



## Today's Prayer

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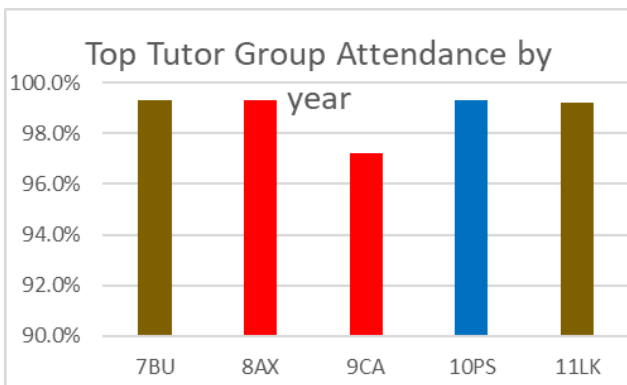
Dear Parents and Carers

Learning how people live in other countries can be an amazing experience for young people. I am delighted to inform parents that we have managed to re-establish a link with a top school in Shanghai who will be visiting the school at the end of this month. If you and your child would like to take advantage of this international opportunity, please click the link below to find out how you and your child can get involved: [Parent Letter](#)

Our visitors will be aged 13-14, so students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will particularly benefit from the experience. They will be visiting from 30 September to 5 October 2024.



## Attendance League Table



Inspiring young people in Bury St Edmunds since 1550



King Edward VI School  
Bury St Edmunds

Curiosity | Care | Courage | Creativity

## Open Evening

Thursday 10 October 2024  
6pm-8pm



## Year 7 Welcome Event at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Special thanks need to go to the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral for hosting our annual Year 7 Welcome Event last Thursday when Year 7 were formally welcomed into the school community. Their behaviour and conduct walking to, during and from the event was impeccable and all Year 7 parents should be very proud.

## School Photographs

School photographs for Years 7, 9 and 11 will take place on Monday 23 September 2024, this includes the Year 11 group photograph. If your child is in Year 8 or 10 and has arrived in school since the start of the last academic year, their photographs will also be taken. Please remind your child that they should bring a school jumper in on Monday and that they need to look extra smart!

## 2023-2024 Year 11

We said a final farewell to our top GCSE achievers earlier this week and prizes were handed out to many students who achieved amazing GCSE results last summer. We were also proud to award the Jane Tyers Cup to Jamie for overcoming significant barriers in school life. All students in the school will get the chance to win prizes this year for: top academic

achievement, progress and community contribution. This will be awarded in July 2025.



### ICT Helpdesk Reminder

If you or your child require IT assistance, you can contact our IT team directly via this email address: [icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:icthelpdesk@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

### Lost Property

We make every effort to return lost property to their respective owners via their Year Teams and have a centralised location for lost property (next to student services). Misplaced items discovered at school often have no name attached to them. If your child misplaces an item, please remind them to retrace their movements through the school and check in lost property to see whether it has been turned in. Please note, we are unable to retain items for longer than a term at a time, due to storage constraints, so please remind your child to regularly check lost property and pick up their lost items.

### Seneca

Parents are now able to support their children's homework in some subjects using the Seneca Learning platform. You should get an email request from Seneca to join. Please click the link for more information:

[How to use the Parent Platform | Seneca Learning Help Centre](#)

### Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards are being launched this week for Year 9 (Bronze award) and Year 10 (Silver award). This is a brilliant opportunity to encourage your young person to start an adventure and take on new challenges with their friends.

Mr Hepper will be holding a **parent information evening** for both Year 9 and 10 parents on **Thursday 26 September at 5.30pm on Teams**. He will explain how the programme works, offer details and answer any questions you may have. Click the link to join the meeting: [Duke Of Edinburgh TEAMS meeting](#)

Mr Hepper has presented an assembly to Year 10 this week and will present to Year 9 on Thursday morning (26 Sept).

### Year 11 Success Evening

Thank you to all of you that came to the success evening this week. For those that were unable to attend a recording of the presentations will be accessible on the school website shortly. Please find links below to register for upcoming open days at West Suffolk College and Abbeygate VI Form. [Open Days \(wsc.ac.uk\)](#)

[Open Days - Abbeygate Sixth Form College \(abbeygatesfc.ac.uk\)](http://abbeygatesfc.ac.uk)

## School Fixture Update

### Netball



Huge success for the Year 9 Netball Team, with a 15/ 5 win against Stowmarket.



The Year 11 squad have had a great start to the year!

### Cricket

The school's U15 cricket team finished runners up in the County Cup Finals held last term. The young side which featured mainly year 9s faced a strong Thurston side of largely Year 11s, but gave a good account of themselves.

Tobias took 3 wickets whilst Ollie scored an excellent 35 not out.

### Football

The school football season has opened with two friendlies at Culford. The Under 14s won 2-1 whilst the Under 15s were 5-0 winners with goals from Aiden (2), Jack, Ned and George.

### F1 Teams need your help!

Our F1 teams are looking for sponsorship to support this year's F1 in Schools Challenge. The main aim of the competition is to design, manufacture and race miniature F1 cars in preparation for the regional final in January. Alongside, students are to produce working drawings, design portfolios, an enterprise report and give presentations!

A part of the challenge is to raise funds by linking with local businesses to help pay for materials, manufacture, branding and travel.

