

# Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Performing Arts Showcase last night. The tapestry of talent on display was truly amazing.







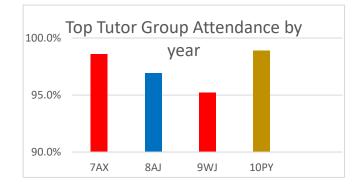


# **RLENS** Information

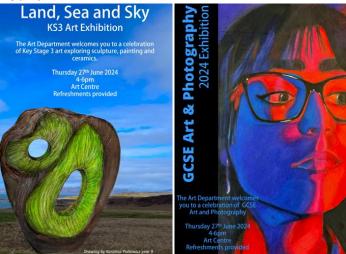
From September 2024, King Edward VI school expects any student in Years 7-10 who has been diagnosed by an optometrist with any of the following perceptual processing disorders:

- Visual Stress
- Meares-Irlens Syndrome (MIS)

• Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome to use coloured glasses or overlays (supplied by the student) to support them in school.



# GCSE and KS3 Art Exhibition – Thursday 27 June



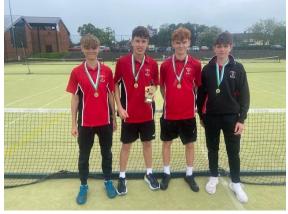
### **Tennis County Finals Day**

The U13 boys, U15 girls and U15 boys all qualified for the League 2 County Tennis Finals day held at Framlingham College.

The U13 boys beat Debenham in the semi-final before beating Woodbridge in a tense shootout to become Suffolk Champions!



The U15 boys were also crowned County Champions beating Framlingham and Hartismere!



The U15 girls team finished in third place and had some really competitive games on the way.



Well done to all involved!

#### **Duke of Edinburgh**

We recently had two hugely successful Bronze qualifying expeditions with our students passing with flying colours. "Pinecone cricket" and marshmallows over the fire were highlights at camp between two days of walking through Thetford Forest. The students walked a fantastic 30km! They should be very proud of themselves.





We have had record numbers of 90 students participating in the Bronze awards this year. Students now need to finish off their last bits of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills to receive their award.



# **GCSE Geography Fieldtrips 2024**

As part of their GCSE course, the Year 10 Geography students participated in their examinable fieldtrips on 11 & 12 June 2024. They completed an enquiry on sound levels within Cambridge City Centre and an enquiry on the effectiveness of coastal sea defences at Walton-on-Naze in Essex.

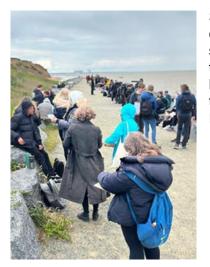
It was fantastic to see the students developing knowledge around these two enquiries which we will analyse in the classroom. I was very impressed with the overall level of engagement and determination. The weather remained favourable and two great geographical days were had by most!



Students investigating the effectiveness of groynes in trapping sediment



Students working as a team to ensure their data is accurate and reliable



Students conducting a cliff stability survey of the unstable cliffs looking north towards Felixstowe

Students receiving key information in Cambridge from Mr Grey



Reading for Pleasure - First Chapters For this week's First Chapters, students heard the opening chapter from ""All the THINGS that could go WRONG" by Stewart Foster.



### The blurb:

"There are two sides to every story

Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex.

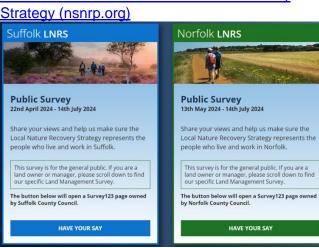
Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . . Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?"

#### Virtual Work Experience with Barclays

This is the perfect opportunity for students aged 14-19 to gain insight into a range of job roles and to understand what skills are used within a bank. The programme is not limited to those thinking about a career in Financial Services as the knowledge and skills students will learn can be transferred to other industries. The programme takes place after school starting on **1 July**, and includes five live webinars, activities to test and deepen their learning, and the opportunity to complete a project. Students will have until **28 June** to sign up. For more information follow this link <u>Online Work Experience | Young People |</u> Barclays LifeSkills.

# Suffolk and Norfolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy

A note from Ed's Eco-Club: Both Norfolk and Suffolk Council are asking for residents to have their say on how nature should be maintained and prioritised. Below is a link to the survey in which you can voice your opinion on how nature should be supported within Suffolk and Norfolk. Get Involved with the Local Nature Recovery



# Liam Neathey

The funeral for former student Liam Neathey will take place at Risby Crematorium on Saturday 29 June at 10.30am. There will be a private family wake afterwards. There is a <u>GoFundMe</u> page to which people can donate to help Liam's family with funeral costs.

# Keeping Children Safe Online

Please see links below for parent information and advice on how to keep children safe online and how to set up parental controls. https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullyingabuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safeonline/



The slang dictionary seeks to support parents, carers, and professionals to understand better the language young people may be using which could be associated with exploitation. It is important to recognise that if a young person uses this language, it does not necessarily mean they are being exploited. This resource aims to help parents, carers and professionals to start conversations with young people and to raise awareness around this language. If you are worried that your child may be vulnerable to exploitation, please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Team in school for additional support. <u>Slang-Dictionary-A5-Booklet.pdf</u> (safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

# Support with School Attendance



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#### Parents of Year 6 pupils, please see our new Instagram page for updates on Transition 2024!

https://www.instagram.com/kevis\_newintake?u tm\_source=ig\_web\_button\_share\_sheet&igsh= ZDNIZDc0MzlxNw==

Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you warm and sunny weekend.

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<b>Dates for your Diary</b> <u>Term Dates for 2023-2024</u> and <u>Term Dates for 2024-2025.</u> Additional information can be found on the <u>calendar page</u> of the website	
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 – Sun 7 July	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition
Fri 5 July	Sports Day
Wed – Thurs 10 –11 July	Year 8 Vaccinations

Thought for the Week

# When exposing a crime is treated as committing a crime, you are being ruled by criminals. Edward Snowden

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