



King Edward VI School

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

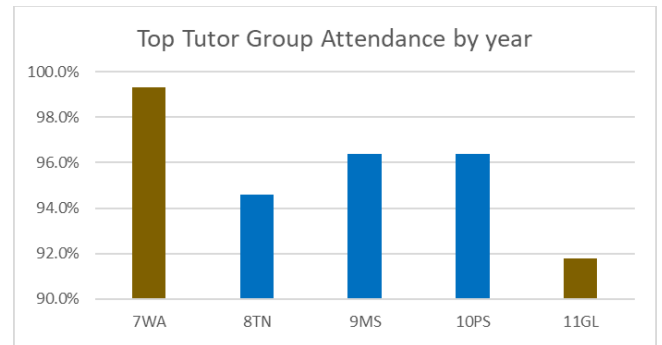
It was a delight to write to the 737 students who have achieved more than 20 Merits so far this year. Well done to them for getting the 'Grafter Award'! Other ways to get recognition will be to achieve top effort grades in the first full sets of reports, which teachers will start writing in the first week back after the half-term break.

Well done to everyone who performed in the Open Mic night this week – superb.

Also thank you to the Year 7 team for running the Year 7 disco. A fantastic £210 was raised for charity - party on!

Click the link to learn about our pre-loved uniform service: [Parent Letter 25 October 2024](#)



FOKES

We are re-launching our Parent Teacher Association called F.O.K.E.S (Friends Of King Edwards School) and it is much, much more than just fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents, carers and

friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too!

All parents, carers and members of the school community can get involved if they want to, even if they only have a small amount of time available and all parents and carers are automatically members of the Association when their children join our school. If you are not sure if this is for you or you are definitely interested in finding out more, come to our meeting on: **Wednesday 6 November at 7pm at the school (Grove Road entrance), School Reception. Please RSVP [HERE](#)**

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetables and Exam Access Arrangement Workshops

All Year 11 students (and Parent/Carers) have been sent links to their individual timetables for the Year 11 mocks this week. Tutors have been checking that students have been accessing these. However, please also encourage your son/daughter to check their individual timetables and come to the Exams Office as soon as possible with any questions.

We are also holding a day of Exam Access Arrangement Workshops on Tuesday 5 November. If this is applicable to your son/daughter, they will have received an invitation with their time slot. A reminder note will also be sent out in tutor time on Monday 4 November 2024.

Afterschool Club Updates

Year 7 After School Club is moving from Thursday to Wednesday. The School Cloud is now open for booking on to the sessions from after half-term. Please note, there is no Year 7 Football Club the first week back.

Food Parcels

Year 10 students will be raising funds for Storehouse again this year as well as collecting donations of food and everyday items.

What Do We Need?

- Food items that are non-perishable (food that does not need to be stored in a fridge or freezer): Tins, packets and boxes of food, treats, chocolate, biscuits, cakes, all within use-by/best before dates.

- Products for babies: nappies, wet wipes, jars of baby food.
- Toiletries: deodorant, cotton wool, ear buds, shampoo, bubble bath, toothpaste, soap, face cream.
- Anything else that you think a family may need in a food parcel.

West & South Suffolk Cross Country Race

40 students took part in the West & South Suffolk Cross Country event at Royal Hospital School last week.



Pride of place went to Year 11 student Sam who destroyed the field to win the Inter Boys race by a large margin. In the same race Jacob achieved an excellent 9th place.

In the Inter Girls race, Isla finished in a superb 6th place.

In the Junior Boys race Matthew claimed 7th place whilst in the Minor Boys event Josh achieved a tremendous 4th place.

A number of our other runners finished in the top 50 in their races to qualify for the full county final.

Mathematician of the Term

Each half term teachers within the Maths department are nominating a student from each of their classes to be placed in a prize draw. These students have been nominated for showing amazing effort and/or achievement within their Maths lessons since September.

All students have received a certificate, the runner up from each year has also received a chocolate bar and the winners from each year have received a chocolate bar along with a

queue jump pass which allows them to skip the lunchtime queue on a day of their choice. Congratulations to all students who have been nominated.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Max S	Ethan B	Freya B	Loulou E	Jared S
Martha L	Matthew M	Tom L	Jessica D	Evie F
Arabelle K	Lily-Mae J	Mollie B	Noah B	Tilly S
Christopher B	Lailah P	Bethany N	Riley J	Hattie C
Harry T	Henry D	Elliott B	Ilja V	Tom M
Melodie V	Yazmin M	Charlie B	Victoria B	Jack L
Apple F	William B-T	Lowri F	Stanley S	Lotte H
Indie A-F	Lily A	Evie C	Archie M	Callum M
Blake L-C	Jacob M	Lily B	Erin C	Tayla K

A new round of Mathematician of the Term will take place before the Christmas break.

