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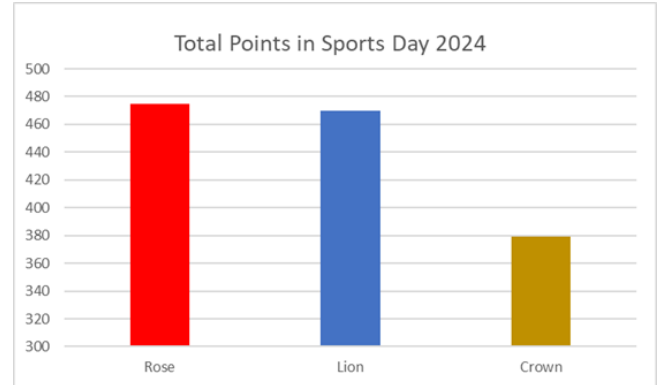
Dear Parents and Carers

This year has seen a significant increase in activity to celebrate the great work here at the school. Well done to all students who received prizes but also well done to all students who achieved high effort grades in their end of year report. There has been a large number of trips and events for students which we believe is important for character development and building a sense of community. Please support us in this by ensuring that you child attends HouseFest next Wednesday even if this fun inclusive event may feel out of their comfort zone. It is so important that our students develop a greater sense of community and belonging, and this is the perfect day to develop this.

There has been an amazing team effort here to get so many enrichment and reward trips completed over the last few weeks, and I want to thank all the Teachers and Support Staff who have made these all possible. We are lucky to have such a brilliant team in the school.

Summer Soiree

Please support our musicians on Monday from 7pm for their final performance event of the year.



Overall Winners 1st Rose: 475 points
2nd Lion: 470 points, **3rd Crown:** 379 points

Year 7:

Rose: 128 - 1st
Lion: 122 - 2nd
Crown: 108 - 3rd

Year 8:

Lion: 134 - 1st
Rose: 119 2nd
Crown: 118 3rd

Year 9:

Rose: 109 - 1st
Crown: 100 2nd
Lion: 99 - 3rd

Year 10:

Rose: 119 - 1st
Lion: 115 - 2nd
Crown: 53 - 3rd

GCSE Results Day

GCSE results day is **Thursday 22 August 2024**. Students are encouraged to come in to collect their results in person from the Library between 9am - 11am. Please refer to the letter sent via email by the Exams team this week for more details.

Summer 2025 GCSE Timetable

The timetable for the summer 2025 GCSE exams is now confirmed and available on the school website on the Exams page. The dates for the Year 11 November mock exams have also been added - the timetable will be published next term.

School Uniform

Please click the link for a parent letter from Aubrey Davies – [Parent Letter](#)

King Edwards Hosts Leadership Conference

Last week the school hosted a Leadership Conference run by Active Suffolk. Students from Mildenhall and Newmarket as well as some of our Year 9 & 10 students received practical and theory sessions in coaching, officiating and careers in sport.



Active Volunteer Programme

Last Tuesday, Year 9 and 10 students who took a six-week course called the Active Volunteer Programme in the Autumn Term, completed their year of Leadership by organising and running a Benchball tournament for 100 Year 3 & 4 girls from nine of our local Primary schools. They each had roles including Event Managers, Officials, Scorers, Timekeepers and School Liaison Managers for the very loud, but very successful event.



Under 16 National Doubles Tennis Finals

Huge congratulations to Erin and Grace who have qualified for the U16 national doubles tennis

finals! The event will take place in August at Wimbledon. Good luck!



Sports Day 2024





Thorpe Woodlands 2024
Year 7 residential has been great so far. All students are having a great time.





Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition.

We had a very wet first day in South Buckinghamshire for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition, but the resilience building experience passed to sunshine in time for the football match on Saturday afternoon which was well celebrated in camp! The students walked over 45km with full packs with few navigational errors. They were a delight to take and can be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

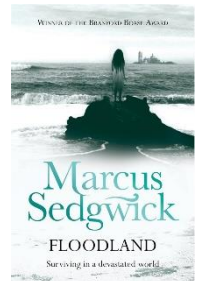


Changes to School Transport Timetables - September 2024

As part of the ongoing process/review at this time of year, there will be some changes to timetables and operators from September 2024. Please can all parents including those of the new Year 7s need to check the below website <https://www.suffolonboard.com/> for details showing routes and timetables. Some of the later changes may not be completed until the end of August. Any enquiries / queries need to go via the SuffolkOnBoard website or Customer Service Centre on 0345 606 6173.

First Chapters

KS3 - for Years 7 and 8, this week's First Chapters book is "Floodland" by Marcus Sedgwick.



Blurb:

"Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and gets away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too.

