

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

A variety of activities this week have highlighted both the strong sense of community within our school and the many opportunities available beyond the classroom. Students have continued to demonstrate maturity, responsibility and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life.

This week, students and staff successfully completed a fire evacuation drill. I would like to thank all students for the mature and responsible manner in which they approached the exercise. Students followed instructions promptly, moved calmly to assembly points and demonstrated excellent conduct throughout. Practising these procedures is an important part of ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community, and the high standards shown by our students were particularly pleasing.

Excitement is also continuing to build as rehearsals progress for this year's school production, *Singin' in the Rain*. Students have been working hard on songs, choreography and character development, demonstrating creativity, commitment and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see so many students involved, and we look forward to sharing more updates as preparations continue for what promises to be a fantastic production.

Visit from an Ex-Student



Last week, we were fortunate to have a special visit from Ex-Student Tom Francis. Tom is an actor and singer, known for his roles on the West End and Broadway stages and gave up his valuable time to speak to the cast of 'Singing in the Rain' about his roles on both stage and screen. Our staff and students who attended the Q&A were in awe of his achievements and relished in the valuable advice he gave to students hoping to enter the performing arts industry.



For his performance as Joe Gillis in *Sunset Boulevard*, he won the 2024 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical and was nominated for the Tony Award for the Best Actor in a Musical. Following these roles, he made his television debut as Clayton in the fifth and final season of the Netflix series *You* and his film debut in Noah Baumbach's ensemble film *Jay Kelly*. He has since had a number of very important audiences and is quite simply one to watch if you have not heard of him already.

We are beyond proud of Tom and so very grateful that he was able to walk down memory lane in school with us last week. As a school, we continue to follow his career with bated breath and look forward to his proposed next visit, if has time in his very busy schedule.

Success in Exams Workshops

A reminder that we are running 'success in exams' workshops, which will be held on the 13 and 19 October, to help to build resilience and provide some useful coping tools and strategies around exams. We have some spaces left so if your son/daughter is interested, they should let their Tutor or Head of Year know, or alternatively there is a sign-up sheet in the Exams office. 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

Important Year 11 update:

Further Education applications/predicted grades- Important Notice.

Applications are now open for many further education providers, including West Suffolk College and Abbeygate Sixth Form. Students will require their predicted grades as part of their application. These are not yet available, but we are working hard to release a Year 11 predicted grades report as soon as

possible so that students can submit their applications.

Please note that any other grades may not be accurate and should not be used when completing the application.

In the meantime, students can create an account and complete all other sections of their application while waiting for their predicted grades.

Application deadline

We expect students to apply to further education providers by the **end of Autumn Term**.

Applying early helps ensure that interviews, offers and other post-application steps are completed at an appropriate time of year and do not coincide with the busiest periods of Year 11. It also increases the likelihood of securing a place on popular courses, which can fill up quickly.

It is important to note that it is the student's responsibility to complete their application. If students require support, they should speak to their tutor, Year Team, or Miss Granger in the Careers Office.

Guidance on completing the application can be found below. Please read this carefully to avoid errors that could delay the application process. Students will also receive an assembly explaining the application process, and an application support club will be available at lunchtime for anyone who would like additional help. Further details will be shared shortly.

[See how to flyer](#)

College of West Anglia- [Further information- October 2026](#)

Are you interested in an Engineering Apprenticeship?

Sizewell B Power Station is recruiting for the 2027 cohort of Engineering maintenance technician apprentices. Applications are open now, closing date is 30th October, ready for a September 2027 start.

There is an information day at the Sizewell Visitor Centre on Saturday 17 October for anyone

interested in finding out more about the apprenticeship and the application process.

Follow the link for more information and to apply.
<https://careers.edfenergy.com/apprenticeships>

[Engineering Open Day](#)

Are you interested in joining the army?

Check out the latest British Army Careers newsletter here!

[October Soldier](#)

Year 11 Group Photograph

See below – our Year 11 Group Photos are now ready for ordering:

King Edward VI School Year 11 Group Photo 2026-27

Year 11 Group

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Are you aged 10-16?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

Wi-Fi Available
Bury Community Centre, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6TB
Monday 18:00-20:00
abbeycroft.org.uk

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Reminder – Save the Date:

 Year 7 Halloween Disco

A letter has been sent to all Year 7 parents with information about our Year 7 Halloween Disco, taking place on Thursday 22nd October, from 5:30–7:00pm.

