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King Edward VI School Open Evening - Thursday 10 October 6-8pm

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Friday 27 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to celebrate European Day of Languages this week.



On Thursday 26 September, our students participated in a wide range of linguistic activities in the Library, including Arabic and Tagalog calligraphies, speaking and counting in several languages. They tasted some continental foods including a very well stocked 'Raclette' station. The Modern Foreign Languages department would like to thank all the participating students and congratulate the following students for their Courage and Creativity, running the activities: Katya, Kacper, Kevin, Zachary, Ellery, Imogen, Poppy, Vasco, Jared (Tagalog Calligraphy), Liam

Artist of the week

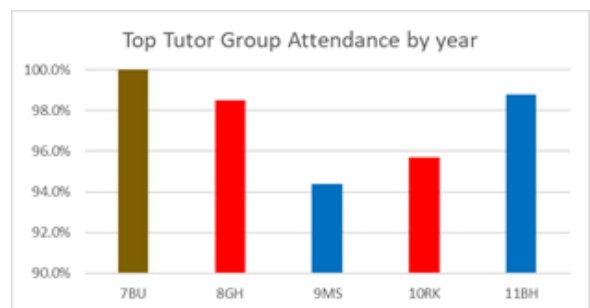
This week we are featuring a personal response to the artist Caryl Challis by Melanie in Year 9. Year 9 have currently working on the new curriculum *Greenhouse* which will be a large part of the end of year exhibition.



(Borrowed words), Sami (Arabic-French-Spanish numbers), Raphael (Arabic-French-Spanish numbers), Brecken (Countries-Languages-Flags), Kiara, Meral (Arabic Calligraphy), Dorothy (Arabic Calligraphy), Mohib, Rylan, Tobias and Freddie.

Trabajo bueno!

Thank you to Mr Ghali and his team for their inspiration in this important subject.



Shanghai Visitors

Our Shanghai visitors will be with us from Saturday 28 September. They will be spending the week with us and our students, participating in a range of different activities and trips. Thank you to all the parents and carers who signed up for the Host Evening. We really appreciate your assistance.

Flu Vaccinations – 7 & 14 October 2024

A reminder that the whole school flu vaccinations will take place in the school on Monday 7 and Monday 14 October. If you have not already done so, please complete the [ONLINE FORM](#) with your parental consent decision. **This year, the vaccination team will see all students in the school and time slips will be allocated to everyone. Therefore, we strongly advise you to complete the consent link to indicate THE consent decision.** Students should wear normal school uniform on these days.

School Gates

The School Gate on Spring Lane closes at 8.50am. Please ensure students arrive to school on time. In the event a student arrives after 8.50am, they must enter the school via the Grove Road entrance, where they can sign in at Reception.

Year 11 Mock Exam Master Timetable

The Year 11 mock exam timetable is now available on the school website on the exams page and can be found [HERE](#). Individual student timetables will be emailed out to students at the end of October. If you or your son/daughter have any questions please email the Exams Officer at clb@king-ed.suffolk.sch. Alternatively, students are welcome to come to the Exams Office to discuss any concerns. A reminder that the summer 2025 GCSE timetable is also available to view on the school website's exams page.

Non-Examined Assessments

Child Development: Year 10 and Year 11 students are currently working on their non-examined assessment task (NEA) in class, Task 4. The focus of this task is 'bottle feeding'. Next week on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 October, students will carry out their practical assessments throughout the day in an allotted

45-minute time slot. Students must be prepared and arrive with their plans (including equipment, quantities/ingredients, safety, hygiene and a step-by-step methodology). This assessment will contribute up to 30% of the marks towards the final Cambridge National grade.

Food and Nutrition: Year 11 students have started working on the planning section of their non-examined assessment investigations (NEA1). The focus of this task is 'air as a raising agent'. During the week commencing 14 October, students will carry out their practical investigations over one day. On the day, students must be prepared and bring detailed plans and blank recording sheets. This assessment will contribute up to 15% of the marks towards their final GCSE grade.

