



## Today's Prayer

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support this half term as we continue to raise standards in the school. Ensuring that students arrive in the correct uniform is so important for the effective running of a successful secondary school. Therefore, as we approach the half-term break, it is a good time to reiterate the uniform expectations that we have at the school. The full uniform guidelines are on the school website but here are a few key reminders:

- Students should be in school shoes and not trainers. If for any reason they are not in school shoes, students will go to the RESET Room where we have appropriate shoes for them to wear.
- Nails must be kept short for health, safety and hygiene reasons. Nail polish, false or acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum; students may wear one metal stud in each ear (not hoops). A thin metal necklace (tucked into the shirt) and a single charity or medical bracelet are also allowed. No other jewellery (including coloured earrings, necklaces, rings and bracelets) may be worn. No piercings other than ear piercings are allowed.
- **Please do not allow your children to get facial piercings or fake nails over the break, as it is not allowed.**
- Skirts must not be rolled up and trousers must be worn properly around the waist.

I understand the frustration of some parents when we focus on uniform, however, it really does make a huge difference. Also, in the world of work, if uniform is required, it must be worn properly to secure employment.

## Creative Writing

Five students from the Creative Writing Club have had their work selected for publication as part of a national competition! Here's Emma's submission:

### Something

There's nothing, the kind of nothing that can't be remembered once it's gone. Then, there's something, a thin slit, a pale shimmer.

I feel myself reach out, but fear pulls my fingers back, my hands shaking, heart pounding.

I can only remember little flashes of what happened before.

The shatter of glass, the screech of tyres. A sickening crack. Then, this.

Opening my eyes, the something seems so much closer.

It takes one more moment of hesitation, before I let my hand rise into the brightness, and let the something engulf me.

I'm done running.

Emma A.

## Reports

All Year group reports will be available on Go4Schools by the end of the school day. Information and guidance on how to access reports on Go4Schools will be emailed to all parents today. If you are unable to access the reports on Go4School, please contact [data.manager@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:data.manager@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)

## Non-School Uniform Day – Thursday 6 March 2025

As part of our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday, 6 March, we will be holding a Non-School Uniform Day with the theme 'Reading Clothes.' Students are encouraged to wear comfortable, relaxed attire that makes them feel ready to curl up with a book—think cozy jumpers or lounge clothes! The cost to participate is £2

(cash only), which will go towards expanding our school library's collection. Please look out for a letter with more details soon. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading together!

### Duke of Edinburgh

Reminder to Year 9 parents of students completing the Bronze Award of the upcoming Bronze training day: Saturday 1 March 9 -3pm, in the Foundation Room at school. Students should enter the site via the Spring Lane entrance. We will be going through kit, food, hiking groups, expedition mapping and more. It is advised to bring a notebook and pen



### Year 11 Exams Information for Summer 2025

The Exams team sent out a Parent/Carer email this week giving useful information about the GCSE master exam timetable and other key dates, when student timetables will be issued, clash exams, contingency days, rules and regulations relating to exams, results day, and who to contact in case of queries or concerns. We would be grateful if you could read the content of this email, and share it with your son/daughter. Thank you

### How to Revise in English

Year 11 Students had an assembly last week on How to Revise in English. The PowerPoint as well as some useful resources have been added to MS Teams for students to use. Please remember, there are also past papers and revision materials for literature and language on Teams. Here are some [links and resources](#) that parents may find useful.

### Bus 751 - Road Works from 17 February 2025, for 3 months

We have been informed that school bus 751 (from Great Whelnetham to King Edward VI School) will be affected by the road works involving a two-way light system with speed restrictions, starting from 17 February and lasting for three months.

Please see a copy of the [Parent Letter](#) sent out today.

We have informed Suffolk County Council that this could potentially have an impact on Year 11 students when we go into the exams period. We

were informed that this will be reviewed as and when and other changes could be put in place.

If parents for SCC pass holders have any concerns, please contact the Call Centre on 0345 606 6173.

### 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 math lessons since the beginning of the half term.

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 that have been nominated.

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

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Maisie W	Joe S	Sully W	Jack C	Isla B
Isaac W	Sophie T	Skye B	Maya J	Liepa J
Hollie B	Bonham S	Jessie M	Seren R	Caleb P
Summer P	Evie B	Florence A	Keilan H	Greta P
Finlay S-C	Andrews J	Lily Y	Adedoyin B	Casey-Ann C
Crystal B	Mustafa B	Freddie D	Ollie C	Harry P
Hayden B	Freddy H-B	Emma C	Jess H	Jack D
Mary-Rose C	Anna A	Zee K	Claudia H	Charlie P
Noah S	Cassie F	Ryan T	Aleksis P	Sienna B

## National Apprenticeship Week

It's National Apprenticeship Week this week, from 10 - 16 of February 2025, a week-long celebration of everything that's great about apprenticeships. For more information regarding apprenticeships and how to access them, please follow the links below:

[The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2025](#)

[Is an apprenticeship the right choice for your child?](#)

[Introducing apprenticeships: a great pathway to career success](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

[Support and help for apprentices with a learning difficulty or disability](#)

[How to help your child apply for an apprenticeship](#)

[How to help your child prepare for an apprenticeship interview](#)

## Setting boundaries and supporting your child to game positively

It's normal for a young person to want to spend time gaming on a regular basis. The point at which it becomes 'too much' depends on what is right for your child, and the boundaries you feel comfortable with as a parent.

