

## Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

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

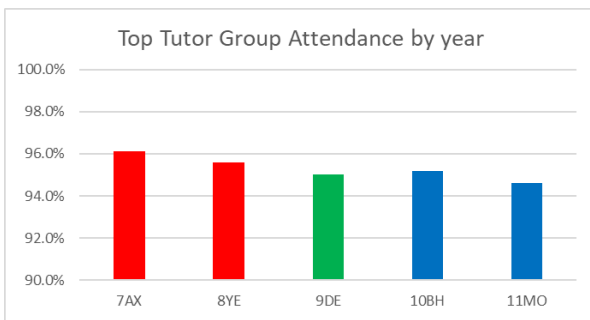
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Dear Parents and Carers

There is ever increasing evidence emerging of the harm caused by unsupervised access to **smart phones** during adolescence. [The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt – a pocket full of poison | Health, mind and body books | The Guardian](#). One immediate area of concern is that Tiktok and Instagram videos are being used to promote the sales of legal and illegal vapes to teenagers, as well as drugs. Another is that these Apps also allow teenage girls (and boys) to live stream publicly from their bedrooms. No child under 13 should have these Apps and those over 13, only by their parents' consent.

Please check your child's phone regularly, ideally supervise it's use and don't allow smart phones into bedrooms. The links below provide helpful guidance on how to support and keep your children safe when using a smart phone [Guides for Apple and Android devices parental controls | Internet Matters](#)

[Get smart about smartphone safety | Internet Matters](#).



**Year 11 have been brilliant in the first half of the exam season.** Thank you to all Year 11 parents for everything you are doing in getting them well prepared and providing emotional

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support. Please continue with your wonderful efforts and help them maintain study stamina as they prepare for the second phase after the half term break

## Student Leadership Team

I am delighted to be able to introduce the Prefect Team for next academic year.



**Head Girl:** Beth **Head Boy:** Amias

**Senior Prefects:** Meral & Fergus

**House Captains:** Tommy /Jared, Kiera /Adele, Freddie /Jack

**Prefects:** Megan, Hope, Gracie, Imi, Kiara, Lara, Angus, Daniel, Claudia, Lotte, Summer.

## Year 10 GCSE Fieldwork Trip 11 & 12 June

As part of the GCSE Geography course, students must complete two off-site fieldwork study days in contrasting areas. Please see copy of [Parent Letter](#), sent out in March.

## Silver DofE Practice Expedition

We had a fantastic Silver practice expedition last weekend with 31 students. They did brilliantly well, taking all they needed in their packs for three days and navigating themselves for 45km+ from near Woodbridge to Framlingham. The

route took us to Easton animal park which gave a nice finish to a full second day. Congratulations to all the students who are new prepared and ready for their qualifying expedition in July.

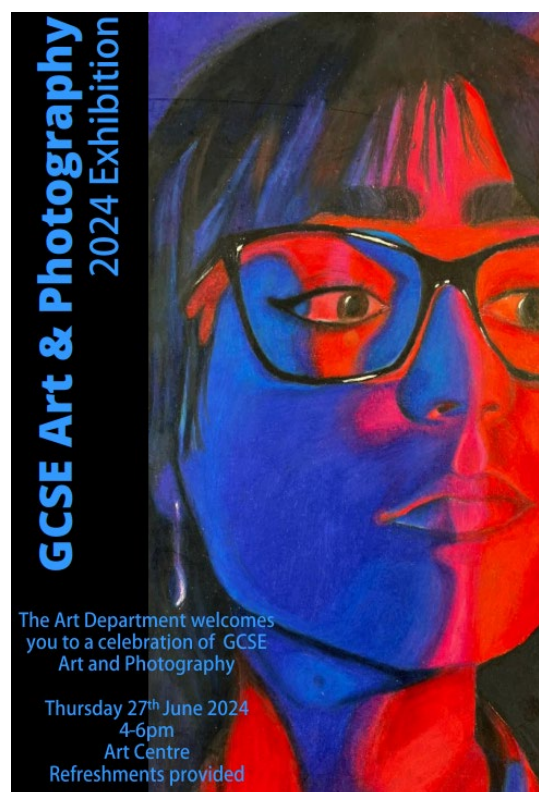


### KS3 and GCSE Art Exhibitions

The Art Department would like to invite you to celebrate in the work and achievement of our students. We have two exhibitions on 27 June 2024. The Key Stage 3 exhibition 'Land Sea and Sky', which explores the natural environment

through sculptures, ceramics, drawing and painting, and the Year 11 Art and Photography exhibition, as a final goodbye to what has been a fantastic year group.