Dates and time for NEA assessments will be confirmed with students. **It is extremely important that they attend.** For both assessments ingredients & equipment will be provided by the school. All written work should be completed and handed in before October half term. Details for all tasks are on Teams.

Year 7 Disco

The Year 7 school disco is on Thursday 24 October 6.30-8.30pm. Tickets are on sale now, available to purchase via ParentPay for £3. Please purchase your child's ticket before 21 October.

First Chapters

During tutor time next week, Year 8 and 9 will be reading *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen and Year 10 will be reading *Not My Problem* by Ciara Smith.

Book Signing at KEVI

Year 8 students mark your calendars for an exciting author visit on Friday 11 October 2024. Please check out the flyer for information on obtaining a signed copy of available books ahead of time. You can also find the shop here: <https://www.burylitfest.co.uk/category/bury-lit-fest-schools-visits-2024>

Bury Literature Festival
Creative Writing Competition

AUTHOR VISIT 11TH OCTOBER

We are delighted that the winner of the 11-13 age category in this year's Bury Lit Fest Creative Writing Competition is **Joseph Spriggs in Year 8**. As part of his prize Joe has won King Edwards VI Year 8 a visit from **Award-Winning Author Kiran Millwood Hargrave & illustrator Tom de Freston!**



Tom and Kiran will be talking about their hugely successful novels **JULIA AND THE SHARK** and **LEILA AND THE BLUE FOX** and there will be the opportunity for students to get a signed copy of their books to mark the occasion and encourage their reading for pleasure.

We have organised a special price of £7 per book, or £12 for both book with local independent bookshop **Harris & Harris Books**.

Books must be ordered in advance by **10pm 5th October 2024** and will be delivered, signed & dedicated, on the day.

Both for £12

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insights into the history of each battle and brought to life the reality for men and women on the frontline in the trenches, the support trenches and the hospitals. At the end of the trip we visited Thiepval War Memorial, we searched out Cyril Groome, an alumnus of KEVI, killed on the Somme. Following a thoughtful speech from our military veteran, Rick; Jack Law laid a wreath on behalf of all the students and staff at King Edwards and we all held a minutes' silence. It was a very emotional and poignant moment for everyone. We couldn't have been prouder of our Year 11s on this trip: they were an absolute credit to the school. Many of the students vowed to return to the battlefields with friends and families to explore it further and ensure that the names of those who died here are never forgotten by King Edward VI School.



MathsWatch

Here are the students with the most MathsWatch usage! Well done on your Phenomenal efforts! Keep it up!

First Name	Logins	Last Login	Minutes
Abdul	24	22/9/2024	487
Tayla	12	20/9/2024	368
Isabella	23	23/9/2024	364
Lily	11	22/9/2024	339
Amy	22	22/9/2024	285
Arun	6	21/9/2024	273
Victoria	12	22/9/2024	243
Ethan	6	18/9/2024	240
Lily	7	20/9/2024	234
Joel	8	20/9/2024	224
Erich Faith	10	23/9/2024	223
Rory	26	23/9/2024	217
Elijah	22	23/9/2024	213
Sami	13	22/9/2024	210
Antonio	7	17/9/2024	202

GCSE History WWI Battlefields Trip 2024

Early Friday morning, 42 Year 11 History students travelled to Belgium and France to visit Ypres and the Somme to learn about and see the key battlefield sites they are studying in History. We were accompanied by a WWI expert teacher and a veteran army officer, who gave incredible

County Finals Qualifiers

The U16 Netball team, which is a combination of our Year 10's and 11's played in the West Suffolk Tournament yesterday and have qualified for the County Finals. They all played exceptionally well. A huge congratulations to the team.



Gymnastics

Year 9 student Robyn wanted to share her fantastic achievement with us:

Hello my name is Robyn and I started my gymnastics journey at the age of 5. I train at Bury Spectrum Gymnastics Club. So far I have won 40 medals: 16 gold, 13 silver and 11 bronze. Some of my greatest achievements include my gold medal on vault at the English Championships and representing The East Region at The British Tumbling Championships. I am also currently part of the Suffolk County Artistic Gymnastics squad and the East Region Tumbling squad.



