



## Today's Prayer

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[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to every parent who supported the Open Evening this week. This was our chance to show off the school to the local community and Year 6 parents. Every student who helped with the evening showed great pride in their school community, and did a wonderful job of making our visitors feel welcome and leave well informed. The feedback from visitors was fantastic.

Thank you also to every parent who supported OFSTED this week in their inspection, by filling in the parent survey. We look forward to sharing their report with parents as soon as it is sent to the school, which is likely to be mid-November.



## Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards can be a life changing experience for students and it is exciting to see students getting involved and signing up! Registration for Bronze and Silver is open until Friday 18 October. We've put lots of useful information regarding registration, payments and more on the school website [here](#). If you require support with funding this great opportunity, please approach our Foundation directly to seek financial help: [King Edward Foundation - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](#) Universities and employers LOVE participation in this award as it develops precisely the character and resilience needed for success. **'Drop in to log in'** (both Bronze & Silver) - Thursday 24 October, 3.45-4.30pm in A39/A34. Students who have registered for the awards will be able to receive their log in details and get started.

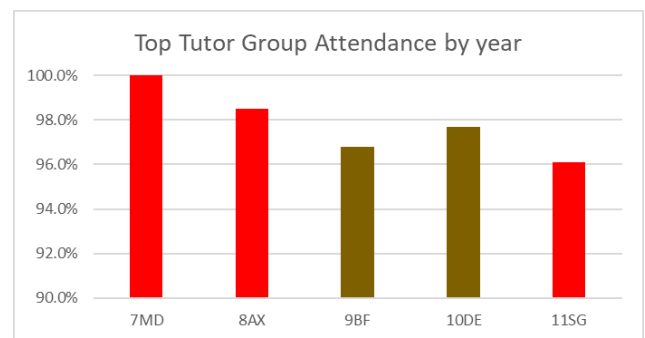
## European Day of Languages Competition



Congratulations to Lucy who won the European Day of Languages competition. Lucy produced a wonderful poster that promotes peace through languages. Merci!

## Careers Event

Thursday 17 October, 30 students who attend the Intervention Centre, Study Support and SEN Department or Deaf Resource Base will be invited to attend an online 'Employer Encounter' event during Session 1. Students will come out of their lessons from 9.30am.



## Artist of the Week



This week our artist is Year 9 student Jeremy. Year 9 have been exploring how to create an illustrative vignette in response to the artist Sarah Kirby. Jeremy has created a wonderful wild garden illustration



### **Stranger Danger – Safeguarding**

It's important that children know how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. Sadly they may be at greater danger from people they know, from other children or on the internet, as opposed to the traditional 'stranger'.

Rather than giving warnings about certain types of people, you may wish to teach them how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them.

Let them know who they can trust if they need help, such as a uniformed police officer or a teacher. Explain they **must** tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation.

Help your child learn to be aware of their surroundings; encourage them to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person; and encourage them to be assertive.

### **Tips when talking to your child about staying safe, not scared**

Try using language like this when talking to your child about staying safe:

**Staying safe** – “Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable or tries to get you to go with them.”

**Going somewhere with someone** – “It's important for you to ask me and get my permission before going anywhere with anyone.”

**If you have a problem** – “Don't approach just anyone – if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a shop assistant with a nametag or a parent with children.”

Avoid using language like this:

“You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them.”

“Stay away from people you don't know.”

“Never talk to strangers.”

### **Press Release**

Click the link to read our Shanghai press release:  
[Suffolk News](#)

### **Prom**

The Year 11 Prom date has been confirmed for the **2 July 2025**.

### **National Recycling week - Ed's Eco-Club**

The school is working hard to develop more ways to reduce and reuse what we have. Recycling is a great way to reduce our environmental impact. Next week is national recycling week, we are using assemblies to help focus students' minds towards the great value of recycling.

As a school we have recently set up schemes such as recycling writing implements, recycling unused student exercise book pages, recycling printer cartridges, recycling batteries within school and invested in more recycling bins across the school site. Our work is very much on-going!!