Year 7 Update

Year 7 have truly hit the ground running and settled into KEVI life with great enthusiasm. They have already earned an impressive 7,945 merits this term, showcasing their dedication and engagement in all aspects of school life. It has been a delight to see them participate in numerous extra-curricular clubs, represent the school with pride in sports, and enthusiastically take part in the weekly tutor challenges.

One particular highlight for the students was the pumpkin decorating activity, where we were amazed by their creativity. Additionally, we have been deeply impressed by the kindness and developing friendships within the year group.

We are also pleased to share that Year 7's attendance is currently over 97%, which is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their commitment to their education. Last night we enjoyed celebrating the Year 7 successes at their first charity event, the Halloween Disco. It was lovely to be able recognise their accomplishments and the positive start they have made.

As we move forward, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the support you have shown to both your children and the school. Please be on the lookout for details about the upcoming Year 7 Parents Evening in November, and feel free to reach out if you have any concerns.

Miss Scarlett, Miss Ward & Miss Organ

Netball Teams

The Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 Netball teams all played Brecklands School this week and all 4 teams won their matches. A huge congratulations to all who played. Some excellent netball was demonstrated in each game.





Sally's Stories – Local Children Invited to Take Part in Chantry Library's Story Writing Competition

Chantry Library in Ipswich has extended the deadline for a story writing competition being held in memory of Sally Billison, a much-loved member of staff at the library who sadly passed away last year. 'Sally's Stories' is a children's story writing competition being launched to encourage local children to use their imagination and creativity to come up with their own story.

The competition has three separate age categories: 5-7yrs, 8-11yrs and 12-15yrs. **The new closing date has been set for Monday 4 November 2024** to give more local children the chance to take part.

For further information including what the story should be based on, please visit: [Chantry Library launches children's story writing competition to remember a much-loved staff member - Suffolk Libraries \(suffolklibraries.co.uk\)](https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/chantry-library-launches-childrens-story-writing-competition-to-remember-a-much-loved-staff-member)

Keeping children safe over the school holidays.

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. by phoning Customer First on 0808 800 4005 or 999 in an emergency.



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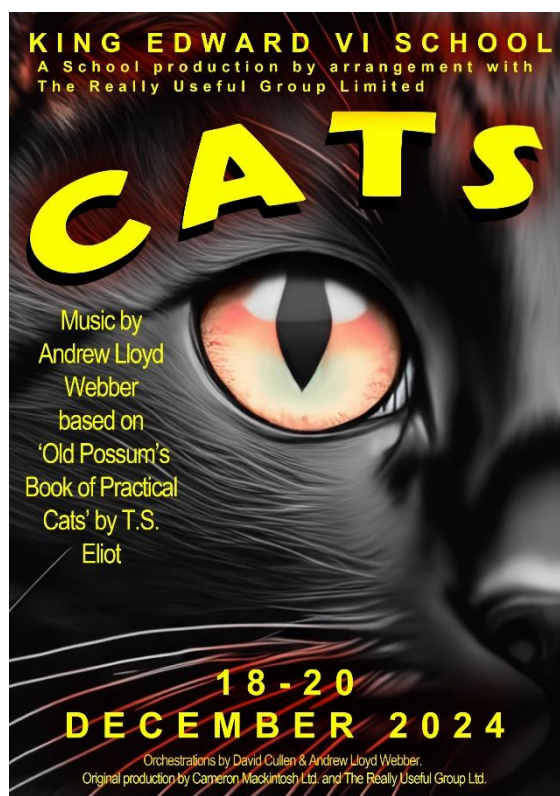
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Everyone at King Edward VI is wishing you a fun and exciting half-term holiday!

Deri O'Regan

Tickets go on sale next month!



Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2024-2025 & 2025-2026	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
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
Thurs 21 Nov 24	School Reports Available on Go 4 Schools
Fri 22 Nov 24	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Wed 27 – Thurs 28 Nov 24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tue 3 Dec 24	Lion King Theatre Trip
Tue 3 Dec 24	Parent Focus Group Tea & Talk

Thought for the Week

You are rich, when you are content and happy with what you have.
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