



## Today's Prayer

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### Debating



Congratulations to the winning debaters from Lion house in the Year 7 House debating. Charis, Andy and Elena smashed the debate arguing persuasively with wonderful rhetoric that 'This house would ban pen and paper from classrooms'. Well done to Crown house who came a close second.

Dear Parents and Carers

Following our recent photography competition, we are extremely proud to announce the winners!

Charles Hamel-Cooke, Chairman of the [Old Burians Association \(OBA\)](#), said, 'I was delighted to present certificates to the four worthy winners of our 2026 OBA photography competition. The Head Teacher and I met Dexter (1<sup>st</sup> prize) Cleo and Lily (Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and Elizabeth (4<sup>th</sup> prize).



The competition is judged by all members of The Committee of the OBA and Mr O'Regan, in an anonymous online vote.

Congratulations to all who took part! We know that most students have mobile phones which can deliver excellent photographs – the more serious photographers have technically advanced cameras, often with amazing equipment to edit their shots afterwards to create unique images. Each year we invite entries from *any* student from any year at the school, and winners are often the result of 'phone camera shots.

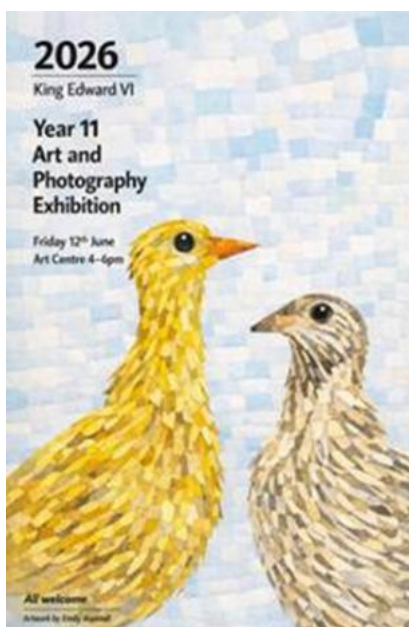
As well as the certificates and reproduction of their work in the annual 'Old Burian' magazine, (which is also online after publication) there are cash prizes awarded to the winners – probably the best incentive to entering this free competition... Please encourage entries for next year!

There is a different theme each year, and we will be releasing next year's theme very soon. Entry closes for next year's competition in February 2027.

## Art and Photography Exhibition

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible next Friday in the Art department to celebrate the amazing work of our students. Please come and support. If you have a KS3 child interested in taking art or photography at GCSE visiting this exhibition to be inspired by the older students is a must. Everyone welcome!!!

If your child is in Year 10 please ensure that they are completing revision at home for their upcoming year 10 end of year exams.



## U13 Boys and Girls Tennis

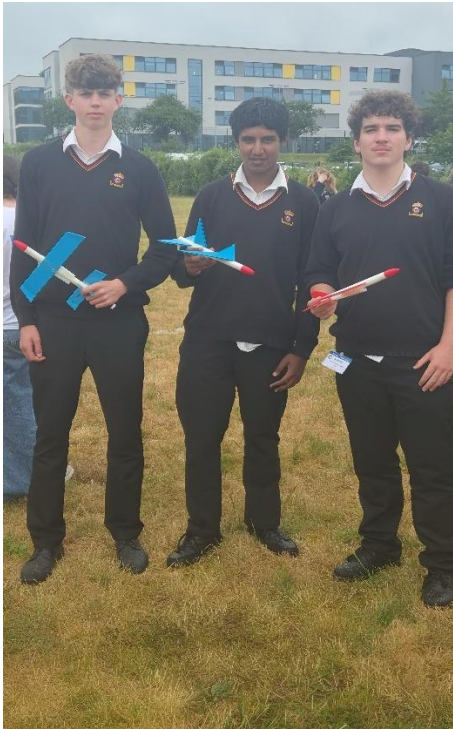


Congratulations to the U13 Boys and Girls Tennis Teams who played some lovely tennis against Orwell Park School.

The U13 Girls won 5 - 1 and the U13 Boys lost 2 - 4.

