

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers



Fun is alive and well at King Edwards as students raise money for the end of term trips with a second Colour Fun last Friday, please see further pictures in this week's newsletter.

Thank you to every parent who completed our most recent questionnaire. The views of parents are extremely important to us, and every comment made has already been shared with the School's Leadership Team, to inform our planning as we prepare for next year. All comments have also been shared with the Governing Body. For parents interested in the responses please [click here](#).

Year Group Reward Trips – July 2024

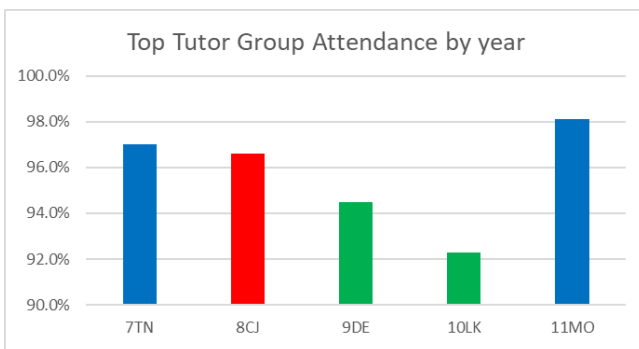
A reminder that information has been sent to parents regarding the Reward Trips being planned for the end of the academic year, using the Evolve+ electronic system. The deadline for consents and payments for the Year 7 trip to Abbeygate cinema on 4 July, the Year 8 trip to Pleasurewood Hills on 11 July and the Year 9 trip to Pleasurewood Hills on 18 July is Friday 31 May 2024. And the deadline for consents and payments for the Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park on 11 July is Friday 7 June 2024

End of Summer Term 2024

The last day of the academic year is Friday 19 July 2024. On this day school will finish for students at 1.20pm. We are unable to change the timings of the school buses so they will run as normal at the end of the school day. If possible, please make arrangements for your child to get home by alternative means that day but if this is not possible, they can stay in school, in the Library, until the normal end of the school day. For lunch, a choice of pasta or sandwiches, will be provided for those entitled to Free School Meals or those who need to remain in school, in Ed's Place only, from 1.20-1.45pm

Year 10 Mock Exam Timetables

All Year 10 students have received a copy of their individual mock timetable today and a copy has also been sent to all parents/carers. The students will receive theirs via their school email address and parents/carers via their contact email address. Please encourage your son/daughter to **very carefully** check these timetables to ensure they know the dates, times, room and seat number (and tier of subject where applicable, as well as any exam access arrangements if shown) that has been allocated



to them. Any questions or concerns should be asked **before** half term, but due to GCSE exams running, queries should be directed to their form tutors or teachers in the first instance, who will then discuss with the Exams Team if required.

Deadline approaches to opt-in for Suffolk County Council (SCC) Funded School Travel

The deadline for parents to opt in for SCC funded school travel for the 2024/2025 school year is 31 May 2024. If your child is eligible, you must opt-in by this date to ensure that school transport is in place for the start of the Autumn Term.



Opt-in for school or Post-16 travel

Who needs to opt-in?
(You must opt-in each school year)

- ✓ New pupils
- ✓ Returning pupils
- ✓ Post-16 students

Opt-in deadline

⚠ Applications must be received by 31 May 2024

Opt-in now at www.suffolkboard.com/optin

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Mindfulness brought to Year 7 & 8 by BCY

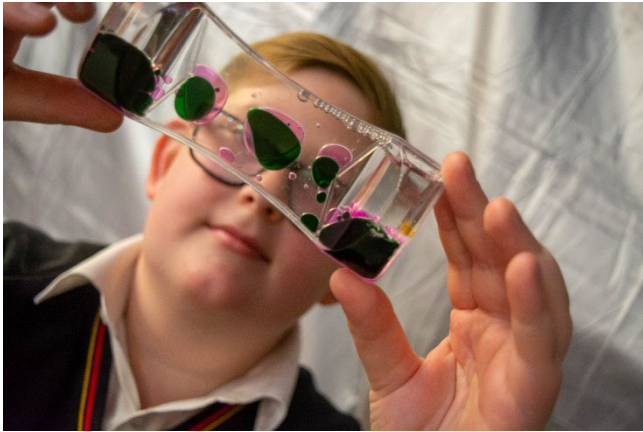
Last week all of Years 7 & 8 visited our Prayspace, run by Bury Christian Youth (BCY). Students moved round sections enabling them to think and reflect upon some of life's joys and challenges; supported by trained staff, Gavin and Nicola, our BCY Youth Workers. Gavin and Nicola also run a session every Monday lunchtime for any student in Key Stage 3 to attend, in the Study Centre.



Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley

The PE Department had the pleasure of taking 38 girls to the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley last weekend. It was a brilliant game and the students and staff had a great time. All of the girls represented the school brilliantly.





Colour Run - Fundraising Event



Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from two different books depending on their year group. Year 9 and 10 heard "The 57 Bus" by Dashka Slater.

