



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

We are very excited to welcome our Year 11 parents into school next Thursday for Parents' Evening. If you haven't managed to get the appointments you wanted, but would like a general review of progress with the Headteacher, please contact Head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.

Happy New Year to the whole King Edward VI School community. Here's a photo of the school looking beautiful in the snow on Monday!



Volunteering & Virtual/in-person Work Experience Opportunities – Please Read



We regularly share information about volunteering, virtual and in-person work experience opportunities that may be of interest to students. These are often provided by external organisations or former students, and we pass them on in good faith to help broaden awareness of what's available.

However, please note the following:

Uniform

All parents are reminded that unnatural dyed hair is not permitted in school, as part of our uniform.

Jewellery should also not be worn to school, save for a single pair of stud earrings and single chain under the shirt.

Thank you for your support in maintaining high uniform standards.

Click the link below for more information:

[Uniform - King Edward VI School](#)

- We are not affiliated with these organisations or events
- We do not have direct experience with all companies/opportunities shared
- While we aim to share opportunities that appear beneficial, we are not able to conduct in-depth vetting of every organisation or event.




It is therefore the responsibility of students and their parents/carers to review the details, assess the suitability, and ensure the opportunity is appropriate for the student.

We encourage families to explore these options together and contact the organisers directly with any questions.

If you wish to attend a virtual talk, virtual or in-person work experience during school hours, you must obtain permission from the school and inform Miss Granger (tlg@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) as certain paperwork may be required. Permission is based on several factors and is not guaranteed.

British Army Apprenticeships

Are you ready for a career packed with adventure, real-world skills, and recognised qualifications? You're invited to a free online webinar to discover the exciting opportunities offered by British Army Apprenticeships.

 Tuesday, 3 February
 4-5pm
 Online Event






Why attend?

- Explore a wide range of roles: engineering, logistics, healthcare, IT, and more
- Learn how students can earn while they learn
- Hear first-hand from soldiers and apprentices about training, career journeys, and day-to-day Army life

[Register Now](#)

British Army Insights: A Guide for Parents & Guardians

Join The British Army for an informative session designed to give you clarity and confidence about the opportunities the British Army offers young people. Whether your child is exploring options after school or college, or considering a meaningful career, this session will help you understand what's possible.

 Tuesday, 20 January
 6-7pm
 Online Event

What to expect:

You'll discover what life in today's Army really looks like — from the variety of roles and world-class training to the qualifications and personal development available.

Expect real stories from those with lived experience, practical advice, and time for your questions. Learn how the Army helps young people build confidence, resilience, and valuable life skills — all while earning and learning.

If your child is curious about the Army, or you simply want to be informed, this session is here to support you every step of the way.

Sign up here: [British Army Insights: A Guide for Parents & Guardians](#)

Google Joins Forces with Gen Z Creators to Launch the Pixel 10! Virtual work experience with Google

Google is preparing to launch its most advanced smartphone ever: the Pixel 10. Powered by the revolutionary Gemini Nano AI, this device promises to turn everyday users into professional filmmakers, editors, and productivity masters. To ensure a successful global rollout and win

against major competitors, Google is planning a massive social media campaign. However, the marketing team is divided on the best way to sell the future.

To settle the debate, they have created three distinct advertising strategies—one focusing on power, one on creativity, and one on daily utility.

The Challenge:

Google believes that in the age of AI, imagination matters more than specifications—but they need the data to prove it. Through this challenge, you will analyse the launch results, discover which feature drives the most sales, and build the strategy for the worldwide launch.

Goal:




Join Google's Marketing Team to help them use Gemini AI to analyse the test data, identify the winning strategy, and present your recommendation to the Directors.

The Mission:

Google isn't just launching a phone; they are launching a creative revolution. Their mission is to democratize professional content creation, empowering every individual to "Direct Their Dreams" without needing expensive equipment or editing skills. With the Pixel 10, they aren't just selling technology; they are offering the freedom to reimagine reality.

What this career challenge will involve:

1. Meet the Google Marketing team
2. Develop critical thinking and data literacy skills
3. Develop AI skills using Gemini Nano AI
4. Gain a virtual work experience certificate

 Thursday 29 January
 5pm
 Online Event

More information and to register [CLICK HERE](#)

Want to be a YouTuber? Virtual work experience with Google! Years 7 - 9

You want to be the next big YouTube star, but there are millions of videos uploaded every day. Should you start a gaming channel? Fashion tips and style ideas? Or Sports tricks and tutorials? Don't just guess—use data to find out what viewers really want! Analyse real viewing trends and discover what it takes to make a channel go viral.

Your Mission as a Future YouTube Creator:
Investigate viewer habits and engagement stats to uncover the hottest content ideas and advise a new channel on what could be the next big hit.
What this career challenge will involve:

- Meet the Google Marketing team and see how they make sure Google's marketing dollars make the right impact
- Learn how to understand and use data to make smart choices
- Develop your problem solving, data literacy, storytelling and presentation skills
- Gain a virtual work experience certificate
- Use your skills to create content ideas that could go viral online

A 45-minute briefing with the Google team
Complete the career challenge at your own pace
Certificate awarded on completion

📅 Wednesday 28 January

🕒 4.30pm

🌐 Online Event via Zoom

More information and to register [CLICK HERE](#)

For more opportunities, explore [Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

Is Your Year 11 Child Interested in Winning A Scholarship to Study Their A-Levels in China?

