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Dear Parents and Carers

King Edward VI School Achieves Gold Global School Award

Fantastic news - King Edward VI School has been awarded the prestigious Gold Global School Award by the Global School Alliance in recognition of its outstanding commitment to international education, global citizenship and partnership working.



The Award reflects the school's long-standing international links, particularly its partnership with Shanghai Yangjing Juyuan Experimental School, which has provided cultural exchange and educational opportunities since 2007. Recent activities have included hosting Chinese students and staff, a successful student Leadership and Cultural Exchange visit to China in May 2026; an ongoing collaborative projects between students and teachers.

Reports:

Report 3 was published last Friday 12 June . If Parents/Carers have not already done so, you can view your child's report on the Go4School website, **not the app**. If you have any difficulties accessing this, please contact data.manager@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk and we will help you.

The China 2026 programme gave students valuable opportunities to experience Chinese culture, develop leadership skills and build international friendships. Reflecting on the experience, one student said: *"The friends we've made along the way,"* while another commented, *"Different cultures are so beautiful to discover."*

Parents have also highlighted the lasting impact of the programme. One parent described the trip as providing *"life-changing, indelible positive memories"* for the students involved.

The school has also expanded its global network through new partnerships in China and is developing links with schools in Spain, France and Japan. These partnerships will create further opportunities for student exchanges, curriculum collaboration and professional development.

The Gold Global School Award recognises King Edward VI School's sustained commitment to preparing young people to become confident, capable and globally minded citizens.

RBO Music Event

On Thursday 11th June, 13 Primary Schools from across Suffolk and Norfolk, as well as some of our Year 7 Performing Arts classes, took part in a Singing Day with the Royal Opera House. The pupils had to perform several songs from Mozart's Opera *The Magic Flute*, alongside professional singers and musicians. Several of the primary schools told us that they were even performing an abridged version of the *Magic Flute* as their Summer production!

King Edwards were invited to host this as part of their role as the Lead School for Music in West Suffolk, in conjunction with Norfolk and Suffolk Music Hub, and it was our absolute pleasure to do so



Tennis Success



The U15 girls team beat County High School in a very close match that went to a shoot out with the team winning 4-3!

With this result the team won their league and have qualified for the County Finals day at Framlingham College on 19/6. Also at the finals day are the boys U15 and the girls U13 teams!

We look forward to updating you on how they get on next week!

Cricket

U15 Boy's Cricket - Unfortunately, the boys fell just short in their second Knight-Stokes Cup fixture, despite producing a strong performance against an in-form Thurston side. After being asked to field first, the team did well to restrict Thurston to 116 from their 20 overs, setting up a competitive chase. Despite a determined effort with the bat, however, King Edwards were unable to quite reach the target. A special mention must go to Sam Law, who finished not out on 42, and Jack Ellis, who delivered an outstanding spell, claiming 4 wickets from his 4 overs.

A great effort from all involved. Well done, boys!



A Big Thank you

A very big thank you to all staff, students and parents who attended the art exhibition last Friday. It was a wonderful event displaying the talent of students here at King Edward's.



Update on bike shed improvements.

The Active Travel Ambassadors are delighted to announce some improvements to our bike sheds. During the recent half-term all the broken panes on the sheds have been replaced with new plastic sheets. We also managed to install 3 new scooter racks for students to park their scooter at. During Enterprise Week (6 – 10 July), we will be launching a series of prizes to encourage more students to travel to school by scooter or bicycle and to make use of all the 3 bike storage areas.



Thank you to the Foundation Trust who provided the funds to make these improvements which will support our Active Travel Week during 6 – 10 July. There will be assemblies and more information to come but start getting bicycles and scooters ready to improve your child's wellbeing and win prizes!

The Active Travel Ambassador Team.

Football – U15 Girls



BURY TOWN COMMUNITY F.C.

JOIN THE TEAM!

U15 Girls

**Open Session on
Wednesday 24th June 2026
6pm to 7pm
at Hardwick Heath, IP33 2QZ**

Regular training on Wednesdays 6-7pm
Matches on Sundays

Scan to register now

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancies:

We are looking for people to join our lunchtime team - if this is something you might be interested in here's the link to our Vacancies page:

[Lunchtime Supervisors \(Multiple Positions\) - King Edward VI School](#)

Summer Heat

A reminder to parents and students – now the heat has hit it is crucial that our students come prepared with refillable water bottles to keep hydrated and safe in the heat. Please can you remind your young people to remember to bring topped up water bottles with them to school. Many thanks.

Lost Property:

Please help us return Items to their rightful owners!

At King Edward VI CEVC School, we do our very best to return lost property to its rightful owners as quickly as possible. When a named item is found, we will notify the student so they can collect it from reception.

However, due to limited storage space, we're unable to hold on to items indefinitely—so please encourage your child to collect any missing belongings as soon as possible. The lost property room has moved from the Reset Room to C3, so students can go there to collect lost items.

Too often, items are found without names, making it difficult to return them. To help us reunite items with their owners:

- Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- If your child loses something, remind them to retrace their steps and check in the lost property area.