The exhibitions will be in the Art Centre opening at 4pm until 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



## 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 payments for the Year 7 trip to Abbeygate cinema on 4 July, consents (including non-consents) and payments for 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 (including non-consents) and payments for the Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park on 11 July is Friday 7 June 2024.

## Year 8 Vaccinations - 10 and 11 July

Please click the link below for a copy of the parent letter, sent out this week. [NHS Parent Letter](#).

## Next Steps after Year 11

Please see a letter from Suffolk County Council regarding Year 11 futures. [PARENT LETTER](#)

## Apprenticeship Opportunities

[CLICK HERE](#) for a Control Panel Builder Apprenticeship position at MD Controls in Bury St Edmunds. Further information about the role can be found [HERE](#). To keep up to date with information like this, please see [the school website](#) or students can look at the poster board located next to Miss Granger's desk in the Library.

## Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from "I Must Betray You" by Ruta Sepetys.

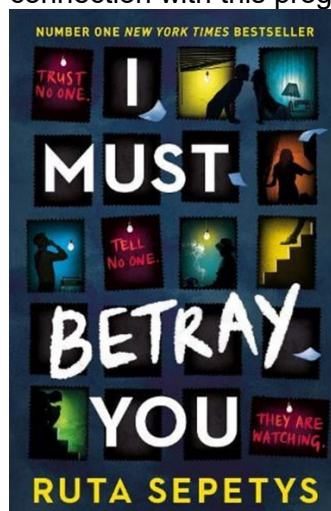
The blurb:

*"Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting?"*

At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family?"

Feel free to ask your child about the opening. If they seem interested and didn't win the raffle, it may be a perfect opportunity to take them to the

wonderful Library in Bury St Edmunds, who will be ordering in multiple copies of the book, in connection with this programme.



## Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum is pleased to announce their Annual Survey is now live. They are committed to being the voice of Parent Carers and want to understand the lived experiences of Parent Carers and their children and young people to help shape improvements to SEND services in Suffolk. [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey.

## SEND Community Event – Lowestoft

### Keeping children safe over the school holiday

Over the holiday period, if you are worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect, trust your gut instinct and report your concern.

Phone Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.

[Reporting a child at risk of harm, abuse or neglect \(safeguarding\)](#) - Suffolk County Council



### Healthy Suffolk Parent Survey – Vaping

Scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the parent survey.

Calling all **PARENTS & CARERS** in Suffolk  
**We want your VOICE**  
Smoking and vaping survey (about ages 9-18)  
HEALTHY SUFFOLK  
SCAN HERE!

Tickets on sale soon!

**KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL**  
**PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE**  
19 & 20 JUNE 2024  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

### Next Steps – After College



Thinking about your next steps after college?  
Join the Futures team at Abbeygate Sixth Form College to explore your progression options including University, Apprenticeships and Employment.  
**PROGRESSION OPEN EVENING THURS 6 JUNE 4.30PM - 6PM**

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER ➔



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a productive half term.



Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
<a href="#">Term Dates for 2023-2024</a> and <a href="#">Term Dates for 2024-2025</a> . Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half Term
Wed 5 June	Paris Trip Parent Information Evening 5pm
Sat 8 – Sun 9 June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Mon 10 – Tues 11 June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying Expedition
Tues 11 - Wed 12 June	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Fri 14 June	Year 8 Drop Down Day
Mon 17 June - Thu 27 June	Year 10 Mock Exams
Thu 27 June	Art Exhibition – 4-6pm
Fri 28 June	School Closed - PD Day
Tues 2 - Fri 5 July	MFL Trip to Paris
Thurs 4 July	General Election Year 7 Reward Trip to Abbeygate Cinema
Fri 5 July	Sports Day

Thought for the Week

**He who dares not offend cannot be honest.  
Thomas Paine**

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