Our current F1 teams are reaching out to you to ask if anyone will be willing to sponsor or provide a service such as printing, lacquering, 3D printing, creating merchandise etc to support them. Each of the three teams have different requests so if you can support, please email Miss Pickett: [px@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:px@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) who will pass your details on the teams.

For more information please click the link: [Basic Steps - F1 IN SCHOOLS GLOBAL](#)

### New Books

Here are a few of the new titles in the school Library this week!

One Piece by Eiichiro Oda Vol 1-10

Attack on Titan by Hajime Isayama Vol 1-10

Naruto by Masashi Kishimoto Vol 1-12

Uglies by Scott Westerfield (recently released movie on Netflix)

A Good Girls Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Secret Library by Oliver Tearle

Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

The Girl Who Couldn't Lie by Radhika Sanghani

Number The Stars by Louis Lowry

Please encourage your children to stop by and check out these wonderful new reads along with many others from our ever-growing collection.

New books are added regularly, and we love receiving suggestions! If you or your child have book requests, feel free to email the Librarian directly at [SDR@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:SDR@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) Happy reading!

### First Chapters

Students in Years 8 - 10 are reading the opening chapter of a book in tutor time. Year 7 students will start this after half-term, as they are currently reading a book called "You are Awesome". They have an opportunity to go into a prize draw to win a copy of that book. Additional copies have been purchased for the Library for anyone who does not win but would like to read it. "Book talk" is a great way to get young people reading - part of it is to start to figure out what things they like to read or don't like to read. Feel free to ask your child what they read this week.

Last week, Years 8 and 9 read *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgewick. Year 10 read *Orangeboy* by Patrick Lawrence.

This week, Years 8 and 9 are reading *The Cats we Meet Along the Way* by Nadia Mikail. Year 10 are reading *You Think You Know Me* by Ayaan Mohamud.



In line with Youth Mental Health Day 2024, Stem 4 have produced a free resource which aims to help young people manage their digital wellbeing. It offers practical advice on setting screen time boundaries, understanding the impact of social media on mental health, and developing healthier online habits, empowering young people to make positive changes for their mental health in the digital age. Click [HERE](#) to download the guide. #ControlYourScroll.

[#ControlYourScroll General Edition \(stem4.org.uk\)](https://stem4.org.uk)

### British Sign Language Courses at KEVI



## COME AND LEARN

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 1



Monday 6PM - 7.30PM King Edward VI School  
Sept 24 - July 2025 - £300 - Term Time Only

- Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace
- All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
- Face to face sessions
- Tea/Coffee facilities available
- 30 places available
- 20% Deposit to book your place

Enrolment form



Contact: Mrs Talbot  
SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk  
For further information and to start your journey!



## COME AND LEARN

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 2



Wednesday 6PM - 8PM - King Edward School  
34 Sessions - Oct 2024 to July 2025 - £425 - Starts Oct 2024

- Taught by qualified BSL tutor with 20yrs experience.
- Immersive and fun interactive sessions
- Meet new friends and enjoy the visual world of gesture and sign
- Work towards and receive a nationally recognised qualification at your own pace
- All Signature qualifications are accredited by Ofqual
- Face to face sessions
- 12 places available



Contact: Mrs Talbot  
SET@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk  
For further information and confirm your place!



## Free Afterschool Clubs at the Yard at Bury Cathedral

The clubs are run by experienced youth mentors and are open to everyone.

Mondays 4-5 pm – Calm in the Yard (mindfulness and emotional resilience)

Tuesdays 4-5 pm – volunteering opportunity (Duke of Edinburgh award etc)

Wednesday 3.45-5.15 Art in the Yard

### Calm in The Yard

#### Wellbeing for young people

Being a teen is stressful! Whether it's school or social time, being a teen has real challenges.

If you're like many teens, you may have difficulty dealing with your stress. You aren't alone! There are things you can do to stay calm, no matter how stressful life becomes.



**Mondays 4.00pm - 5.00pm**

FREE to attend. Please pre-book, limited spaces available. Contact [janedow@stedscathedral.org](mailto:janedow@stedscathedral.org) or 07747 540 594

**Age 11-18**  
all welcome, people of all faiths and none

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### Volunteer in The Yard

#### Volunteering for young people

Young volunteer opportunities at the Yard: learn new skills, meet likeminded people, work towards a volunteering target, build your CV.

Help us to keep the Yard a lovely space for young people to be themselves.



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### Art in The Yard

#### Creativity for young people

Calling all young artists! Unleash your creativity and have fun at our after-school art club at the Yard.

Explore various art and craft techniques with Veronica. Whether you're a budding Picasso or just love to create and experiment this is the perfect place for you!



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

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	
Mon 23 Sept 24	School Photos
Wed 25 Sept 24	Y10 Success Evening
Wed 25 Sept 24	School Tours for Year 6
Mon 30 Sept – Fri 4 Oct	Shanghai Visit
Tue 1 Oct 24	School Tours for Year 6
Wed 2 Oct 24	Year 11 GCSE Drama Assessment
Fri 4 Oct 24	KS4 Design & Manufacturing Trip
Fri 4 Oct 24	Royal Ballet School Demonstration
Fri 4 Oct 24	The Future of Work - Trip to WSC
Mon 7 Oct 24	Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 10 Oct 24	Murder for Two – Drama Trip
Thurs 10 Oct 24	Open Evening 6-8pm

Thought for the Week

**If wars can be started by lies, peace can be started by truth.**

**Julian Assang**

*All past issues of this Newsletter are available [on our website.](#)*