Students are welcome to come in fancy dress and enjoy an evening of music, dancing and Halloween fun!

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased through ParentPay by Friday 9th October.

All money raised will go towards Year 7 activities and trips.

We're looking forward to a spooktacular evening of fun!

Football News

Newmarket Town FC are holding open trials for U15 Girls footballers:

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NEWMARKET TOWN FC




**U15 GIRLS
OPEN TRIALS**

Newmarket Town FC U15 Girls are holding two open trial sessions to identify new players to strengthen their squad for the remainder of the

2026/27 season and beyond!

**WEDNESDAY
14TH & 21ST
OCTOBER**

**TIME
18:15 – 19:30**

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

CONTACT

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Jess.linger@outlook.com

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RESPECT

Are you, or your child, a family carer?



A family carer is anybody, of any age, who looks after someone with a long-term illness, mental health difficulty or disability who could not cope day to day without this help.

Becoming an unpaid family carer is often a gradual process, like the changes affecting person you care for. The work of caring gradually impacts your daily life, restricting your ability to get time for yourself. Because of this most people see themselves as a 'wife', 'husband', 'daughter', 'son', 'brother', 'sister' or 'friend', rather than as a family carer.

Not recognising you or your child are a family carer can be a real barrier to accessing the vital support available to you. Find out more about what a Family Carer is and if you are one [here](#).

Or check out the support for Young Carers in Suffolk here. [Young Carers | Suffolk Family Carers](#)

In school, our Young Carer Lead, David Nichols, is also available to support our young carers. If you feel your child may be classed as a young carer and would like to discuss this further, please email him using djn@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk



Please see the latest news and events from Sendiass:

[See here for autumn sessions](#)

[See here for news and events October 2026](#)

Sixth form Open Evening

Thurston Sixth Form

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 15 October 2026 18:00 - 20:00

[www.thurstonsixth.org](#)

St Nicholas Hospice Care



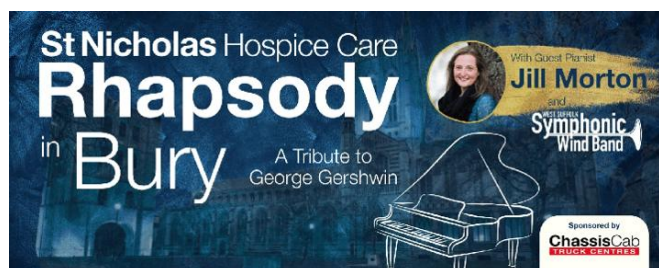
Join us on 7 November for a magical evening beneath the historic skyline of the Abbey Gardens.

With spectacular fireworks, food and drink,

fairground rides and family entertainment, it's set to be another fantastic community event. We're delighted to be working alongside St Edmundsbury Theatre Services and Bury St Edmunds Town Council to bring the evening to life.

Advance booking is recommended as numbers are limited.

[Abbey Gardens Fireworks 2026 | St Nicholas Hospice Care](#)



Join us on 14 November for Rhapsody in Bury, an unforgettable evening of music in the stunning surroundings of St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

Featuring the West Suffolk Symphonic Wind Band and acclaimed pianist Jill Morton, the programme includes Gershwin's iconic Rhapsody in Blue, alongside music from Broadway, jazz and Latin America.

Every ticket sold helps support St Nicholas Hospice Care, and we're grateful to Chassis Cab for sponsoring this special event.

[Rhapsody In Bury 2026 | St Nicholas Hospice Care](#)

Christmas Cards



Our Christmas range is now available online and in our shops, making it the perfect time to start planning for the festive season.

Choose from a selection of Christmas cards, including contemporary designs and local scenes that celebrate the places we know and love. We're also stocking our popular diaries for the year ahead.

Every purchase helps support St Nicholas Hospice Care, so whether you're sending festive greetings or organising your year, you'll be helping make a difference to local people and their families.

[Order Christmas cards and diaries - St Nicholas Hospice Care website](#)

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Everyone at King Edwards would like to wish you a very relaxing 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.

GCSE Mean Girls Trip	14 October 2026
Food and Nutrition NEA Food Investigations	12-16 October 2026
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Friday 23 October
Year 11 PSHE Day	22 October 2026
Autumn Half Term	Monday 26 October 2026 – Friday 30 October 2026
Start of Autumn Term	2 November 2026
Whole School Flu Vaccination	5 November 2026
Remembrance Service	6 November 2026

Question of the Week:

Mental Health: What helps us when we feel overwhelmed?

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