



Today's Prayer

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[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to announce we are holding a non-uniform day for an amazing local cause.



I want to also thank the Geography department who gave up part of their break and led an overseas residential trip for 47 students to the volcanic islands of the Azores, nearly 1000 miles from mainland Europe in the Atlantic Ocean. The trip provided an amazing opportunity to link the students' learning in the classroom to real world experience.



Prom Raffle is Now Live!

Please enter our very special raffle to help raise money for the Year 11 Prom. Lots of great prizes to be won!

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)



Trip Leader Mr Magee said:

'The islands of the Azores are truly stunning and everyone we met and worked with was fabulously supportive.

I am so proud of our students who were fantastic on the trip. They engaged positively with all the activities, and it was great to learn more about their individual personalities.

A massive thank you must go the staff (Mr Grey, Mr Spooner, Ms Warren, and Mrs Rutter) who gave up their personal and family time (and sleep!) to make this trip happen.

The trip also could not have happened without our amazing Administration and Finance teams. I am really looking forward to next year's overseas trip, location to be announced soon!



Debate Club

Does your child enjoy arguing? Would your child benefit from developing their critical thinking? Is developing confidence in public speaking something they would benefit from? Would they enjoy learning from sixth formers? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please sign them up to Debate Club every Tuesday in A22.

🗨️ Open to all students — whether they're a seasoned speaker or just curious!

🔥 Fun debates, friendly competition, and great discussions.

To sign up to other activities for the Summer Term, visit our school website:

[Co-Curriculum Activities - King Edward VI School](#)
[Super Curriculum - King Edward VI School](#)

Please note, we welcome students turning up and trialling activities. Sign up is not required though is encouraged.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to everyone who supported out 55 students who completed the Bronze practice expedition. Only a few wrong turns and lots of blisters!



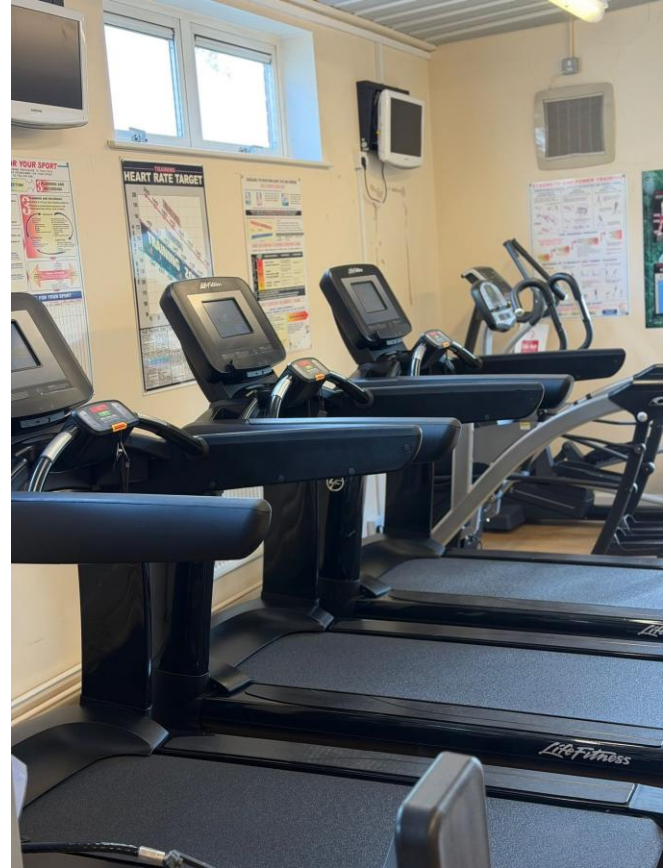


Year 8 County Cup Football

The Year 8 Boys Team made their way over to St Albans School, Ipswich on Wednesday for their Suffolk Cup semi-final. It was a hard-fought game, with only 1 goal separating the teams throughout. Unfortunately, they were edged out 4-3 at the end of the game. The team have had a brilliant run in this competition and should be proud of themselves. Their last game of the season is in the final of the West Suffolk Cup on Monday at home against Thurston after school.

Fitness Suite

It's very exciting to see the new equipment in our Fitness Suite. We hope our students and staff enjoy using it!



Travel Ambassadors

Huge congratulations to our students for pitching their ideas regarding active travel (e.g, walking and cycling). They partook in a 'Dragon's Den-style' event, and ended up winning! Superb! Read Suffolk News' full article [HERE](#).

