



Talking to teenagers about safety can be tricky - especially when you want to guide them without lecturing. RLSS UK's 'Have The Conversation' Toolkit is designed to help you start calm, realistic conversations about water safety that teenagers are more likely to listen to.

The toolkit includes simple conversation prompts that help teenagers understand the real risks of open water and make safer choices when hanging out with friends near rivers, lakes, beaches, and other bodies of open water. Many drowning incidents don't happen during extreme activities - they happen in everyday situations, with friends, in places that feel familiar.

Inside the toolkit, you'll find:

- clear water-related risks to talk about
- simple, age-appropriate wording that teenagers understand
- practical advice that supports good decisions - without scare tactics

See the link [havetheconversationtoolkit.pdf](https://www.rlss.org.uk/havetheconversationtoolkit.pdf)

## Tennis Success



Congratulations to the U15 Boys, U15 Girls and U13 Girls who all qualified for the County Finals at Framlingham.

The U15 Boys Team beat East Bergholt 4-2 and lost in the Final 2-4 to Ipswich High School to finish as runners up.

The U13 Girls Team beat Framlingham A 4-2 and lost to OBH 2-4 to finish as runners up.

The U15 Girls lost to Framlingham A 0-6 and Framlingham B 2-4 to finish 4th.

Special mention goes to Oscar Clark and Maya Ionescu who won all their matches.

## Sports Coach Mentors

We are looking to appoint Sports Coach Mentors across all of the year groups.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are passionate about PE and sport and would like to play an active role in developing sporting opportunities at King Edward VI School.

The role will involve supporting co-curricular clubs and fixtures, leading coaching activities, developing leadership skills, and working with local primary schools through our outreach projects.

If your child is interested in becoming a Sports Coach Mentor, please encourage them to complete the application form using the link below.

[Sports Coach Mentor Application – Collaboration](#)

Training will be provided in September.

## The big future



Please see a message from the Children's Commissioner for England:

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future. Your students can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

As schools and colleges are in the final weeks of the academic year, this is a valuable opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

I would be hugely grateful if you could share the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email systems, as well as with parents and carers across your wider school community. Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Participation in The Big Future also provides schools with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to civic engagement. The findings will help inform national conversations and decision-making about children's lives and futures at the highest levels.

Schools and colleges with the highest response levels will receive formal recognition and will be invited to attend my final Festival of Childhood, celebrating the voices and contributions of children and young people from across England.

I will publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

As ever, thank you so much for your support.

**Dame Rachel de Souza**  
**Children's Commissioner for England**

## **Suffolk Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme Summer 2026**

Suffolk HAF programme is now live for bookings for the summer holidays. HAF provides activities for families who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals (FSM), or other support needs upon referral.

Please can we ask schools to direct eligible families to our [booking platform Eegu](#) to view our listings and book sessions (all sessions include a healthy meal).

### [Suffolk HAF Programme \(Summer\) flyer](#)

We have some provision for children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or require support but are not eligible for FSM (with a referral form). Please contact us (using the email address below) if you would like to know more details.

If you have any questions or issues, please email [HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk).

## **Football:**

Walsham Le Willows Wanderers under 13s are looking for players in year 8 of September



### 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.

### 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!

### 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:**

**David Kemsley**

Futures Advisor, St Joseph's College

07712 655035  
[D.Kemsley@stjos.co.uk](mailto:D.Kemsley@stjos.co.uk)

### 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 'hopefully cooler' weekend.



Deri O'Regan

| <b>Dates for your Diary</b>  |                      |
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| Term Dates <a href="#">2025-2026</a> & <a href="#">2026-2027</a>                         |                      |
| Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> 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:

**Fall seven times, stand up eight.**  
- Japanese proverb

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