



## Today's Prayer

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**23/24 Issue No 39**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for the support you have given King Edward VI School this academic year as we have enjoyed some great successes. The quality of sports, music, drama and debating has been excellent, and we are excited about developing these key extracurricular areas further next year.

We are also proud of our excellent Duke of Edinburgh Award take up this year which was record numbers at the school.

We are delighted with the popularity of the school within the town (with our biggest waiting list for many years), however we realise that there is further work to be done to meet the full expectations of all parents and hence we will be bringing in new approaches to support outstanding behaviour for next academic year.

Well done to all students who received an award this year at our annual awards events.



**Friday 19 July 2024**

## Summer Holidays in The Yard

Join us this summer for outdoor eco-activities, outdoor cooking, painting & crafts in the garden room and more...

Wednesdays 24, 31 July,  
7, 14, 21 August  
11.00 am - 3.00 pm

You can find us at The Yard, across the green opposite the Cathedral Pilgrims' Kitchen doors (to the rear of the shop).

Please pre-book, limited spaces available.  
Priority spaces and meal provided for children whose families are eligible for free school meals, pupil premium or have an identified need.  
Contact [janedow@stedscathedral.org](mailto:janedow@stedscathedral.org) or 07747 540 594

**Age 11-18**

all welcome, people of all faiths and none



St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Most of these awards were handed out for effort, resilience and community contribution. These are awards that every child at the school can win next year if they throw themselves fully into their studies and life at the school.

And what a year next year will be, as we celebrate 475 years of providing education for the young people of Bury.

## Farewells

As with every summer we say farewell to a number of staff as they move on to variety of new things. Each and every colleague below has given so much to our school community and some of them over an exceptionally long period of service, we are extremely grateful for the commitment they have shown King Edward VI School and our students. Whilst it is sad to say goodbye we wish them the very best in their various new adventures.

### Retiring from teaching

Mrs Power, Mr Mellon, Mr Webber, Mr Price

### Relocating to other schools

Mrs Otoka, Mr Weaver, Miss Collet

**Starting Teacher Training**  
Mr Palmer, Mr Turner, Mrs Palmer

**Starting a Masters Degree**  
Miss Wells

**Relocating elsewhere in the UK**  
Mrs Eaves, Mrs Acheson, Dr Pickett

**Change of Career**  
Miss Harvey, Mr Wilson, Dr Pickering

### Paris Trip

Mr Ghali and the accompanying staff would like to thank the parents for supporting the trip to Paris. Our students enjoyed discovering various aspects of the French culture and put to practice their linguistic skills. They behaved impeccably and represented the school very well. The MFL Department has made a souvenir video to thank the parents and the students. [Link: https://youtu.be/7pxNvX3I7WY](https://youtu.be/7pxNvX3I7WY)  
In order to improve the planned trip for next year, we would appreciate your feedback. Please email your feedback to: [gh@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:gh@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk).

### Old Burians' Photography Competition Winners 2024!

It is wonderful to have support both from the Old Burians and Foundation. To learn more about our wider school community click here: [oldburians.org](http://oldburians.org) and [King Edward Foundation - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](http://King Edward Foundation - King Edward VI School (king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk))



### HouseFest 2024

I am delighted to inform parents that Housefest took place again this year and was bigger, better and more colourful than ever. The emphasis was on fun, participation and teamwork and involved mini competitions all day. It was also great to

celebrate our new House names: Crown, Lion and Rose. These were names chosen by over 700 students who voted in a process run by the outgoing prefect team.



### Maths Homework

All MathsWatch homework assignments have been unlocked. This is optional homework to be completed during the Summer Holidays.

### Summer is here and so is the Library's Summer Reading Challenge!

[CLICK HERE](#) for fun and accessible challenges to keep your children reading over the busy break. Encourage them to complete as many of

the tasks as they can in order to keep their mind active and succeed in collecting the best prizes when they return in September.

Let's make time this summer break to explore captivating stories and embark on literary adventures.

### **Deaf Resource Base (DRB) Yearly Round Up**

Well, what a year it's been in the Deaf Resource Base.

We started off with a BANG with the culmination of our Deaf Perspectives Project - a fantastic concert, which still leaves me speechless with pride and admiration.

We've had two Year 11 DRB students complete their GCSE exams who have applied for college & 6<sup>th</sup> Form. They've also sat their final British Sign Language assessments.

We've had a further eight DRB students sit their final Level 1 BSL assessment, results should be in soon!

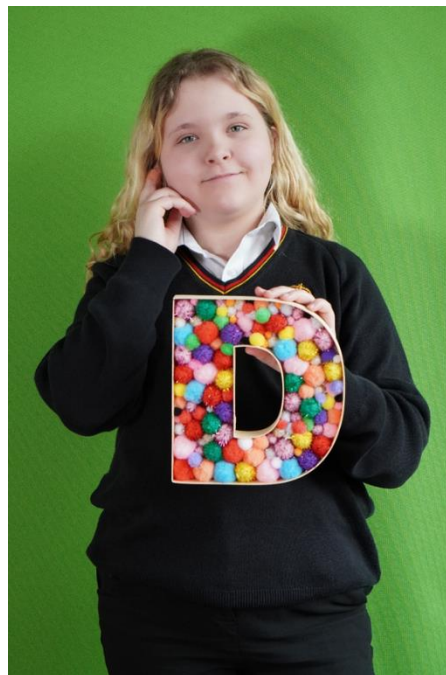


We've created and tested out an escape room based on content relating to Walton Burrell (Deaf Perspectives Project). This is available from the Suffolk Archives.

Hannah from the Suffolk Archives and Paul from the Offshoot Foundation were in last week to talk to the DRB students about project number 2 for next academic year.....watch this space!

