



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](#)

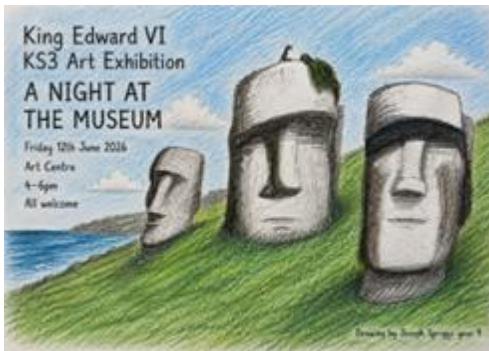
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Friday 22 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done girls, we can't wait for the next fixtures after half term!

Art and Photography Exhibition



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Bench ball

Last week our Year 10 Leaders ran a Bench ball tournament for 13 primary schools. The weather tested us, but their organisation and resilience showed through and they conducted themselves fantastically. Well done to all involved!

Cricket - Knights-Stokes Cricket Competition U15

The Year 10 girls played a fantastic game of hardball Cricket, for some of them their first appearance in the game! We faced an experienced batting side, with some wonderful wickets bowled by Rosie Pilgrim, Jess Newdick and Lily Brett. As well as two fantastic catches by our debutant wicket keeper Charlotte Whiting!

When we arrived in to bat their bowling matched ours, but in the end superb innings by our opening batters Rosie and Charlotte set us up for a superb win by 7 wickets.



China 2026 Leadership & Cultural Exchange



Our China 2026 Leadership & Cultural Exchange visit has been an incredible success, and we are extremely proud of all the students who took part. Throughout the trip, students represented King Edward VI School with maturity, confidence, resilience, and outstanding leadership.

Students fully embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in Chinese culture and took part in a wide range of educational and cultural experiences across Shanghai. Highlights included visits to The Bund, Yu Gardens, museums, ancient water towns, and partner schools, where students attended lessons, participated in leadership activities, and worked collaboratively with their Chinese buddy students.



A particularly special aspect of the trip was the host family experience, which allowed students to gain a real insight into everyday life and culture in China while forming genuine friendships with students from our partner schools. Students also took part in traditional exercise routines, cultural workshops, school open day activities, and collaborative presentations.

The “Share Life” Farewell Tea Party was another major highlight of the visit. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school and showcased the talents and performances they had worked so hard to prepare alongside their Chinese buddies. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, teamwork, and positivity they demonstrated throughout the event.

Students thoroughly enjoyed experiencing authentic Chinese cuisine, especially the traditional shared dining experiences with spinning tables, and embraced every opportunity to explore the culture, history, and traditions of Shanghai. Many students also enjoyed purchasing local artefacts and souvenirs to remember this unforgettable experience.

Student reflections captured the impact of the trip beautifully. Ellis shared that the highlight of the visit was “the friends we’ve made along the way,” while Imogen summed up the experience perfectly by saying, “I can get used to this!”

This visit has provided students with memories that will last a lifetime and has significantly strengthened the partnership and friendship between our schools. We are excited to continue this relationship and look forward to welcoming our partner school to the UK in September.

Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Doxon, Mrs Sweny, Mr Grey, and Mr Spooner for all of their hard work, care, and commitment in ensuring students had such a fantastic and memorable experience in China.





Speak Out Challenge 2026

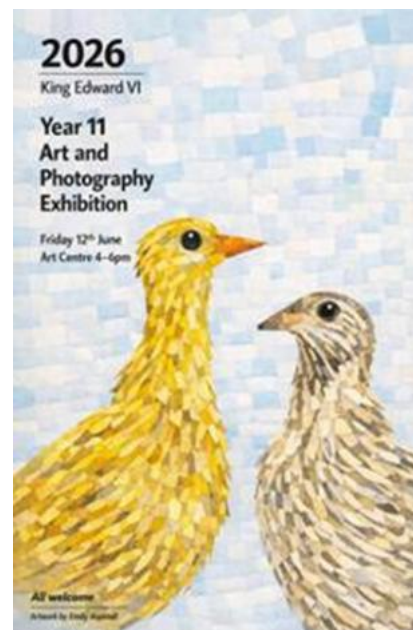
On Tuesday 19th May, our wonderful Sully in Year 10 represented the school at the regional Speak Out Challenge final. Sully impressed the judges and audience alike with his eloquence and courage, achieving 3rd place for the county of Suffolk! We are incredibly proud of his remarkable achievement.