## Vinten Trusts Engineering Experience Day:

A group of Year 10 students attended the Vinten Trust's Engineering Experience days at Abbeygate Sixth Form over two days this week. Students took part in an exciting F1 Racing Challenge, racing cars that they had designed and built at school. They also worked collaboratively with students from other schools to problem-solve, design and build an aircraft, before testing their designs on the school's bottom field. As part of the challenge, students delivered presentations explaining their design choices and evaluating the outcomes of their aircraft tests. Students also took part in a rocket-launching challenge and attended a careers fair, where they had the opportunity to speak with a range of employers and professionals about future career pathways. The experience provided an engaging and inspiring insight into STEM, teamwork, problem-solving and the opportunities available beyond school.



### Free School meal Vouchers

Please see the attached letter regarding Free School Meal Vouchers

[Letter to families - HSF Vouchers Summer 2026.pdf](#)



### Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Your child may mention they have been made aware of a service called Kooth. It provides early intervention mental health support to children and young people. Kooth works with schools and professionals across over 90% of the UK. Kooth is free to access via any internet-connected tablet, computer or smartphone.

There are no waiting lists or thresholds to meet and a referral from a medical professional is not needed. Your child can join Kooth anonymously simply by visiting [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com).

Kooth offers young people a range and choice of support options under one digital roof. It has services that are accessible 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This includes one to one text based sessions with experienced counsellors and wellbeing practitioners run from midday to 10pm on weekdays, and from 6 -10pm at the weekend. Appointments can be booked in advance or accessed via a drop-in text-based chat. Kooth also provides a fully safeguarded and pre-moderated community with a library of peer and professional created articles. And there are discussion forums too. All content is pre-moderated and age appropriate.

Kooth covers many topics on the website including relationships, LGBTQIA+, exam stress, anxiety, eating difficulties, self harm, suicidal thoughts, body image, social media, bullying and family worries. All of these subjects affecting young peoples' mental health are presenting issues that Kooth and other mental health providers see from all age groups. Kooth is commissioned by the NHS and clinically approved for children from the age of 10, and is the only digital mental health provider to hold a BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) accreditation across the UK.

Follow this link for FAQs and further written information about Kooth: [Kooth resources](#)  
If you have any questions please let us know. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, please email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com).

In addition, please see the link below:  
[Explore Kooth - the mental health magazine for young people.](#)

## Football!

Is your child interested in football -Norwich City Football Development have sent us the following flyers to remind about upcoming Development Centre trials for next season, which are taking place across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Suffolk, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. These sessions provide an opportunity for both boys and girls to access high-quality coaching alongside their school football.

Full trial details and registration can be found here:

<https://www.abler.io/shop/ncfcfd/trials>





## Risbygate Sports Club Open Day! Try Tennis, Padel, Squash, Bowls and more!

On Saturday 20 June 2026, Risbygate Sports Club in Bury St Edmunds is opening its doors for a fun-filled "Saturday of Sport", giving people of all ages the chance to try a range of sports and activities in a welcoming and friendly environment.

Running from 11am to 3pm, the Open Day is free to attend and offers a fantastic opportunity for families to spend time together, get active and discover new sports.

Visitors will be able to have a go at:

- Tennis
- Padel
- Squash
- Racket Ball
- Bowls
- Pétanque
- Table Tennis

Whether children are keen to try something new, teenagers are looking for a different sporting challenge, or parents and grandparents simply want to enjoy an active day out, there will be something for everyone. Club members will be on hand throughout the day to offer guidance

and encouragement, making it easy for beginners to get involved.

There will also be a bar and BBQ available, creating a relaxed and sociable atmosphere for visitors to enjoy.

No booking is required, simply come along and have a go!

### Event Details

Date: Saturday 20 June

Time: 11am – 3pm

Venue: Risbygate Sports Club, Westley Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3RR



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



Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
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.	
Thurs 7 May - Wed 17 June (GCSE Contingency Day 24 June)	GCSE Exams
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
Wed 1 July	In School transition
Thurs 2 July	Sports day

Thought for the Week:

**Take heed, ere summer comes or cuckoo birds do sing.**

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