We spent the afternoon at Westgate learning how to take professional photographs and how to edit these digitally.

Daniel Jillings, who has been instrumental in bringing about the introduction of BSL as a GCSE, came in on Tuesday to give a motivational speech to our DRB students. The session was very informative, and students were able to ask Daniel lots of questions about his experience of being a deaf student in a mainstream school.



The Year 9s have chosen their options - they have all got their first choices, which is fabulous! We also have two DRB students opting for the Music GCSE as a direct result of the Deaf Perspectives Project and the exam board have agreed to modify the exam criteria to make the assessments accessible for our deaf students!

### **Wimbledon**



We had the pleasure of taking some of our tennis players to attend Wimbledon on Saturday 13th. We had court 1 tickets and saw the women's doubles wheelchair finals, the invitational women's doubles which had Martina Hingis and Kim Clijsters win their game as well as the men's invitational doubles which the Blake brothers won. It was an excellent day with a great atmosphere which the staff and students thoroughly enjoyed.

**England Schools Golf finals held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club.**

Our team (Jacob, Charlotte and Rhys) did themselves and the school proud, coming 20<sup>th</sup> out of 29 schools.



**Outstanding Sporting Achievement**

Year 10 student Samuel has been selected to represent the school and County at the English Schools Track and Field Championship this year, competing in the 3000m.



He achieved the qualifying time, in the younger year and on his 2nd time of racing at this distance.

Samuel finished in 20th place out of 37. He was a little disappointed that he didn't make the final which was top 12, but it was a good achievement for a bottom year athlete.

**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.suffolkonboard.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 our website or Customer Service Centre on 0345 606 6173

**Keeping children safe over the school holiday.**

Over the holiday period, if you're 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](#)



**HAF timetable**

[CLICK HERE for information about the](#) West Suffolk Council's Summer Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme 2024.

Other local holiday events

# SWING INTO FAMILY FUN

## THIS SUMMER



Swing into Summer with an amazing range of family activities to keep you and your children entertained.

- ⦿ Soft Play
- ⦿ XHeight Climbing
- ⦿ Swimming
- ⦿ Crash Courses
- ⦿ Snorkelling
- ⦿ Explore Outdoor
- ⦿ Racquet Sports
- ⦿ Junior Gym
- ⦿ Mermaid/Merman Course




**abbeycroft.org.uk**  
\*Not all activities are available at every site

## Young Person's Event!

### Summer Fun Day

For autistic young people and young people with learning disabilities (13-24)



Enjoy day full of summer activities, including a water fight, at our Young Person's Day Event at Sudbury Community Hub, CO10 2XQ.

Organised by Leading Lives Support Workers

Wednesday 21st August, 10am-3pm

Call 07584 118796 or email [info@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:info@leadinglives.org.uk) or [ellie.rayner@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:ellie.rayner@leadinglives.org.uk) for details.

[www.leadinglives.org.uk](http://www.leadinglives.org.uk)




# BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Join us for our annual Back to School BBQ celebrating a new school year. We will have free BBQ, fun kids activities, and school uniform. RSVP to let us know you're coming! Everyone is welcome

**SUN 4TH AUG 2024 - 1 TO 3PM**  
KEGS, SPRING LANE ENTRANCE, IP33 3AU  
[THE3.UK/BURYBBQ](http://THE3.UK/BURYBBQ)



## Young Person's Event!

### Bowling and Lunch

For autistic young people and young people with learning disabilities (13-24)



Have a great time at bowling, followed by a delicious lunch at our Young Person's Day Event at Haverhill Community Hub, CB9 0EL.

Organised by Leading Lives Support Workers

Friday 26th July, 10am-3pm

Call 01440 767929 or email [info@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:info@leadinglives.org.uk) or [toni.taylor@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:toni.taylor@leadinglives.org.uk) for details.

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# Young Person's Event!

## Sports Day

For autistic young people and young people with learning disabilities (13-24)



Enjoy an action packed, fun-filled sports day at our Young Person's Day Event at Sudbury Community Hub, CO10 2XQ.

Organised by Leading Lives Support Workers

Wednesday 7th August, 10am-3pm

Call 07584 118796 or email [info@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:info@leadinglives.org.uk) or [ellie.rayner@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:ellie.rayner@leadinglives.org.uk) for details.

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# Young Person's Event!

## Cinema Trip and Waffle Making

For autistic young people and young people with learning disabilities (13-24)



Take a trip out to the cinema, followed by some yummy waffle making at our Young Person's Day Event at Haverhill Community Hub, CB9 0EL.

Organised by Leading Lives Support Workers

Friday 16th August, 10am-3pm

Call 01440 767929 or email [info@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:info@leadinglives.org.uk) or [toni.taylor@leadinglives.org.uk](mailto:toni.taylor@leadinglives.org.uk) for details.

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

[New Intake 2024 Instagram](#)

Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a super, safe and sunny summer holiday.

Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b> <a href="#">Term Dates for 2024-2025.</a> Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
Fri 19 July	<b>End of Term 1.20pm</b>
Mon 2 Sept	Staff Training
Tue 3 Sept	Staff Training
Wed 4 Sept	<b>Start of Term – Year 7 Only</b>
Thurs 5 Sept	<b>Start of Term for All Years</b>
Wed 11 Sept	Year 7 Success Evening
Mon 16 Sept	Year 6 School Tours
Wed 18 Sept	Year 11 Success Evening
Thurs 19 Sept	Year 7 Cathedral Trip
Fri 20 Sept	Battlefields Trip
Mon 23 Sept	School Photographs

Thought for the Week

**Your past does not equal your future.**  
**Tony Robbins**

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