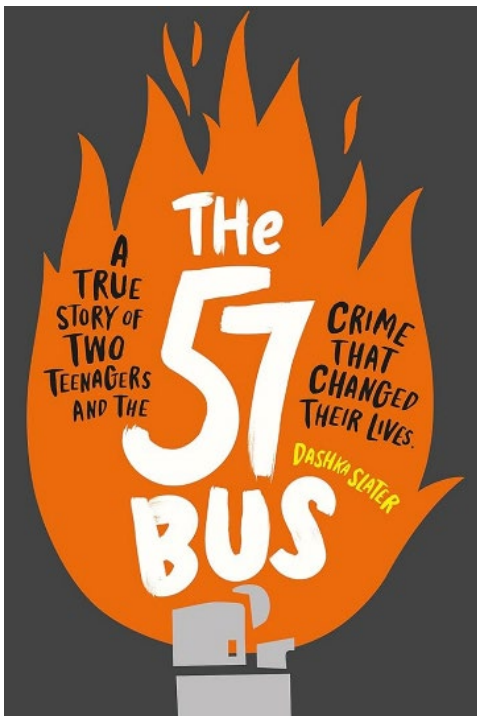
The blurb:

"Two ends of the same line. Two sides of the same crime.

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a Black teen, lived in the economically challenged flatlands and attended a large public one.

*Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight. But in *The 57 Bus*, award-winning journalist Dashka Slater shows that what might at first seem like a simple matter of right and wrong, justice and injustice, victim and criminal, is something more complicated--and far more heartbreaking."*

Please note: this book contains some unpleasant depiction of gender-based violence as well as reference to drugs and smoking and swearing. You may want to explore the content further beforehand.



Bury Lit Fest 2024

Bury Lit Fest Creative Writing Competition 2024

Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival's annual creative writing competition is open for entries!

Entries must be 800 words or less and inspired by the phrase 'Beyond My Front Door'. Other than that, they are limited only by the author's imagination. We will welcome all forms of creative writing be it short story, play, poem, script or song!

The competition has four categories for entry:
Children 5-10, Children 11-13, Young People 14-17, Adults 18+

Each category will have a WINNER and RUNNER-UP who will win tickets to the festival, a goody bag & the opportunity to be published in the Bury Free Press.

In addition the winner of each category will win a SCHOOL AUTHOR VISIT with bestselling and prize-winning author!

Entry is free for Under 18's & £5 for Adults 18+
To find out more visit: www.burylitfest

WIN FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Every October, the Bury St Edmunds Literary Festival holds a series of talks and interviews with local authors. In advance of this they invite the local community to submit their own creative writing as part of a competition. Please see the flyer for details. Do encourage your children to enter if they are creative - and perhaps even have a go yourselves!

ESU performing Shakespeare

Last Wednesday's regional finals of the ESU Shakespeare competition was fierce. Unfortunately, we did not make it through to the national final of the competition, however, the feedback we received was that we definitely had the best oracy component and spoke eloquently about Shakespeare's language. The girls did us so proud and were absolutely phenomenal in their performance.



Mental Health Awareness Week 2024

A quick reminder that it's Mental Health Awareness Week and this year the theme is all about movement for your mind. The NHS has a range of resources that can be used for the week (and beyond) that celebrate the benefits of physical activity on the mind.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Message from KEVI's Eco Club

Eds Eco Club – Pen recycling



Ed's Eco Club have been busy collecting the large number of pens from the pen recycling boxes which are distributed around the school.

Members of the Eco Club sorted through the messy pile and managed to recover just over 70 pens which are still usable, and over 200 pens to be recycled.

If parents or carers have any type of bio pen then please feel free to send them into school where we will send them off for recycling.

Mr Magee

yes

- ✓ Ballpoint, gel and fountain pens
 - ✓ Mechanical pencils
 - ✓ Refills and cartridges
 - ✓ Correction instruments (bottles, tapes and pens)
 - ✓ Highlighters
 - ✓ Felt tips, whiteboard and permanent markers
- All brands accepted

no

- ✗ Glue sticks
- ✗ Rubbers
- ✗ Rulers
- ✗ Graphite and colouring pencils
- ✗ Sharp objects

Vikings Curator Camp – Work Experience Opportunity

Running over eight sessions, this programme for **13-25** year olds, from 10.30am-3pm between 23 July–26 July and 1–4 August in-person at Ancient House Museum.

Young people will be creating a touring version of last year's Vikings exhibition that will be displayed across Thetford over the summer, as well as planning and delivering a Viking-themed event in Thetford.

The programme is ideal for any students looking to boost their work experience before the next academic year, as well as share their love of history and meet new people.

Lunch will be provided and they can reimburse any public transport costs incurred.

Anyone interested in taking part or for more

information, contact:

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HALF TERM STARTS WITH ABBEYCROFT



Jump into half-term with an amazing range of family activities to keep you and your children entertained.

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- Ⓞ Explore Outdoor
- Ⓞ Les Mills Born 2 Move Classes
- Ⓞ Racquet Sports
- Ⓞ Junior Gym



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*Not all activities are available at every site



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you an exciting weekend.

Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 and Term Dates for 2024-2025. Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
Friday 17 May	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half Term
Sat 8 – Sun 9 June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Mon 10 – Tues 11 June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Fri 28 June	School Closed - PD Day
Fri 19 July	End of Summer Term 1.20pm finish

Thought for the Week

I never dreamed about success. I worked for it.
Estée Lauder

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