

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to announce the names students chose for the Houses back in January. By far the most popular suggestion of the 750 students who participated in the survey was to use names matching our school crest. These embrace and promote the history of the school which is wonderful considering we are celebrating 475 next academic year. Our new house names are Crown, Lion and Rose.

Old	Green	Blue	Red
House	House	House	House
New	Crown	Lion	Rose
Name	House	House	House
New Colour	Gold	Blue	Red



Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - 10 July 2024

The Year 8 HPV Vaccinations will now take place on Wednesday 10 July 2024 only. The vaccination team will attend school for the whole school day and see the full Year 8 cohort. <u>Click</u> <u>here for the parent letter</u> which includes a link containing more information regarding these vaccinations and parental consent. Please complete the form with your consent decision as soon as possible. This is particularly important if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

Friday 7 June 2024

Following large numbers of parental complaints in the recent parent survey, we are seeking to return skirts to their designed length in line with our uniform policy. Please support this effort and speak to your daughter about why it is important to wear skirts at their designed length and not to wear them rolled up. Skirts are optional and we recommend parents buying plain black trousers for your daughter if they are not able to wear their skirt properly as designed. Please can you also ensure your daughter is not wearing a skirt which is clearly too short and bought for a younger child. Many thanks for your support with this.

For ease, below is the extract from our policy:

TROUSERS

Plain black (not grey) tailored trousers

 Not denim or corduroy; not cut away at the bottom; not tight-fitting or leggingsstyle; no stitched-on/patch pockets. Trousers should not drag on the floor. If in doubt, ask advice before buying. Belts should be in a plain style and black

SKIRTS AND SHORTS

Trousers are standard uniform for all students. However, skirts may be worn as an alternative to trousers and tailored shorts may be worn during the Summer term only. For those choosing to wear skirts, they must purchase the official school skirt which is tailored, pleated and worn just above the knee.

 No other types of skirt may be worn (e.g. straight ribbed, or those made of stretchy fabric). Skirts must be worn properly without being rolled up. **Performing Arts Showcase 19 & 20 June** Tickets are on sale now:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinged



The showcase will be a celebration of talent from across the year groups. Acts will include work that students have written or choreographed themselves and bands from several year groups who have been rehearsing in and outside of school.

Under 15 Tennis

Just before half term the students of the U15 tennis teams had a successful afternoon against Hartismere. The girls won 6-0 and the boys won 5-1. Well done all!



Athletics

The Year 10 Athletics Team had some excellent successes on Wednesday competing at the Super 8's competition. Huge congratulations to all that competed.



King Edward VI School Rounders Teams The Year 9 Rounders team played brilliantly at the Tournament before half term. They are through to the County Finals which will be on the 26 June.



The Year 7 Rounders Team put in an amazing performance yesterday at the West Suffolk Rounders Tournament. They won every game and are through to the County Finals.



This Girl Can

We are extremely fortunate to have secured cricket coaching for girls this half term from our County Captain, Lara Nield. These sessions will start on Tuesday 11 June 2024, between 3.45 - 4.45pm. Students can secure a place for this amazing opportunity by signing up on the school cloud booking system <u>HERE</u>.

GIRLS CRICKET CLUB ALL YEARS

TUESDAYS 3.45-4.45PM

FROM 11 JUNE 2024



Cricket Coaching and Fun Small Sided Games with LARA NIELD, SUFFOLK CCC WOMENS CAPTAIN



VENUE: ASTRO









Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters

For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from "The Lark" by Anthony McGowan.

The blurb:

"Things are tense at home for Nicky and Kenny. Their mum's coming to visit and it will be the first time they've seen her in years. A lot has changed since they were little and Nicky's not so sure he's ready to see her again. When they head for a trek across the moors to take their minds off everything, a series of unforeseen circumstances leaves the brothers in a vulnerable and very dangerous position. There might even be a chance that this time not everyone will make it home alive..."

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.

Additional Note: This edition is a dyslexia friendly book. It has been published by Barington Stoke and has coloured paper and dyslexia friendly font. If your child finds dyslexia a barrier to reading, this may be a great one to buy if they are unsuccessful in the prize draw.



Second Hand Uniform

If you have any old school uniform, washed and in good condition, that your child has grown out of or no longer needs, we will gladly receive it in school to add to our 'shop' stock. Please drop off at Reception.

Updates from our Careers Advisor

Please see messages below shared with Year 10 students.

It is time to start thinking about your post-16 options! In order to make an informed decision it is important to attend Open Events at the Colleges or Sixth Forms you are interested in to find out what they can offer you! There is a display in the library near my desk that I will continue to update with new Open Events, and I will also update the school website via <u>Post-16</u> -<u>King Edward VI School (king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)</u>. This will not be an exhaustive list, please continue to do your own research to find the best option for yourself.

Is your child interested in a career in Quantum Technologies?

This industry is set to create value worth trillions of pounds within the next decade! If you are interested in finding out more about the industry, then the Bury St Edmunds Guildhall are hosting a careers talk for you and your child! Join Frank Domoney, Chief Information Officer for Anglia Maghreb Quantum Cities , on Wednesday 19 June 2024 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at The Bury St Edmunds Guildhall, Guildhall Street, IP33 1PR. For more information and to book your ticket, visit their website: Here

Is your child interested in Engineering?

If your child is passionate about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and are curious about the dynamic roles within the Royal Navy, this VIRTUAL event is perfect for them! Discover the innovative technologies and ground-breaking scientific advancements that the Royal Navy employs daily. From state-of-the-art engineering projects to cutting-edge research in various tech fields, learn how they can be a part of this exciting world. The event is taking place on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 at 6.30pm. For more information, click here!

Local Events and Information



Move More from Abbeycroft

Move More Outdoors is a pilot programme whereby Abbeycroft has been funded by Feel Good Suffolk – Test Bed and in partnership with West Suffolk Council to provide open, outdoor, accessible and communal physical activity for adults (16years +).

What to expect: A physical activity class that aims to improve your fitness to a level that will help improve your lifestyle and offer great social value! All abilities and experiences welcome.

- Venue: Howard Community Primary School, Beard Rd, IP32 6SA – School Filed (indoor space available if bad weather).
- Cost: Free of Charge
- Time: 6-7pm (weekly sessions on a Tuesday)

No need to book, just turn up!



Proposed change to period of operation for Permit Holders Only parking bays

Parents may be aware that Suffolk County Council (SCC) is consulting on a proposal to increase the period of operation for Residents Parking Only to 8am to 8pm (from 9.30am to 3pm) Monday-Saturday, on the following roads near the school:

Challice Road	Grove Park	Spring
		Lane
Springfield Road	Cornfield	Grove
Avenue	Road	Road
Springfield Avenue		

A copy of the proposal can be found <u>here</u>. Any objections or any other representations relating to this proposal, including the grounds on which they are made, much reach Suffolk County Council Legal Services at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX or via email at

alicia.webster@suffolk.gov.uk no later than **Friday 14 June 2024**. SCC have stated that any such correspondence cannot be regarded as confidential and may be inspected by any interested party.

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

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Dates for your Diary <u>Term Dates for 2023-2024</u> and <u>Term Dates for 2024-2025</u> . Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website		
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	
Wed 19 – Thurs 20 June	Performing Arts Showcase 6.30-8.30pm	
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	Year 7 Reward Trip to Abbeygate Cinema	
Fri 5 July	Sports Day	

Thought for the Week

A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it is committing another mistake.

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