If your child is finding it difficult to game in a way that leaves time for other important daily activities, they need help from you to set healthy limits.

Sometimes, setting boundaries around screen time can become a real battleground. If you're having lots of conflict with your child at the moment, it might feel exhausting. But there are things you can do to change the dynamic and introduce some healthier limits.

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The following link will provide some support to discuss this further with your child, and create a healthier relationship with gaming.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/gaming/>

## Parent visits

As part of our parental engagement plan, we would like to invite parents into the school to see the school in action during a normal learning day. Our first parent visit will be held on Wednesday, 26 February 2025. We have 10 places available for parents of any Year Group to attend. The tour will run from 12.15 – 1.30pm and is a chance for you to see what learning is typically like in the school and meet a senior member of staff. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please contact [head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) if you would like to attend the first parent visit.

## Wellbeing for school parents – new online resources

'Inourplace' is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

As part of Suffolk County Council's sponsorship of Inourplace, all of the courses and content are free to local parents.

Click the link to explore the new online resources available on the [inourplace website](#).

## SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers

Booking is open for an online session, hosted by SENDIASS, where specialist teachers from the [Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service](#) will explore practical strategies for supporting children and young people to build their confidence, resilience and manage everyday challenges.

[Supporting your child to build resilience](#)

13 March 2025 (10am – 11.30am)

[Register for session](#)

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**Email:** [enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk)

**Text:** ADVICE4ME to 87007

**Website:** [www.suffolksendiass.co.uk](http://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk)

**Message from the Safeguarding Team**  
 Over the school holidays, if you are worried about a child or vulnerable adult, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005

**ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON?**

**IF YOU SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING THAT WORRIES YOU**

Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership **0808 800 4005**

**Some of the signs to look out for**

- ▶ Very young children being left alone or are heard crying for long periods of time
- ▶ Aggressive or repeated shouting
- ▶ Children appear unkempt, dirty or uncared for
- ▶ Children are missing from home or school for long periods of time
- ▶ Children are meeting regularly with much older children or adults
- ▶ Sounds of things being hit or broken where children are living

If you are worried, please contact **Customer First** on **0808 800 4005** or visit: [www.suffolksp.org.uk/concerned](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk/concerned)

**Local Events**

**Suffolk Parent Carer Forum**  
 Invites Parents and Carers to our

**Neuro Developmental Pathway (Autism & ADHD)**  
**Focus Group**

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to provide feedback and ask questions on applying for Autism & ADHD assessments for under 18's

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 10:30AM – 12:30PM**

This is a virtual meeting hosted on Teams and requires registration. If you would like to participate and give your views, please E-mail [info@suffolkpcf.co.uk](mailto:info@suffolkpcf.co.uk) to register your interest in attending.

Working towards a brighter future for Suffolk's children and young people

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum, Brightspace, 160 Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, IP2 0HH  
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**ABBEYGATE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
 (IN COLLABORATION WITH WSC CONSERVATOIRE EAST)  
 PRESENTS...

**THE WEDDING SINGER**  
 A MUSICAL COMEDY

Book by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy | Music by Matthew Sklar | Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by Tim Herlihy

**12TH, 13TH, 14TH MARCH 2025**  
**7.00PM**

**ABBEYGATE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**  
**PERFORMANCE HALL**  
**BEETONS WAY**  
**BURY ST EDMUNDS IP33 3TT**

**12A** Rating

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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a relaxing half-term.

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

<b>Fri 14 Feb 25</b>	<b>Report 2 Published on Go4Schools</b>
Mon 17 – Fri 21 Feb 25	Half-Term
Monday 24 Feb 25	Return to School
Mon 24 - Fri 28 Feb	Learning Conversation Week
Tues 25 Feb	Taster Tuesday
Wed 26 Feb	Year 10 Parents Evening – Online
Thurs 27 Feb	Year 10 Parents Evening – In person
Fri 28 Feb	Year 10 Mock Interviews
Sat 1 March	Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Training Day
Tues 4 March	Taster Tuesday
Thurs 6 March	Non-school uniform day – World Book Day - £2 cash donation
Thurs 6 March	<b>GCSE Performance Recital</b>

Thought for the Week

**The kindness we extend to others ripples into the universe.  
Calvin Malone**

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