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Dear Parents and Carers



Building Habits for Success

It has been wonderful to welcome students back for the start of the new academic year. The first week has been extremely positive, with students settling quickly into routines and demonstrating a strong focus on learning across the school. Staff have been particularly impressed by the calm atmosphere around the site, the quality of engagement in lessons, and students' readiness to take on new challenges.

Across classrooms, students have made an excellent start to their studies, showing curiosity, resilience and a commitment to improving their knowledge and skills. We have seen positive participation in discussions, high-quality learning

behaviours and a determination to make the most of every lesson.

In assemblies this week, students have been learning about the positive habits that help them to be successful learners. We explored what it means to be Ready to Learn, give their Best Attention, participate actively in lessons and show 100% Effort. Students have also reflected on the important role they play in the learning of others. Through listening carefully, contributing thoughtfully and avoiding distractions, they help to create classrooms where everyone can learn successfully. These themes have already been evident in lessons this week, with students demonstrating strong engagement, positive attitudes and a commitment to making the most of every learning opportunity.

This week also provided an opportunity to strengthen our partnership with families through our Success Evenings. It was a pleasure to warmly welcome both Year 7 and Year 11 parents to school. For Year 7 families, the evening marked the beginning of their journey with us, providing an opportunity to meet tutors and key staff and to learn more about how we will work together to support their child's success. For Year 11 families, the evening focused on the final stage of their educational journey at King Edward's. As students begin this important year, we look forward to working closely with parents to ensure every young person is well supported to achieve their very best.

GCSE Statistics Success

Congratulations to our GCSE Statistics students, who achieved an excellent set of results after completing the qualification a year early. Their success reflects not only their mathematical ability but also the commitment and resilience they showed, often giving up lunchtimes to attend

additional sessions. Along the way, they developed valuable skills in revision, perseverance and managing exam pressure. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. Well done!

School Photos:

Important – Register to receive instant access to photographs

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography visited our school on Monday 07 September 2026.

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that **pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.**

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: **JRWUKJAMUB**
3. Enter your child's full school register name.

****Don't miss out – pre-register today!****

Open Evening

We are having our Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2026 and would welcome families who have children currently in year 6 to come and have a good look around at what King Edward VI School has to offer. It will be a really exciting evening, you will be able to have a tour with a guide (if you so wish), or to have a look around by yourself. It will be an opportunity to see the school in full swing with a chance to speak to staff and existing students. We hope to see you there!



Catering Prices

School Catering 2026

At King Edward VI School, we are proud of our catering which is prepared in our own kitchen by our own staff.

They love to provide a choice of healthy and satisfying lunchtime meals including our hot meal of the day, pasta pots, jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings and cold sandwiches. Prices vary, but our main course hot meal of the day is £3.00.

For best value, our meal deal includes a main course and a dessert – which could be anything from our hot dessert of the day with custard, cakes, cookies or fruit/granola pots, or a drink. The price of a meal deal is £3.90. This price has been held from last year! Catering accounts can be topped up using our cashless system ParentPay, allowing students to purchase food at our tills, using biometric technology.

We want to make the catering at King Edward VI School as inclusive as possible. If your child has any special dietary requirements, we would be happy to discuss.



Uniform requirements:

Thank you to you all for your support with following our uniform requirements. Please see the link below to a letter confirming our Uniform requirements sent at the end of last term.
[uniform requirements Sept 2026.pdf](#)

At King Edward VI School, we take great pride in our school uniform standards. These standards are the result of a strong collaboration between the school, parents, carers, and students. We firmly believe that wearing the school uniform correctly and consistently not only fosters a sense of belonging but also helps our students feel proud of themselves and their school.

However, we are aware that the cost of secondary school can be challenging, especially when it comes to purchasing uniforms. We recognize that more can be done to support our families. We are pleased to announce that we will be introducing a **Pre-Loved Uniform Service** to provide additional help, particularly to families who may be facing financial challenges.

To make this possible, we are kindly asking for donations of pre-loved uniforms that your child may have outgrown. Items such as jumpers, shirts, skirts, trousers and PE Kit.

If you can contribute, please ensure that the items are cleaned before bringing them to the school reception during school hours in a suitable carrier bag.



For those who wish to take advantage of this private service, please contact us and we will endeavour to assist.

Lost Property

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 and their parent/carers 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.

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 Autumn Term will be kept until the end of the Autumn Term. 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!

Science Homework – Sparx Science

From this term, students will complete their weekly Science homework using Sparx Science. Homework will be set every Monday at 9am and will be due by 9am the following Monday. Sparx Science provides personalised homework based on each student's attainment level and includes questions linked to recent learning as well as previously taught content. Parents will receive a separate email with further information about Sparx Science, including how students can access the platform and how parents can support homework completion.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Bookings for after-school clubs will be open from 6pm on Friday 11 September 2026. The clubs will start the week commencing Monday 14 September.

Please follow this link: [SchoolCloud - King Edward VI School](#)

Students can attend lunch time clubs without the need for booking.

