



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 all Year 11 parents who are supporting their King Edward learners in the run up to mock exams. Detailed information about how to revise for each subject can be found here in our KS4 Success page: [Key Stage 4 Success - King Edward VI School](#)

Mock Exams

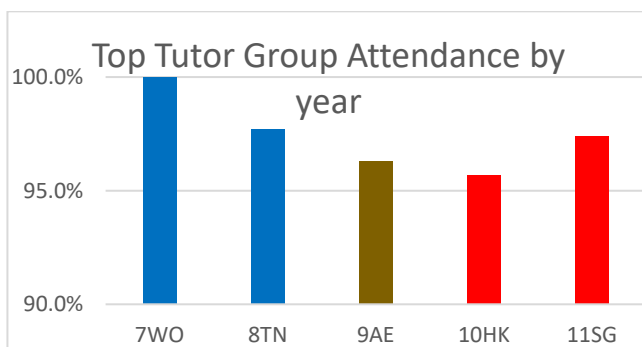
Year 11 Parents/Carers are reminded that the mock exams start on Thursday 14 November and will finish on Friday 29 November (there are no exams on Friday 22 November). These will be the last formal exams before the GCSE exams next summer. Please ensure that your son/daughter has checked their timetable and encourage them to come to the Exams office should they have any questions.

Mock exam timetable: [Year-11-mock-exams-master-timetable-Nov24.pdf](#)

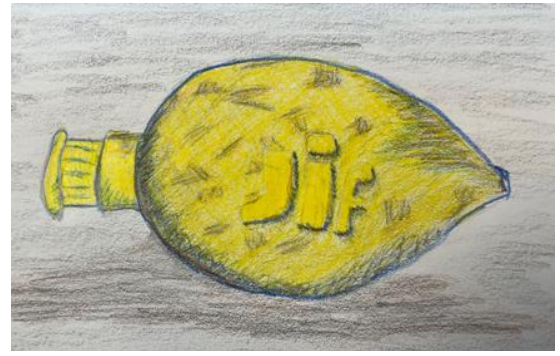
Examinations page: [Examinations - King Edward VI School](#)

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.



Our artist of the week is Year 7 student Ezra. Ezra has created a beautiful colour pencil drawing in response to the contemporary artist Joel Penkman whom we have been studying this week in Art.



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL
A School production by arrangement with
The Really Useful Group Limited

CATS

Music by
Andrew Lloyd
Webber
based on
'Old Possum's
Book of Pr
Cats'

TICKETS ON SALE SOON

**18-20
DECEMBER 2024**

Orchestrations by David Cullen & Andrew Lloyd Webber.
Original production by Cameron Mackintosh Ltd. and The Really Useful Group Ltd.

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.

Suffolk Future Skills Fair



On Monday 4 November, 130 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 attended the Suffolk Future Skills Fair at Suffolk New College in Ipswich. This event aimed to equip young people with the knowledge and motivation they need to make informed decisions about their careers. This is

especially important for Year 11s who may have needed extra support with deciding their next steps. Students took part in interactive, hands-on activities and presentations delivered by key employment sectors relevant to our region. Thank you to all staff involved!



Your Career Journey

Hearing about the journeys that adults have made from school into the workplace often has the biggest impact on our students and the choices they make when they leave school. Please share [THIS LINK](#) with any friends or family you think would be willing to contribute to our careers programme by attending our careers fair, offering work experience or workshops, or giving a talk/Q&A session etc.

Engineering Experience

During the half-term holiday, a group of Year 10 and 11 students signed up to take part in an Engineering Experience at Culford School. The event was organised by STEM Foundation 'Smallpeice Trust' who arrange many STEM residentials across the country. Over 3 days,

students visited engineering company Vitec, designed and tested gliders and electric vehicles using maths, science and technology and listened to presentations from engineers including a talk from a former chief engineer from Tesla. It was a great few days with several of our students winning prizes and even some securing work experience and offers of future apprenticeships.



Interested in Apprenticeships?

Rate My Apprenticeships are running a 2-part virtual event introducing students and parents to the world of apprenticeships. For more information, see the poster below, or access this link [RateMyApprenticeship Virtual Event](#).

Interested in Finance and Accountancy?

ACCA are excited to offer a series of live webinars designed to provide practical insights into a career in finance and accountancy. Make sure to join them to hear from industry professionals who will share their knowledge and expertise.

Day in the Life of an Accountant Apprentice
3 December, 6.30-7.15pm

A real-life look into what an apprentice in accountancy does every day—covering responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities that show accountancy is much more than just crunching numbers. Apply via [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Accountancy & Finance Application Masterclass
10 December, 6.30-7.15pm

Help yourself get ahead. This session offers practical tips on writing strong applications, preparing for interviews and assessments. Apply via [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Work Experience Opportunities

National Highways are holding free virtual work experience sessions during November and December! These sessions are designed to develop key employability skills such as problem solving, data literacy, storytelling and presentation. Students will enjoy a 45-minute briefing with the National Highways team and then have the opportunity to complete a career challenge at their own pace with certification upon completion. For more information, follow the links below:

For students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Wednesday 27 November 4.30-5.15pm

Link: [How did the hedgehog cross the road? Register Now!](#)

For students in Years 10 and 11

Wednesday 11 December at 5-5.45pm

Link: [Where there is Wi-Fi there's a way! Register Now!](#)

For the latest work experience opportunities with the NHS, UK Music, One Dance UK and more, offered by Speakers for Schools, please visit their website [Unlock Exciting School Work Experience Opportunities!](#)

Safeguarding

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups, including adding students to random groups without their permission. These groups are very large in volume, including students from other schools and unknown adults, in which inappropriate messages are then sent. We urge all parents to discuss this further with their child(ren), remove them from any large groups and closely monitor their online activity.



Click the link for further information and parental advice: [What is WhatsApp? A safety guide for parents | Internet Matters](#)

Chatterbooks at Bury Library

Bury St Edmunds library are running a Saturday morning children's book club call Chatterbooks. This is a great opportunity to help lapsed readers get back into reading as well as encouraging keen readers to try new books.

They will meet on the first Saturday of the month at **Bury Library** from **10.15-11am**. The next session will be on Saturday 7 December. The group is run by staff at the library and the next book will be 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. Copies are available to borrow from the display in the junior library. Children will be offered free squash and an activity or puzzle to either complete in the library or bring home. There is no pressure for children to have read the monthly book (they can chat about their own favourite books from home if they like) but we hope they will enjoy helping to choose the titles.

The book club is aimed at children aged 9-12 years old and will be an opportunity to chat about their favourite reads in a relaxed setting, make new friends and discover new authors.

The poster is green and features the Suffolk Libraries logo at the top left, which includes the text "SUFFOLK LIBRARIES" and "WHERE I BELONG" next to a stack of books. The main title "Chatterbooks" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the text reads "Every 1st Saturday of the month, 10.00-10.45". The next session is "Saturday 7 December". It is for a "book group for children aged 9-12". The featured book is "Cogheart" by Peter Bunzl, with a cover illustration showing a house, a fox, and a key. The text "This month's book:" is written above the book cover.

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Everyone at King Edward VI is wishing you a reflective weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. O'Regan".

Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary	
Term Dates 2024-2025 & 2025-2026	
Additional information can be found on the calendar page of the website	
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	Carol Service – Years 7 & 8
Tue 3 Dec 24	Parent Focus Group Tea & Talk
Thurs 5 Dec 24	Parent Connect
Wed 11 – Thurs 12 Dec 24	Christmas Lunch

Thought for the Week

**I am not what happened to me, I am what I choose to become.
Carl Jung**

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