Year 10 Further Education Open Evenings

Some Further Education Providers offer Open Events in the Summer Term for Year 10 students to start considering their post-16 journey. These events provide an excellent opportunity for students and their families to visit the college, explore campuses, meet teachers and learn more about the wide range of subjects and opportunities available to them as they begin considering their post-16 options.

Information on local Open Events will be placed in the Parent Newsletter, on the school website and in the school Library- please note other open events may be available but not posted, always complete your own research.

This virtual programme is designed to inspire students, broaden their understanding of STEM careers, and equip them with the skills and confidence needed to make informed choices and succeed in future applications and the workplace.

- Who is this for? Students in Years 9-10
- When is this course running? 26-29 May
- How long will it take to complete? Approx. 30 hours, flexibly
- How much will it cost? £50 (Fully funded bursaries are available for eligible students, criteria is [here](#)),

This course is perfect for your students who:

- Have an interest or curiosity in STEM, engineering, manufacturing, digital technology, or future careers
- Would benefit from early exposure to real-world STEM pathways, including apprenticeships, technical routes, and university options
- Are beginning to think about GCSE subject choices, post-16 options, or longer-term career ideas
- May not yet see themselves in a STEM career but would benefit from inspiration, role models, and insight into local and regional opportunities
- Are motivated to develop employability skills such as communication, networking, and professionalism

The course is suitable for all abilities — enthusiasm and curiosity are far more important than prior knowledge and at the end of the course, students will graduate as [Bronze-level Industrial Cadets](#), a nationally recognised award they can use as evidence of their experience to support future applications and career journeys.

The Future Skills Programme- STEM

What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience **delivered virtually in May**.
- **Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals** in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- **CV, applications and interview support.**
- Interactive panel **Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.**
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including **how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.**
- Achieve the **Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.**

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 4 days in May.
- Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!

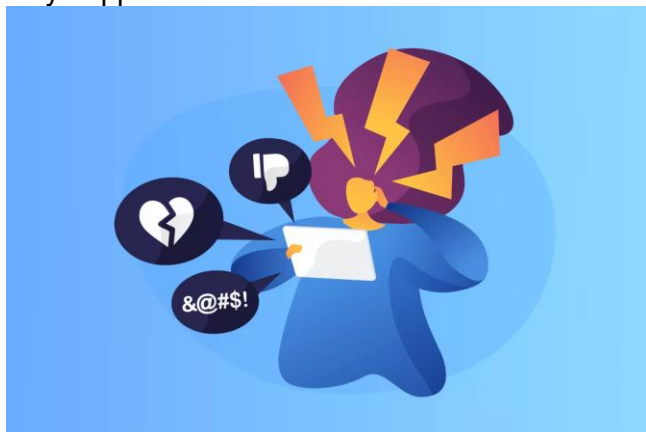


Message From Our Safeguarding Team

The internet can be a great place for children and young people to play, learn and connect, but it can also put them at risk of online abuse. The NSPCC have a range of advice and support for you and your child to keep safe online. [Online abuse | NSPCC](#)

Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet. It can happen across any device that's connected to the web, like computers, tablets and mobile phones. It can happen anywhere online, including social media, text

messages and messaging apps, emails, online chats, online gaming and live-streaming sites. Children can be at risk of online abuse from people they know or from strangers. It might be part of other abuse which is taking place offline, like bullying or grooming. Or the abuse might only happen online.



Please find time to talk to your child about what platforms and apps they are using so you have a better understanding of their internet usage. As part of this conversation, please remind them that all platforms have a report function they can use if needed, so if they don't feel able to report things to you or a trusted adult, they can report directly to the provider. We also have a report function on our school website.

**REPORT A
SAFEGUARDING
CONCERN**

If you need further advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager or our Safeguarding Team.

NHS Mental Health Workshops

**Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Parent Workshops**

NHS
Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Free virtual workshops:

- Understanding and Supporting Self-Harm
- Supporting your child to Manage Big Feelings
- Tools for Managing Worry and Uncertainty
- Supporting Teenagers with Emotions
- Supporting your child with Bereavement
- Supporting your child/Adolescent with Anxiety
- Managing Changes and Transitions as we enter the summer holidays



[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the NHS led Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops.

Local Events and Activities:

BE YOUNG BE FREE, BE YOU!