Welcoming Our International Visitors from Japan

On Monday 14 September 2026, King Edward VI School will be delighted to welcome 18 students and 3 members of staff from Japan for a special day of international exchange.

Our visitors will experience a typical day at KEVI, joining lessons, exploring the school and spending time with our students. Their visit provides a wonderful opportunity for our school community to learn more about Japanese culture while giving our guests an insight into education and everyday school life in the UK.

Students from our China Lunchtime Club will act as buddies for our Japanese visitors throughout the day, helping them settle in, navigate school life and feel part of the KEVI community. Our Prefects will also play an important role by leading tours of the school, providing another valuable opportunity for our students to demonstrate their confidence, leadership and communication skills.

The three visiting members of staff are particularly interested in teaching and learning at KEVI and will have opportunities to observe lessons and meet colleagues during the day. Ms Trueman will lead a staff tour, giving our guests an opportunity to learn more about our school and the wider KEVI community.

International visits are an important part of life at King Edward VI School. They enable our young people to engage directly with students from different countries and cultures, broaden their perspectives and develop the confidence and understanding needed to become global citizens.

We are incredibly grateful to all the students and staff who are helping to make this visit possible and look forward to extending a very warm KEVI welcome to our Japanese guests.

We hope this will be the beginning of new friendships, shared learning and further opportunities to strengthen our international connections.

**ようこそ、King Edward VI Schoolへ！ —
Welcome to King Edward VI School!**

Sports Club News:

Rugby

Please see the message below from Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club:

We are working hard to grow our girls' rugby programme across the local area. We're particularly keen to introduce more girls to rugby in a way that is fun, welcoming and completely accessible, whether they've played before or are picking up a rugby ball for the first time.

We're holding a FREE Girls' Rugby Session on Sunday 13th September from 1-3pm, for girls 10-18yo – please see the flyer below.

There's no experience required, no pressure and no commitment - just come along, have fun, meet the team and give it a go. 🏉



Football:

Stowupland girls are looking for girls in either year 10 or 11 to play.

There is no under 16s girls team in Bury so this would be a great option for any girls wanting to play as Stowupland is very easy to get to from Bury and the matches are from Newmarket to Ipswich on a Sunday morning.



Supporting Young People's Mental Health

NHS Foundation Trust:

Please see the attached flyers/workshop information sent from the NHS Foundation Trust (below).

All upcoming workshops can be booked for free on their [Eventbrite page](#). Information on all their workshops, past and present, as well as workshop recordings, can be found on their [website](#).

[AutumnTerm Psychology in Schools Workshop Programme - Sept - Dec 2026.pdf](#)

[MH Social Media Flyer.pdf](#)

Charlie Waller



Free mental health webinars

Charlie Waller run live webinars for anyone who looks after children and young people - parents, carers, educators - as well as young people themselves and anyone interested in psychology or mental health.

All of their webinars are presented by mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing. Past topics have included: the teen brain, sleep, supporting a highly sensitive child, and perfectionism.

Please check out their website for further details to attend live or watch previously held and recorded webinars on a range of topics. [Free mental health webinars](#)

Our new Year 7 parents you may find this of particular use -

[Navigating the first term of secondary school](#)

This webinar is aimed at parents and carers as well as family members or support networks outside of school, including staff and volunteers from youth organisations. By the end of the webinar, you will be able to:

- Understand the key anxieties for young people transitioning to secondary school
- Develop positive strategies for supporting young people who are experiencing difficulties making the transition

- Understand the four key themes chosen by young people to help them through the transition to secondary school.
- Sign-post young people and their parents / carers / support networks to useful resources, including the Charlie Waller Institute Resilience Rucksack

Careers information:

Year 11

On Tuesday this week, students attending an assembly delivered by the Eastern Education Group regarding their Post-16 options. If your student was absent, or if they would like to recap the information provided, you can find the video here: [West Suffolk College Further Education Presentation 2026/27](#)

Are you interested in an Equine Apprenticeship?

See here for more information: [British Racing School Careers Packs 2026-27.pdf](#)

Are you interested in a career in healthcare?

The Health Academy is aimed at school or college students aged 15-18 who have an interest in health care. A wide range of health care professionals are on hand to support students in gaining a greater understanding of many roles available within the NHS. The academy is an opportunity to learn about the NHS and the roles it has to offer. We offer the chance to not only meet a range of health care professionals but to gain a better understanding of what their role entails and possible routes into the varying careers.

For more information, see here [Health Academy](#)
Deadline: Saturday 3 October
Date of event: 31 October, 07 November, 21 November, 28 November

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



Tom Grey
Interim Headteacher

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2026-2027	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website.	
Year 11 Careers interviews	Monday/Tuesday 14 September 2026
Battlesfield Trip	18 – 20 September 2026
School Tours	14 – 18 September 2026
Year 10 Success Evening	Wednesday 23 September 2026
International Visitors from Japan	Monday 14 September 2026
Shanghai Visitors	27 September – 3 October 2026

Question of the Week:

Forgiveness: Why is forgiving people so difficult?

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