



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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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move further into the term, it has been encouraging to see students continue to build on the positive habits established since September. High levels of focus in lessons, strong attendance and a commitment to learning are helping to create a purposeful atmosphere across the school. Staff continue to report excellent engagement in classrooms, with students demonstrating resilience, curiosity and a willingness to contribute positively to their learning.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Year 10 students and their families to our **Year 10 Success Evening**. The event provided practical guidance and advice on how students can approach this important stage of their education with confidence, from developing effective study routines to maintaining strong attendance and organisation. Thank you to all those who attended and to the staff who contributed to making the evening such a success. We look forward to continuing to work closely with families to ensure every student is supported to achieve their very best.

Next week, we are excited to welcome visitors from our partner school in **Shanghai**. A number of our students will play a key role in hosting activities and supporting our guests throughout their visit. As well as celebrating our international partnership, the programme will provide valuable opportunities for students to develop important life skills, including leadership, communication, teamwork and cultural understanding. We are proud of the enthusiasm shown by those involved and look forward to sharing highlights from the visit in a future 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 look around at what King Edward VI School has to offer. We can offer a guide tour experience or alternatively you can explore the school for yourself. It will be an opportunity to see the school in full swing with lots of practical activities to take part in as well as a talk from the Headteacher and Students.

Please can all students who are helping on the evening ensure they wear full school uniform and please can Prefects ensure they wear their Prefect badges. Thank you

School Clubs

All after-school clubs will be cancelled on Thursday 1 October, due to Open Evening.

Students and Social Media

CHANGES TO SOCIAL MEDIA

At King Edward VI School, the safety and wellbeing of our students remains [our](#) highest priority.

As technology continues to evolve, including the rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI), we're making some changes to how student photographs are shared with the wider community.

Therefore, you may notice fewer identifiable photographs of our current students appearing across our website, parent bulletin and social media platforms.

We will continue to celebrate the wonderful learning, achievements and experiences of our community by showcasing activities, events, student work and school life in ways that help protect student privacy and safety.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate the ever-changing digital landscape together.



King Edwards are proud to have received an email from a parent of a student here at the school.

We are delighted that Nico is the only person from King Edwards VI School to be selected to be part of the Suffolk County Schools Under 16 Squad for the 2026/2027 season. He was also selected to continue with the Ipswich Town Under 16 Advanced Training Centre (ATC) squad for this season. As part of this he was asked to be a Ball boy at two Ipswich Town FC games this season v Sunderland in the Premier League and Leicester in the Carabao Cup.

Locally he is Vice-captain of the Newmarket U16 EJA Team and a member of the Sporting 87 Under 18 Thurlow Nunn squad for this season with his brother Luca. A busy lad!

Congratulations on your sporting achievements.

Exams News:

Year 11 mock exams timetable 16-27 November 2026

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The year 11 timetable has now been published on the school website [Examinations - King Edward VI School](#), please ask your son/daughter to check this carefully. Individual timetables will be emailed out just before half term. Any questions should be emailed to clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

Sports news

Representing Suffolk Schools This Year

Success in Exams' workshops

Year 11 attended an additional assembly this week to learn about the 'Success in Exams' workshops that we run each year with the MHST. The workshops, which will be held on the 13 and 19 October, help to build resilience and provide some useful coping tools and strategies around exams. If students are interested, they should let their Tutor or Head of Year know, or alternatively there is a sign-up sheet in the Exams office.

There will be two drop-in sessions next week for students to find out more about the sessions and ask any questions, one on Wednesday 30 September from 10.30am - 10.50am, and one on Thursday 1 October from 1.20pm - 2.20pm, both will be in the meeting room near Reception.

We have also sent out an online form to see if Parents/Carers would be interested in attending a session to see how they can support their son/daughter with general exam stress and anxiety, based on content from the workshops. The link is added here again [Parent/Carer feedback form](#). Please encourage your son/daughter to consider attending one of the workshops

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) should you have any questions

School Photos:

A Huge Well Done to Year 11!

A huge well done to Year 11 for their excellent conduct during their group photographs. They were exceptionally well behaved, organised and cooperative throughout. The photography team were very impressed and took the time to comment on how positive their behaviour was.

Thank you also to all staff who supported the process and assisted with the photographs. Your

help was greatly appreciated and contributed to everything running so smoothly.

Well done, Year 11 — you represented the school brilliantly!

Who I am: Calling all Year 10 female students!

Who I Am is a new 4 week course running Tuesday lunchtimes 1.30pm-2.15pm in C206 for girls in year 10. It will be running on the 29th September, 6th, 13th and 20th October. Please sign up at reception.

It is a supportive and welcoming space where girls can come together to grow in confidence, build self-esteem, develop positive friendships, and discover their unique strengths.

Through a range of fun activities, discussions, creative tasks, and reflection, students will have the opportunity to explore who they are, celebrate their qualities, learn healthy friendship skills, and build resilience. The group aims to encourage girls to believe in themselves, support one another, and feel empowered to reach their full potential.

Our focus areas include:

- Building self-confidence and self-worth
- Developing positive and healthy friendships
- Understanding emotions and wellbeing
- Encouraging kindness, resilience, and growth
- Helping girls recognise and live out their potential

We hope this group will provide students with valuable skills, lasting encouragement, and a greater sense of confidence in themselves and their future."