### **Water bottles**

We encourage all students to move away from single use plastics and arrive in school with a refillable bottle, and utilise the many water refill fountains around school. This will greatly reduce the amount of single use plastics which are significantly damaging for the environment. We have an abundance of water bottles in Lost Property. If your child has misplaced their bottle, please check the school website: [Lost Property - King Edward VI School \(king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk\)](http://king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) or visit lost property.



### Nearly new uniform

If parents or carers have any uniform items that they no longer require, they can donate them to the school for cleaning and reusing.



### Suffolk Recycling

Suffolk residents have a great resource at the link below to allow for clear help in understanding what can and cannot be recycled.

[What to do with? \(A-Z\) - Suffolk Recycling](#)

### Mental Health Week

Suffolk Mind came into school to deliver workshop presentations to all students on positive wellbeing; How to notice stress and anxiety and learn strategies and techniques that can be used to support one's emotional needs. Many students found the workshop useful and the speaker spoke about how overwhelmed she felt that so many students came to thank her at the end of each presentation. Take a look at [Support for those working with children and young people - Suffolk Mind](#) for further information.



### Netball

The Year 9 & 10 Netball teams played in the West Suffolk Tournament yesterday and both teams played exceptionally well. The Year 9 team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and have qualified for the County Finals on the 16 November. The Year 10

team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Huge congratulations to all that represented the school.



### Year 11 Open Events

Please ensure Year 11 students are booking on to College/Sixth Form Open Events. Please find below a short list of upcoming Open Events at



West Suffolk College, Abbeygate Sixth Form,  
Suffolk One Sixth Form and Suffolk New College.  
[Suffolk New College Ipswich/Rural/On the Coast  
October/November/December Open Event](#)

[Suffolk One College Ipswich- October/November  
Open Event](#)

[West Suffolk College Open Event- 19 October  
and 28 November](#)

[Abbeygate Sixth Form Open Event- 17 October  
and 16 November](#)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate  
to contact me on [tlq@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:tlq@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

### **The C3 Church Community Lunch is Back**

The C3 Church community lunch is from 1-3pm  
on Sunday 13 October, at school. It is a pay what  
you can lunch (if you can't pay anything that's not  
a problem, please come along anyway). It's for  
all ages, everyone is welcome! We will be  
having a great dinner of sausage plait, roast  
potatoes, carrots and peas. Finished off with  
crumble and custard for dessert. (vegan and  
vegetarian options available). Crafts will be  
available for smaller children. The community  
lunch is a good way to meet other people from  
the community and just relax!

If you are interested, please sign up by emailing  
[lan.mckee@thec3.uk](mailto:lan.mckee@thec3.uk). It would be great to see  
you there.



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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to  
wish you an inspection free weekend.

Deri O'Regan

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Term Dates <a href="#">2024-2025</a> & <a href="#">2025-2026</a>	
Additional information can be found on the <a href="#">calendar page</a> of the website	
Mon 14 Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 14 – Thurs 17 Oct 24	Y11 NEA Food Investigation Exams
Thurs 17 Oct 24	Year 6 School Tour
Fri 18 Oct 24	Year 11 PSHE Drop Down Day
Mon 21 Oct 24	Year 6 School Tour
Thurs 24 Oct 24	Year 7 Disco
Thurs 24 Oct 24	Open-Mic night, 4.30-6.30pm
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov 24	Half Term
Mon 4 Nov 24	Suffolk Future Skills Fair
Thurs 7 Nov 24	Y10 Child Development NEA Exam
Fri 8 Nov 24	Remembrance Cathedral Service – Years 9 & 10
Tues 12 Nov 24	Autumn Concert, PAC, 7-10pm
Thurs 14 Nov 24	Year 11 Mock Exams Begin
<b>Thurs 21 Nov 24</b>	<b>School Reports Available on Go 4 Schools</b>
Fri 22 Nov 24	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wed 27 – Thurs 28 Nov 24	Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thought for the Week

**The more risks you allow children to take, the better they learn to take care of themselves.**

**Roald Dahl**

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