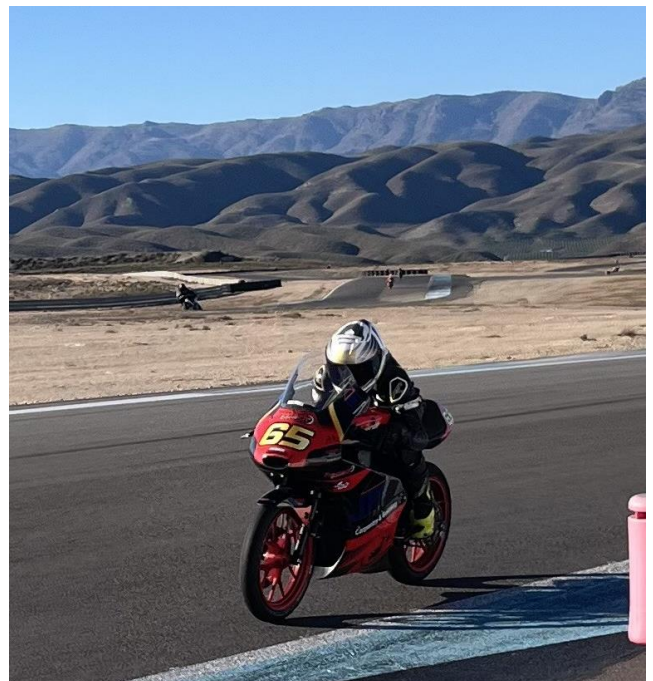
For those students who were not shortlisted on this occasion, we understand that this may be disappointing. Please be assured that this decision was not a reflection of a lack of ability or potential. The calibre of applications was exceptional, and several students narrowly missed out at this stage. We want to encourage all students to continue seeking leadership and enrichment opportunities within school; we truly value their interest and effort.

A waiting list has been created for students who were not shortlisted, should any places become available at a later stage.

Thank you once again to all students for their enthusiasm and commitment. The response has shown what a talented and aspirational community we have here at King Edward VI School.

Student's Racing Success

Year 10 student George has been competing in racing for some time now, and has had a great season so far- well done George!



Photography Competitions

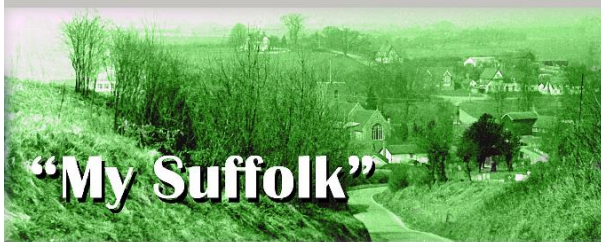
The Old Burians' Association Photography Competition is still open! See below for more details on how to enter and be in with a chance to win a cash prize!



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



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026



"My Suffolk"

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.

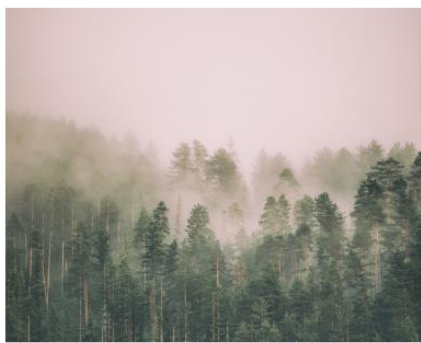
Suffolk Constabulary

OPEN CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

SUBMISSIONS

Send to: CYPT@norfolk.police.uk Include: high-res photo | name | age | photo location

We're inviting young photographers to gift their work as part of a new initiative to create calming, inspiring artwork for our Police Investigation Centres. Photos of landscapes, urban scenes, or nature from in and around Wymondham, Aylsham, Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn, and Bury could help transform these spaces.



15+ years photography students Closing Date: 01.12.2025

NORFOLK **SUFFOLK**
CONSTABULARY CONSTABULARY

There is an exciting opportunity for young people aged 15+ who are **studying photography at school or college**.

Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary would like a photograph to display in each Police Investigation Centre in Norfolk and Suffolk. The photograph should capture landscape, urban scenes or nature from around Wymondham, Aylsham, Great Yarmouth, Kings Lynn and/or Bury.

The photo will be displayed on a wall, rather than in a frame so it should be high resolution.

Students should submit entries to

CYPT@norfolk.police.uk – including their name, age and photo location on the email please, for attention of Sgt Lucy Boakes.

We look forward to receiving amazing photographs!

Closing date 1/12/25.

Ever wondered what life in the British Army is really like?

