



# King Edward VI School

## Weekly Parent Newsletter

### Today's Prayer

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[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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**Friday 18 September 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the second week of term, I have been delighted by the positive and purposeful start made by our students. Across the school, classrooms have been calm, focused and productive, with students arriving equipped, ready to learn and keen to engage in their lessons. Establishing strong routines from the outset is essential for success, and it has been pleasing to see students embracing our expectations with maturity and determination.

Staff have commented positively on the quality of lesson behaviour during the opening weeks of term. Students are listening carefully, contributing thoughtfully to discussions and demonstrating respect for both their peers and teachers. These positive learning habits create an environment where everyone can thrive, allowing teachers to focus on delivering high-quality learning and enabling students to make the most of every lesson.

I would also like to draw the attention of Year 10 parents and carers to our upcoming **Year 10 Success Evening on Wednesday 23 October (5.30pm – 6.30pm)**. This event will provide valuable guidance on how students can make the most of this important stage of their education, including advice on study habits, organisation, attendance and preparation for GCSE courses. Following such a positive start to the year, we hope to see as many families as possible attend as we work together to ensure every student is equipped to achieve their very best.

**Please see our Handy Hints  
further down in this  
newsletter!!**

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**OPEN EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026**  
**6PM-8PM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

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### 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 the opportunity to talk to staff and existing students alike.

Please spread the word and we hope to see you there!

### **Year 10 Success Evening**

#### **For the attention of Year 10 Parents/Carers:**

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2026

Time: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Details have been sent out directly to our Year 10 parents.

### **Friendship Across Continents: Farewell to Our Japanese Visitors**

This week, King Edward VI School had the great pleasure of welcoming **18 students and three members of staff from Hyogo School, Japan**, for a special day of international friendship and cultural exchange.

From the moment they arrived, our visitors were warmly welcomed into the KEVI community and given the opportunity to experience the rhythm of a typical school day in the UK. The students joined lessons across the school, met our students and experienced first-hand life at KEVI, while their accompanying staff had the opportunity to observe teaching and learning within our classrooms.

A particularly important part of the day was the support provided by our **China Lunchtime Club students**, who acted as buddies to our Japanese visitors. Their friendliness, maturity and willingness to help ensured that our

guests felt welcomed and included throughout their time with us. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented KEVI and demonstrated the very best of our school community.

Our **Prefects** also played an important role, leading student tours and sharing their knowledge and experiences of KEVI with our visitors. We would also like to thank **Ms Trueman**, who led the staff tour and helped our Japanese colleagues gain a wider understanding of our school.

A huge thank you must also go to our **teachers**, who welcomed additional students and staff into their classrooms without hesitation and allowed our visitors to experience authentic teaching and learning at KEVI. Their flexibility and hospitality were greatly appreciated and contributed enormously to the success of the visit.

Behind every successful international visit is also a considerable amount of preparation. We therefore extend our sincere thanks to the **Reception Team, Data Team, IT Team, Finance Team and everyone else who worked behind the scenes** to ensure that the arrangements for our visitors ran smoothly.

Although our Japanese friends were with us for just one day, experiences such as these demonstrate that meaningful connections do not necessarily depend on the length of a visit. A conversation, a shared lesson, a tour of the school or simply sitting together at lunchtime can provide opportunities to discover another culture, challenge perceptions and create memories that extend far beyond the school day.

International education continues to be an important part of life at KEVI, providing our students with opportunities to develop their confidence, curiosity and understanding of the wider world. We hope that this visit will also

open the door to further connections between our schools in the future.

We thank our friends from **Hyogo School** for choosing to spend their time with us and for bringing a little piece of Japan to KEVI.

**We wish them a safe journey home to Japan and hope that this is not goodbye, but simply “until we meet again.”**

**さようなら、また会いましょう。**

*Sayōnara, mata aimashō — Goodbye, and we hope to see you again.*



## **Sports News**

### **U16 Netball**

Congratulations to the U16 Netball team who competed to a high standard in the tournament.

They beat St Benedict's 10 - 3, beat Sybil Andrews 10-6, and beat TGS 9 - 8 to finish as winners of their group.

We are very proud of the continued success of this team.