The Engage with China Scholarship Programme - now in its 4th year - is a unique and life-changing Sixth Form opportunity. Their first cohort of graduates won places to study at prestigious universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, LSE and New York. Is your child adventurous, academically curious and ready to step beyond your comfort zone? This all-inclusive scholarship offers selected students the extraordinary opportunity to study their A-levels in China, gaining:

- Access to extensive curriculum enrichment in a boarding school environment
- Immersive mandarin Chinese language and cultural experiences
- Independence, resilience and global perspective
- A stand-out CV.









Applications can be made via the link below to study at one of Engage With China's partner

schools in China. Supporting documents will need to be provided to compete the submission and all details are in the form.

[Become an Engage with China Scholar 2026-28](#)

Deadline for applications is Monday 19 January

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

	RETURN FLIGHTS Pre-departure onboarding & cultural workshops Annual return flights Visa Medical insurance	
	BOARDING & TUITION Live on campus in ensuite bedrooms All food (during term time) Courses taught in English + Mandarin classes Curriculum enrichment activities & sport	
	CULTURAL IMMERSION Trips including to famous landmarks Culinary experiences An immersive cultural experience giving you a stand-out CV	
	UNIVERSITY SUPPORT Guidance on university choices & personal statement Inspirational talks & visits Career planning to prepare you for life after China	

Global Schools Award

As part of the Global Schools Award - if you have a moment to spare can you please support your child to complete the survey by The Hefei Education Bureau. They are conducting a survey on British Environmental Education for both teachers and students. You can enter the survey by scanning the QRcode below with your phone.



Childhood Neurodiversity Workshops

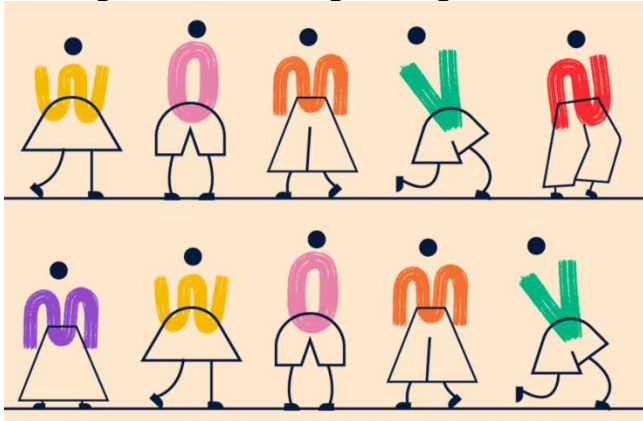
Childhood Neurodivergence Workshop Programme
Parent/Carer Workshops Spring Term 2026



Neurodiversity means that across the population there is variation in people's brains. Having people in society who see the world differently and have unique skills is an important part of life to be celebrated. The term "neurodivergent" refers to people whose brains work differently to the typical cultural standards. Neurodivergence includes conditions that people are born with including autism, ADHD, learning disability and learning disorders. This NHS programme of free

virtual workshops supports families in Suffolk. The workshops explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodivergent children and young people and provide advice on how to support them with the challenges they face. The workshops are live on Zoom and are 90 minutes long. Recordings of the workshops and resource packs are sent after the live event to everyone who has registered. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and a list of workshops available.

Message from our Safeguarding Team



Relationship abuse can affect anyone, anywhere.

In school, although we promote and educate around healthy relationships, we feel it would be helpful to reinforce this message at home where possible.

The 'Anyone. Anywhere.' campaign helps young people understand the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships and as part of this campaign they have produced a very helpful [Parent and Carer Guide](#).

The guide is filled with the right information to support your child's understanding of healthy relationships and is designed to empower you with the knowledge and tools to support your child in recognising the signs of both healthy and unhealthy relationships. Inside, you will find clear definitions of critical terms like 'coercive control' and 'gaslighting,' valuable conversation starters for discussing your concerns, and links to trusted external organisations for additional support. The goal is to help you foster open, honest discussions with your child, ensuring they build safe and respectful relationships.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. O'Regan'.

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.	
Tues 13 Jan	Year 11 Study Skills and Revision Parent Partnership
Thurs 15 Jan	Year 11 Parents' Evening - in person
Mon 19 Jan	Poetry Live Trip
Wed 21 Jan	Year 10 PSHE Day
Fri 23 Jan	House Competition – Maths
Thurs 29 Jan	Year 9 Parents' Evening - in person
Mon 2 Feb	Year 7 & 8 EHCP & Pupil Passport meetings
Tues 3 Feb	Year 9,10 & 11 EHCP & Pupil Passport meetings
Tues 3 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Thurs 5 Feb	Year 9 Options Evening
Fri 6 Feb	Student UN Climate Change Conference - Online
Mon 9 Feb – Fri 13 Feb	NEA Y11 Practical Exam
Mon 9 Feb	Open Mic night 4.30-6.30pm
Tues 10 Feb	Barcelona Trip
Tues 10 Feb	Azores Trip - Parent Information Evening
Tues 10 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Wed 11Feb	Careers Fair
Fri 13 Feb	Report 2 Available on Go 4 Schools
Mon 14 – Fri 20 Feb	Ski Trip
Mon 14 – Fri 20 Feb	Half-Term

Thought for the Week:

We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.

Helen Keller

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