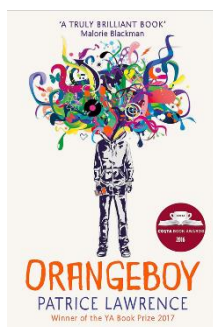
The belief that she will one day find her parents spurs Zoe on to a dramatic escape in a story of courage and determination that is handled with warmth and humanity."

KS4 - is "Orangeboy" by Patrick Lawrence

Blurb:

"Not cool enough, not clever enough, not street enough for anyone to notice me. I was the kid people looked straight through. NOT ANY MORE. NOT SINCE MR ORANGE.

Sixteen-year-old Marlon has made his mum a promise - he'll never follow his big brother, Andre, down the wrong path. So far, it's been easy, but when a date ends in tragedy, Marlon finds himself hunted. They're after the mysterious Mr Orange, and they're going to use Marlon to get to him. Marlon's out of choices - can he become the person he never wanted to be, to protect everyone he loves?"



Please note: This book has reference to drugs, though Book Trust rates is as appropriate for 13+. Feel free to discuss this with your child. If they do not win the prize, remind them that we have two copies in the Library they can borrow.

Online Harmful Content.

As a society, we continue to tackle Sexism and Misogyny and it will come as no surprise that social media is the avenue by which most people see misogynistic and other harmful content. In February 2024 a new report called 'Safer Scrolling' was released by Dr. Kaitlyn Regehr from University College London which contains useful, important data for schools and colleges on how boys are being targeted with misogynistic content, how social media companies are promoting that content and what we can do about it.

As part of the study, it is shown that after only five days of TikTok usage there is a fourfold increase in the levels of misogynistic videos shown to teenage boys in their TikTok 'For You' timeline.

There are similar concerns with WhatsApp and we know many of our students have access to this to communicate with their family and friends.

As with any app, the biggest concern is in the way students and others use the app. WhatsApp (like any messaging app) allows anyone to create an account. Young people can be exposed to inappropriate content and exchange inappropriate content with others. As with any

app, young people will also use acronyms or slang to hide risky their behaviour. In time, the Online Harms Bill aims to makes sure social media platforms are held responsible for the content they host, to prevent and remove illegal content and stop children seeing material that is harmful to them.

[Everything you need to know about WhatsApp | Parent Zone](#)

[What parents need to know about TikTok | Parent Zone](#)

[Social media advice hub | Internet Matters](#)



Please take time to talk to your child about the harmful content they may have already viewed online. This may help improve their understanding and reduce the risks online. Each app will have easy to use reporting mechanisms, please talk further about this and encourage them to report anything harmful they receive.

Adult Education

West Suffolk College outreach centres, including in Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Thetford, will to host free English and Maths courses – click the link below for more details.

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[Adult Education \(wsc.ac.uk\)](#)

Lavenham Literary Festival 1-3 November 2024

The 8th Lavenham Literary Festival will take place on 1-3 November 2024 with an exciting line-up of well-known authors, emerging authors and vibrant new young voices.

Here are some of the events that we feel may be of interest to students:

- A one-day creative writing workshop on how to turn fact into fiction and running a poetry

workshop to encourage those new to the love sonnet form, to write them “with flair and without fear.”

- Three female Suffolk poets reading their work and debut authors Jyoti Patel, *the things that we lost* and Hilary Taylor, *Sea Defences*, will share their experiences with Janet Ellis.
- On the theatrical front, actor Janet Suzman and director Bill Alexander will discuss his book *Exploring Shakespeare* and take us inside the rehearsal room.
- Ashley Hickson-Lovence, whose latest young adult novel in rhyme *Wild East*, set in Norwich, has been named young book of the week by the *Sunday Times*, will discuss this and his novel *Your Show*, about the first black Premier League football referee Uriah Rennie – this work in freestyle poetry is teamed with kick-by-kick match reports.

The English Department recommends all of these, but especially the creative writing workshop and "exploring Shakespeare" session.

They have a student ticket price of £8.50 for most sessions this year for the first time, and there is a new evening and Sunday bus service to Lavenham from Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury.

In the meantime, for a complete list of all Festival events please do visit the website www.lavenhamliteraryfestival.co.uk.

Local Holiday Clubs

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HOLIDAY Summer ACTIVITIES
JULY & AUGUST 2024

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*Free for those young people in receipt of free school meals, otherwise £35 per session

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Parents of Year 6 pupils, please see our new Instagram page for updates on **Transition 2024!**
[New Intake 2024 Instagram](#)

Reminder: Last day of term is 19 July at 1.20pm

Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a great 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	
Mon 15 July	Summer Concert – School ensembles and soloists will be performing at 7pm in the PAC
Mon – Tues 15 -16 July	Year 6 Transition Days
Wed 17 July	HouseFest
Thurs 18 July	Year 7 Celebration Event
Thurs 18 July	Year 9 Reward Trip
Fri 19 July	End of Term 1.20pm

Thought for the Week

You are so much sunshine in every square inch.
Walt Whitman

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