AT TEEN CHILL



Find out more



Turn up & pay

£1

a session

Are you aged 10-16 years old?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

Wi-fi Available

Tuesday 05.05pm - 08.00pm
 Abbotswood Hall Community Centre,
 Elmwood Rd, Bury St Edmunds, IP12 7ES
abbeycroft.org.uk




Join us for

Thorpe Woodlands Family Fun day

£20pp

for a morning or afternoon of unlimited activities!

please feel free to bring a picnic or there is a cafe located at Forest Holidays

- *Archery
- *High Ropes
- *Rock Climbing
- *Caving
- *Zip Wire
- *Canoe Hire
- *Tree Trekking



scan me to book!
(please select the date then click 'family adventure day')

29.03.26

Thorpe Woodlands
 Adventure Centre
 Studwell, Thetford
 IP24 2RX

9:30am - 12:30pm
 OR
 1:30pm - 4:30pm



COME AND LEARN

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 1

Monday 6PM - 7.30PM King Edward VI School
Sept 2026 - July 2027 - £325 - Term Time Only



- Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace
- All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
- Face to face sessions
- 20 places available

Contact: Mrs Talbot
SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk
For further information and to start your journey!



COME AND LEARN

British Sign Language Level 2

Online Course - classes delivered on Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 6-8pm
Face to Face 'Signing Cafe' mandatory attendance on site at agreed intervals
£425.00
NOVEMBER 26 - JULY 27



- Taught by qualified native BSL tutor with 20yrs experience
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards fulfilling your Level 2 criteria at your own pace
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Belonging Together In Suffolk for SEND families

If you are bringing your child or young person, we will have a games corner packed with activities, and several stalls offering interactive opportunities

FREE
Tea, Coffee and baked goods!

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 | 13:00 - 18:00
The Mix Stowmarket, IP14 1BB
 Wednesday 29th April 2026 | 13:00 - 18:00
The Battery, Lowestoft, NR32 1LZ
 Wednesday 6th May 2026 | 12:00 - 17:00
Kesgrave Community Centre, IP5 1JF

Please scan the QR code to express interest and sign up to workshops

Who can you expect to see...



Suffolk Hockey

Summer Skills Series

Small group training to develop skills, confidence & Game understanding

Open to all players, whether or not you're currently part of Suffolk Hockey


Rushmere Sports Centre


£30
 (2 Sessions - Sat & Sun)


School years 6-9

3 WEEKEND BLOCKS

- Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June
- Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July
- Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August

Players attend both days and stay in the same time slot.

To book, please use the links attached

Session times	Session Focus
Session length: 1 hour 9:00 - 10:00 Years 6-8 10:15 - 11:15 Years 6-8 11:30 - 12:30 Years 6-9 <small>(Based on current school year groups)</small>	Players will be encouraged to share areas of their game they would like to work on, allowing sessions to be adapted where possible to suit the needs and interests of the group. Sessions may cover the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball carrying and elimination skills • Attacking skills and circle entries • Finishing and decision making in the circle • Defensive tackling and positioning • Small-sided games to apply skills in match situations

Limited to 18 players per session, Minimum 6 players required to run.
 Fore enquires Email suffolkcountyhockey@gmail.com

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Follow our SEND Instagram page
[KEVI Learning Support Instagram](#)

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



Deri O'Regan

Booking link:
<https://forms.gle/ACCM1XM9QwGnQR1C8>

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates <u>2025-2026</u> & <u>2026-2027</u>	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
Mon 20 – Fri 24 April	Year 11 Art and Photography Exams
Wed 22 April	Choir Trip -Baroque Masterpieces
Mon 20-Fri 24 April	Art and Photography Exams
Mon 27 April – Fri 1 May	Art and Photography Moderation
Tues 28 – Thurs 30 April	MFL speaking tests
Tues 28 – Thurs 30 April	MFL speaking tests
Tues 28 April	Transition Evening (Year 6 Pupils)
Thurs 30 April	GCSE PE Moderation (Examiner)
Fri 1 May	Non-School Uniform Day
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 7 May	GCSE Exams Begin
Mon 11 – Fri 15 May	GCSE Exams
Tues 12 May	Year 10 GCSE Drama Exam
Fri 15 May – Sat 23 May	Shanghai Trip
Mon 18 – Tues 19 May	Y10 Art and Photography Exam
Fri 24 May – Sun 27 May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice
Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May	Half Term

Thought for the Week:
Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement
(Helen Keller – Disability rights activist)
All past issues of this Newsletter are available [on our website.](#)