Finalists delivered three-minute speeches on a topic they were passionate about in front of an audience of teachers, VIP judges, fellow students and even the mayor of Ipswich. Sully delivered an impassioned and inspiring speech on 'Why do we hate?'. Sully impressed us all with his admirable courage and stage presence. Sully has been a true credit to the school and our values. We look forward to seeing what inspiring things he goes on to achieve next.



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East Anglian Air Ambulance:

We are delighted to confirm that following the recent fundraiser non uniform day on Friday the 1st of May we have received confirmation from East Anglian Air Ambulance that we raised £2076.55, which is absolutely fantastic news. Thank you everyone



Short Story Competition

How exciting! See below for a short story competition with a prize for the winner and two runners up!



Short Story Competition
Yrs 7,8,9 & 10
Write a 500 words with the title
'The Path'

Ideas and interpretations must be original & not using AI.

Prize: Amazon Vouchers for winner and 2 runners up

A group of particularly high ranked entries will be crafted into an anthology, where amazing talent can be displayed.

Prize: Amazon Vouchers

Deadline: 1st June 2026

Submit entries via email:
school.competitions@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk
(or scan QR code)

Please include your name, year group and school in the email.

SCAN ME



ABBEYGATE
Sixth Form College

Family Fun May half term at Banham Zoo

Looking for something to do over half term!
See below:

May activities Banham Zoo

Explore your future education pathways



King's College, Cambridge | Saturday 27th June 2026

future you
SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT

FREE event + travel

Come along to experience student life:

- ★ Tour of King's College, Cambridge
- ★ Brunch in the historic dining hall
- ★ Education and Apprenticeships pathways workshop
- ★ Creative spoken-word session from The Rap School
- ★ Meet Student Ambassadors and fellow Future You'ers!

Sign up by June 1st:

Any questions? Email:
futureyou@admin.cam.ac.uk



For care-experienced young people. Carers and guardians welcome!
Student Finance and Support section for carers followed by Became.

neaco

Applications are now open for Future You, a free programme supporting care-experienced young people and young people with a social worker to explore future education pathways and aspirations.

Delivered by neaco through Uni Connect, the programme includes university visits, subject taster days, social events and study-skills workshops with partners including University of Cambridge, Anglia Ruskin University, University of East Anglia, University of Suffolk and Norwich University of the Arts.

Who: Looked after children, Young people with a social worker or care experience

Year groups: Year 9–11 (Year 9–13 for unaccompanied minors). Current Year 8s are welcome to sign up and attend the launch event.

Cost: Free and support with transport if needed

Launch event: 27 June 2026

Sign up by: 1 June 2026 to attend the launch event

Young people can join the programme at any time.

For more information: futureyou@admin.cam.ac.uk

Are you interested in the British Army?

These sessions are a great opportunity for students to:

- Explore career pathways and apprenticeships
- Hear directly from serving soldiers
- Build confidence in making informed next steps

We'd encourage students who don't currently have an active application to join, as it's a relaxed and informative way to learn more before making any decisions.

May:

Title: Breaking down the Army Assessment

Date & Time: Tuesday 26 May 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

June:

Title: Serving as LGBTQ+ In the British Army

Date & Time: Tuesday 9 June 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

Title: Joining the Army Series: Officer

Date & Time: Tuesday 23 June 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

July:

Title: Joining the Army Series: Soldier

Date & Time: Wednesday 1 July 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

Title: Virtual Harrogate Open Day

Date & Time: Wednesday 8 July 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

Keeping children safe outside of normal school hours or during holiday periods

On occasion parents notify school regarding mental health or wellbeing concerns, outside of school hours.

Whilst staff often choose to access emails outside of hours, this is not expected of them and as such cannot be relied upon in an emergency.

We will of course offer support as soon as we are able but, in these circumstances, time can often be critical.

Therefore, out of hours if you are worried about the mental health of a student, please call 111, option 2 for urgent advice and support. This service is available 24/7.

In addition to this if you're worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern by phoning Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

[Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect \(safeguarding\) - Suffolk County Council](#)



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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a wonderful weekend and fantastic half term break



Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2025-2026 & 2026-2027	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
Thurs 7 May - Wed 17 June (GCSE Contingency Day 24 June)	GCSE Exams
Fri 22 May – Sun 24 May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice
Mon 25 May – Fri 29 May	Half Term
16 June – 26 June	Year 10 Mock Exams
Mon 22 – Fri 26 June	Year 5 School Tours
Wed 24 June	GCSE Contingency Day
Wed 1 July	Year 11 Prom

Thought for the Week:

**Difficulties are things that show a person what they are
(Epictetus)**

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