'Behind the CAMO is a four-part virtual event series that gives a real, honest look at life in the British Army. Each episode features serving soldiers answering questions people don't usually ask - covering different topics like career options, daily life, and common myths. It's a great opportunity to hear personal stories, explore the wide range of roles available, and see how Army life can be more supportive and rewarding than you might expect. Get insider knowledge, hear directly from those living the Army life, and have your unanswered questions tackled.

In the first episode, they explore the Army's core roles in defence, peacekeeping, and humanitarian missions, brought to life through personal stories from serving soldiers. You'll also have the chance to ask questions live during the event, with the team on hand to respond in real time, giving you direct access to honest answers and real experiences from Army life.

Episode 1 – Behind the CAMO - What does the Army do?

 Wednesday, 19 November 2025

 6pm – 6.45pm

Link to register – [Register Today](#)

Are you interested in Apprenticeships?

Discover a variety of exciting apprenticeship opportunities in the infrastructure sector. This is an excellent opportunity to network, connect and learn more about the application process by speaking to employers.

Tuesday 25 November- University and Professional Development Centre, BSE, 5.45pm-8.30pm.



Apprenticeship Information Evenings

Discover a variety of exciting apprenticeship opportunities in the infrastructure sector including:

Business Administration
Network Technician
Data Analysis
HR Consultancy
Cyber Security
Nuclear Engineering
Quantity Surveyor
Electrical Engineering
Information Technology
Construction Management
and more....

This is an excellent opportunity to network, connect and learn more about the application process by speaking to employers about their apprenticeship schemes. Companies in attendance include:



Tuesday 25th November - University and Professional Development Centre, BSE 1745-2030
Wednesday 3rd December - One Sixth Form College, Ipswich 1745-2030

To sign up and secure your place - [BOOK HERE](#) or scan the QR code



5-day Remote Work Experience placement, with Mondelēz International

The company who brings you iconic global brands such as Cadbury Dairy Milk, Oreo, Ritz, Belvita, Hu Kitchen and Philadelphia, to name a few!

Age Range: 14-19

Dates: 6 – 10 July 2026

Times: 9am – 4pm each day

Application Deadline: 20 May 2026

The placement is perfect for students interested in, but not limited to:

- STEM
- Design
- Marketing
- Innovation
- Food and Hospitality
- And of course, Chocolate

The placement will take place in the summer term, but due to its historical success and popularity they are opening the placement for applications now, so students can have every opportunity to apply! Please apply as soon as possible! Please be aware that Mondelēz reads every application carefully and has a careful selection process, so please ensure applications are detailed.

FUTURES FOR ALL



Remote Work Experience

6th - 10th July 2026

9.00am - 16.00pm

Age: 14 - 19

Apply by:
20th May 2026

Behind the Bars:

Uncover the Science, Technology and Innovation of Cadbury Chocolate!

5-Day Remote Work Experience With Mondelēz International

Experience the full product development process and design your very own chocolate product! - [More Info Click Here](#)

Go behind the scenes to see how we develop brand new chocolate products in the heart of Bournville, Birmingham.

- Learn from Product Developers how we come up with new product ideas. If you could create a product what would it be?
- Gather data with the Consumer Scientists to learn if consumers like your product.
- Think about how your product will be made and the role of Process Engineers & Packaging Designers in this.
- Understand how we ensure the Quality and safety of our products is maintained.
- Learn about Sales & Marketing- how will you advertise your product?
- Join us "Live from the Lab" as we uncover the technical analysis involved in product development.
- ... and a special session from our career's team on employability skills!

[Click Here to Apply - futuresforall.org](#)



[Students can apply to participate in the placement here – Click Here](#)

Chatterbooks Book Club

The next session of Chatterbooks club at Bury Library will be on Saturday 6 December at 10.15am – 11am. The group meets on the first Saturday of every month and their title for next month is 'The Ice Children' by M.G. Leonard: <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/22795468/154337547,1> Copies are also available to borrow from our display in our 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.

Bury St Edmunds Library – Kindness Rail

Bury St Edmunds Library are seeking donations of warm outerwear (coats, hats, gloves etc.) to add to our kindness rail this winter. Please donate any suitable, unwanted clothing to a member of staff at the Bury St Edmunds' Library.



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a wonderful 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.	
Thurs 20 Nov	Christmas Carol Trip
Fri 21 Nov	Bebras Challenge finishes
Thurs 27 Nov	Year 7 Parents' Evening - in person 4.30-7.30pm
Tues 2 Dec	Men/DTP Vaccinations
Wed 3 Dec	Year 11 PSHE Day
Thurs 4 Dec	Carol Service
Mon 15 – Thurs 18 Dec	Y11 Art and Photography Mock Exams
Tues 16 – Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 Dec	End of Term 1.20pm

Thought for the Week:

Preparation for tomorrow is hard work today.
Bruce Lee

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