A message to children from Dame Rachel de Souza Children's Commissioner for England:

Please help us by completing the attached survey.

"The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

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

Thank you to all who take part.

Food Allergies and Nuts in School

We have several students in school who suffer with severe food allergies. Please can we remind parents and students, for the safety of pupils with severe allergies, please do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into school.

Please check packed lunches and snacks carefully before sending them in.

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe for everyone

Careers Updates

Volunteering & Virtual/in-person Work Experience Opportunities – Please Read

We regularly share information about volunteering, virtual and in-person work experience opportunities that may be of interest to students. These are often provided by external organisations or former students, and we pass them on in good faith to help broaden awareness of what's available.

However, please note the following:

- We are not affiliated with these organisations or events.
- We do not have direct experience with all companies/opportunities shared.
- While we aim to share opportunities that appear beneficial, we cannot conduct in-depth vetting of every organisation or event.

It is therefore the responsibility of students and their parents/carers to review the details, assess the suitability, and ensure the opportunity is appropriate for the student.

We encourage families to explore these options together and contact the organisers directly with any questions.

If you wish to attend a virtual talk, virtual or in-person work experience during school hours, you must obtain permission from the school and inform Miss Granger as certain paperwork may be

The big Future



required. Permission is based on several factors and is not guaranteed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 7-9 Virtual work experience

FIRST STEP

For students in Year Groups 7-9 England & Wales, S1-S3 Scotland, 8-10 Northern Ireland

Wednesday 7th October at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

Bus Route Detective: Choose the Smartest Route

Become a detective for Project ROUTE's transport planning team and use data to help choose the smartest bus route for a journey. Students will:

- Join a 45-minute briefing with the Project ROUTE team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Receive a certificate on completion
- [Register now!](#)

Year 10/11

NEXT STEP

For students in Year Groups 10-13 England & Wales, S4-S6 Scotland, 11-14 Northern Ireland

Thursday 10th October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

The Journey to Your Future: Can Rail Get You There – On Time, On Budget, On Track?

Explore how data can help the rail industry make better decisions and keep journeys on time, on budget and on track. Students will:

- Join a 45-minute virtual briefing with the Project ROUTE team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Receive a certificate on completion
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Are you interested in Medicine or Dentistry? Join a free live virtual conference!

These events offer a complete guide through the medical and dentistry application journey. Students will gain key insights into the UCAS

application process, connect with doctors, dentists, medical and dental students, whilst gaining a clearer view of a future in healthcare. The goal is to provide students with the tools to successfully navigate common errors and challenges, ensuring their application to medical school stands out. During this conference, students will hear about:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical or Dental Schools
- Personal Statements
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam to Medical School
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be listed in their UCAS applications, evidencing their preparation into a course in medicine.

Free Live Virtual Get into Medicine Conference:

- Sunday 27th September
- Saturday 3rd October
- Sunday 4th October

Free Live Virtual Get into Dentistry Conference:

- Saturday 26th September from 9am - 1:30pm

Students and parents can register using this link:

Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-signup/>

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

Are you interested in working in Healthcare? Virtual Work Experience

Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience session on Sunday 4th October, 9am - 5pm, focusing on Pain Management and Mental Health.

Register here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals. Students to check their spam folders and mark their attendance on the day in order to receive their Work Experience Certificates.

This programme is suitable for students in year groups 10/11 who are interested in the following careers:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dietetics
- Radiography
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Pharmacy

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make an informed career decision and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications. Students will receive certificates as evidence of having participated in the work experience programme. Those that complete the full 6-month programme will also be awarded Highly Commended References.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 6-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

<https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>

Are you interested in attending University?

Attend Unifrog's virtual university fair on Wednesday 14 October 2026 4pm-6:30pm. The Unifrog UK University Fair is a great opportunity to find out all about studying at university, and get all your questions answered by the experts in just two and a half hours! Join over 30 universities from across the UK to speak to their representatives via Q&A, and choose from 16 live webinar sessions

to get an insight into all things university and find out more about where you could be studying.

Discover new universities and subjects at interactive booths

- Find out what admissions staff are looking for in personal statements this cycle
- Consider all aspects of student life to prepare emotionally and financially

Register here: [UK University Fair 2026](#)

Year 11 **College/Sixth Form open events**

Open events give you the chance to explore a college, meet teachers, learn about courses, and see what life there is really like. They help you compare different options and make an informed decision about your future, ensuring you choose a pathway that is right for you. Open events can book up fast, so secure your space now.

- Suffolk New College [Open Events - Suffolk New College](#)
- College of West Anglia (Campuses in King's Lynn, Wisbech, Downham Market and Cambridge) [Open Days](#)
- Cambridge Regional College [Open Days - Cambridge Regional College](#)

See here for more information:

[WSC Open Days 26-27 \(1\).pdf](#)

[One Open Days 26-27 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Abbeygate Open Days 26-27 \(1\).pdf](#)

[P16 Recruitment Events Flyer \(1\).pdf](#)

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



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.	
School Tours	6, 7 and 9 October 2026
Shanghai Visitors	27 September – 3 October 2026
GCSE Mean Girls Trip	14 October
Open Evening	1 October 2026 6-8pm

Question of the Week:

Respect: What does real respect look like

All past issues of this Newsletter are available [on our website.](#)