## **Sports news over the summer holidays:**

### **UK M18 Boys — European Championships, Macolin 2026**

Here at King Edwards it is always wonderful to celebrate the Sporting achievements of our students. We are aware that students from King Edward VI School took part in the 2026 European Tchoukball Championships in Macolin Switzerland. Please see the following report:

The UK M18 boys' team produced an impressive and memorable performance at the 2026 European Tchoukball Championships in Macolin, Switzerland. The tournament, held from 1–8 August, brought together some of the strongest young tchoukball teams in Europe, with the M18 boys' competition featuring the Czech Republic, Italy, Switzerland A, Switzerland B and the United Kingdom.

The team proudly came away with bronze medals, marking a fantastic achievement on the international stage. For the UK squad, the championship was about much more than results. Playing on an international stage against experienced European opposition provided a valuable opportunity for the players to test themselves, develop their game and represent the UK with pride.

From the outset, the team showed plenty of enthusiasm, determination and togetherness.

Their willingness to compete for every point was particularly encouraging, and there was a clear sense of commitment throughout the tournament. Against technically strong opponents, the UK boys demonstrated that they could compete with intensity while maintaining the spirit of fair play that makes tchoukball such a distinctive sport.

One of the most positive aspects of the campaign was the team's ability to learn as the competition progressed. International tournaments can expose areas of a team's game that are less obvious in domestic competition, particularly around consistency, decision-making and adapting to different styles of play. The experience in Macolin should therefore provide an excellent foundation for the players' continued development.

The atmosphere of the championship also made the experience special. The junior competitions opened the European Championships before the senior events later in the week, giving the younger players an important opportunity to be part of a major European sporting occasion. Swiss Tchoukball described the junior tournament as an important showcase for the development of the next generation of European tchoukball players.

Overall, the UK M18 boys can look back on Macolin 2026 with considerable pride. They represented their country positively, gained invaluable international experience and showed the potential of the next generation of UK tchoukball



### **School Photos:**

A reminder to Year 11 Parents – on Monday 21 September the photographer will be in to take a year group photo – please remember to look smart!!

### **Summer 2027 Exam Timetable**

The summer 2027 exam timetable is now available on the school website on the Exams page [timetable-SUM27-FINAL.xlsx](#) . Information has also been updated for the year 10 and year 11 mock exam dates which can also be found on this page. Please do not hesitate to contact the Exams office ([clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)) should you have any questions

### **Psychology in Schools Childhood Neurodivergence Autumn Term (Sept - Dec) Live Parent/Carer Workshops**

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

[ND Social Media Flyer.pdf](#)

[Childhood Neurodiversity PST workshop poster Sept - Dec 2026.pdf](#)

## Handy hints:

### Whatsapp Privacy Guidance:



Following a wealth of feedback from the Success in Year 7 evening last week we believe it would be helpful to share this information again to the wider community.

This guide from Internet Matters will help you and your child become more aware of the risk and pitfalls of using WhatsApp and enable you both to prioritise their safety and privacy.

[WhatsApp privacy guide - Internet Matters](#) The guide has a wealth of information including these key areas.

#### How to manage your / their privacy

Help your teenager take control of internet safety by teaching them about WhatsApp privacy settings. They can control who can see their information, which can help support their wellbeing.

#### How to block and report contacts

If a contact is making your child uncomfortable, encourage them to block and report them. They can stop receiving messages, calls and status updates with the block feature. If reported, WhatsApp will review the last 5 messages sent by the contact.

### WhatsApp hints continued...

#### Change group privacy settings

If your child uses private groups in WhatsApp, remind them that they should only be joining groups with people they know from school or clubs. They should not add people they meet online or accept invitations to join groups from strangers. In the privacy settings, you and your child can manage who can add them directly to a group.

#### Where to disable automatic downloads

The default settings for WhatsApp is that photos and videos received are automatically saved to the camera roll. To limit the risk of saving [inappropriate content sent without permission](#) and to manage device storage, this can be disabled.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Grey'.

Mr T Grey  
Interim Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Term Dates [2026-2027](#)

Additional information can be found on the [calendar page](#) of the website.

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| School Tours            | 21,23,25 September 2026       |
| Year 10 Success Evening | Wednesday 23 September 2026   |
| Shanghai Visitors       | 27 September – 3 October 2026 |
| Open Evening            | 1 October 2026 6-8pm          |
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Question of the Week:

**Forgiveness: Why is forgiving people so difficult?**

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