Swimming Competition

A huge congratulations to Vanessa in Year 7 for her success in her swimming competition at the weekend. Vanessa won gold in 100m and 50m races.



Performing Arts Captains

Well done to everyone who was nominated / self-nominated to be one of the Performing Arts Captains! There is clearly a lot of passion for the Performing Arts in the KEVI community and the 'applications' were well thought out, courageous and highly creative!

We have decided to run the 'Captains' as a 'creative working group' to support the Performing Arts events throughout the year. We will meet 2-3 times per term to collaborate our ideas and strive to grow the Performing Arts across KEVI...and beyond!

Year 10 Child Development Visitor

Year 10 had a special visitor on Wednesday. New mum Claire came into our lesson with baby Everly, 10 weeks old, to talk about their feeding journey. The students were well prepared with a range of questions ready to ask Claire about her experiences and to help them understand more about feeding a new baby. This links in very nicely with the classes current NEA task and gave a huge insight into feeding, the frequency of feeds, types of formula, the hygiene and safety considerations, colic, winding baby (to name a few!) as well as giving us some useful information about labour, birth, equipment, sleep

patterns, clothing and how routines and life has changed since having a new baby in the family. It was lovely to have a real baby in our lesson to give students an opportunity to listen to Claire's real-life experience and make connections to what they have been learning about in the lesson. Baby Everly was super cute throughout and was very interested in looking at all of the students around her and she even wanted to have a feed and burp during the visit, prompting more questions and interest from the class. Huge thanks to Claire and Everly for visiting us.



Safeguarding Message

Last week Instagram (Meta) announced, "Teen Accounts: Built-In Protections for Teens, Peace of Mind for Parents" but what does it mean?



At a basic level, any new accounts created by users 13-16 will automatically be put into a more restricted teen account which has built in protections which are:

- **Private accounts** - new accounts default to private. This applies to all teens under 16 (including those already using Instagram) and teens under 18 who sign up for a new account.
 - However, currently this relies on users being truthful with their age. Instagram state they will be testing new technology with U.S. users at some point next year which will estimate age. This is poor, very accurate age-estimation technology has been around for years.
- **Sensitive content restrictions** - teen accounts will be placed into the most restrictive 'sensitive content control' setting.

- **Limited interactions** - users can only be tagged or mentioned by people they follow. Offensive words and phrases will be filtered out of comments and DM's (private messages).
- **Time limit reminders** - users will get notifications telling them to leave the app after 60 minutes each day.
- **Sleep mode** - Notifications will be muted between 10pm and 7am.

These settings can be turned off/on but users (16 and below) will have to set up [parental supervision](#) and those parents have to approve the changes. The parent supervision feature has been around for a while. New features within parent supervision includes ways to see who their children are talking to (but not the content of those messages), setting daily time limits, blocking specific time periods and see topics that children are looking at.

Introduction to Gelli Print Workshop

Join me on Wednesday 16th October for a 3 hour session learning how to make gelli prints employing image transfer, stencils and impressions and playing with colour. We will create interesting papers and images, going on to combine them in a collage. We will be in very small groups, so places are limited.

Location: The Corner Room, 10 Church Street, Framlingham, IP13 9BH
 Sessions run from 10-1 or 2:30-5:30 cost £50 pp and all materials are supplied. No experience required. To book a space email me : janevsouthgate@yahoo.co.uk

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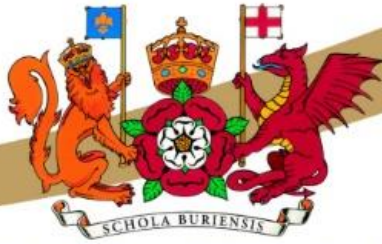
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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a relaxing weekend.

Deri O'Regan

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Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates for 2024-2025.	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page 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
Mon 14 Oct	Flu Vaccinations

Thought for the Week

Misery might love company, but so does joy. And joy throws much better parties.

Bill Ivey

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