Students can visit the lost property area before school, during break or lunch, or after school.

Important: Lost property from the Summer Term will be kept until Friday, 17 July 2026. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity after this date.

For more information, please visit the Lost Property page on our school website: <https://www.king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk/essentials/lost-property/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us manage lost property efficiently!

Uniform Donations request:

Since we are almost at the end of the school year, please can we send out a plea for uniform donations, so that we may replenish our stocks of second hand uniform. Any donations would be most appreciated, especially PE Kit.

Thetford Voices

Thetford Voices is running a FREE singing workshop on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th August, which may be of interest to students. Over the two days, the children will learn a range

of songs on a theme of space, taught and accompanied by professional musicians.

Further details and our sign up form can be found on their website: www.thetfordvoices.co.uk/upcoming-events-1



For your information, our school is participating in Operation Encompass (Missing Persons) — a safeguarding initiative run in partnership with Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk Children's Services.

Operation Encompass enables schools to receive timely information from the police when a child or young person has been reported missing from home or care. Children who go missing may be at risk of harm, including exploitation, emotional distress, or disengagement from education. Early notification allows schools to provide appropriate care and support when the child returns.

Each school has trained staff known as Key Adults, who are responsible for receiving and acting on Operation Encompass notifications. These staff members ensure that support is in place for the child or young person, and that their return to school is met with compassion, understanding, and practical help.

We believe this initiative strengthens our commitment to safeguarding and reinforces the importance of working in partnership to protect vulnerable children and young people.

If you would like more information about Operation Encompass or wish to speak to someone about how it works in our school, please contact our Key Adults:

Tom Spillane - Designated Safeguarding Lead and

Sue Sweny - Safeguarding Officer / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

West Suffolk Summer HAF Timetable

Please see attached a link to the Summer 26 HAF timetable and booking information for

holiday activities, each of which include a healthy meal funded by the Government and coordinated by West Suffolk Council.

Activities include football, swimming, roller skating, arts and crafts, family park cooking, paddle boarding, and more.

Please note the go live date for bookings is midnight 19 June 2026.

The provisions also have paid for places available

[WSC-HAF-timetable-Summer-2026.pdf](#)

The booking platform can be accessed via this link <https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf>

Careers

Are you interested in Apprenticeships?

Degree Apprenticeship Information Evening
Wednesday 24 June | 6:00pm | The ARC, St Joseph's College, Ipswich

St Joseph's College is hosting an information evening for students and parents interested in apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.

The event will include:

- A presentation from Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) on how degree apprenticeships work and how students balance work and study.
- Former St Joseph's students currently undertaking degree apprenticeships sharing their experiences.
- Local employers discussing apprenticeship opportunities and what they look for in applicants.
- A Q&A session and networking opportunity with employers, apprentices and university representatives.

This event is particularly relevant for students in Years 10, 11 and 12, along with their parents and carers, who would like to start exploring apprenticeship and degree apprenticeship pathways.

If you would like to attend, or would like further information, please contact:

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Are you interested in Dentistry?

Work experience is a crucial aspect of a student's journey into dentistry.

While observing dental professionals can be

valuable, what truly strengthens an application is developing an understanding of how dental teams care for patients, make clinical decisions, communicate effectively, and work together to deliver high-quality treatment. The dental programme spans four months, allowing students to explore different areas of dentistry and gain meaningful experience that can support their future applications.

To ensure you don't miss this opportunity, simply attend the upcoming Get Into Dentistry Conference, which provides immediate access to the Virtual Dental Work Experience programme and wider application support resources.

The next FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry Conference will take place on:

Sunday 28th June from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Students and parents can register for free here:

<https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-conference-sign-up/>

For more information, see [WEX \(Work Experience\) – Dental Mentor](#)

Are you interested in joining the Royal Air Force?

Inside the RAF's new virtual work experience: opening defence careers to every young person.

The Royal Air Force has partnered with Springpod to launch a national virtual work experience programme. The first of its kind from the Armed Forces, it opens opportunities to thousands of young people across the country to build skills, work interactively and access information in a meaningful way. Students can start the programme at any time of the year and expect:

- Interactive 3D models of RAF equipment
- Assess risks and make decisions in real time
- Navigate environments that reflect real-world challenges
- Hear directly from RAF professionals about their roles and experiences
- Build skills for the future
- Join the RAFs early talent team

Direct link is here [RAF Virtual Work Experience | Explore Careers & Build Skills](#)

Some additional info can be found here [Blog | The Royal Air Force | Springpod](#)

See the attached Flyer:

[RAF Virtual Work Experience Flyer](#)

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a smashing weekend.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2025-2026 & 2026-2027	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
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
Thurs 2 July	Sports day
Silver DofE Assessment	3 July – 5 July
Celebration of Achievement – Y8	Monday 6 July
Celebration of Achievement - Y10	Monday 13 July
Celebration of Achievement - Y9	Tuesday 14 July
Celebration of Achievement - Y7	Thursday 16 July

Thought for the Week:

We are not concerned with the possibilities of defeat; they do not exist
Sir Alf Ramsey

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