



Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday, King's Sinfonia (our school orchestra), Ex Cathedra (one of our three choirs), and King's Consort (our string quartet), alongside a number of other schools and ensembles from East Anglia, were taking part in Music for Youth's Regional Festival series at the internationally-recognised concert stage Snape Maltings.

Each group performed ten minutes of music to an audience of other festival performers and the public. Our students rehearsed very hard in the lead-up to the Regional Festival and handled themselves with grace and maturity on the day.



The Music for Youth mentor gave our ensembles insightful feedback brimming with praise, complimenting them on qualities such as intonation, tone-quality, and balance.

If you wish to hear the repertoire, and that of our other ensembles, then please come along and support our Spring Concert on **Thursday 27 March, 7pm in the PAC Hall.**

You can purchase your tickets via the below link:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-oidxvqm>

Year 10/11 Vaccination Catch-Up

On 2 April 2025, the Immunisation Team will be coming into school to offer catch up vaccinations for Year 10/11 students who missed the MenACWY/DTP Vaccine. They will contact the parents/carers of students who missed the vaccinations directly and will provide consent links and the necessary information. If you receive an email from the team about these vaccinations, please reply with your consent decision as soon as possible, especially if you do not want your child to be vaccinated.

Why not ask your child to get involved in the next Open Mic, hosted by the Year 11 prom committee on Monday 31 March.

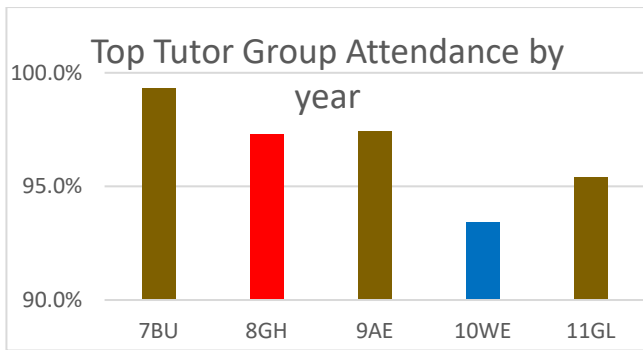
OPEN MIC
MARCH 31 | 5:00-6:30 PM



IN THE LOWER HALL -SIGN UP WITH YOUR TUTOR OR ON TEAMS.

**ALL MONEY RAISED AT THIS EVENT GOES TOWARDS PROM 2025 - THERE WILL BE A BAKE SALE AND A RAFFLE WITHIN THE EVENT.
RECOMMENDED DONATION £2 PER ENTRY. ANYTHING EXTRA WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

ANY ISSUES, OR LAST MINUTE SIGN UPS - EMAIL STUDENT 0284



Year 8 Parents - MFL Language Choices for Year 9

Further to the parent letter sent on 10 March, if you haven't done so already, please click on the link below and complete the form to indicate your child's choice of language: [Current Year 8 Students choosing Year 9 MFL Options for 2025 - 2026](#)

Year 7 Parents – Easer Egg Hunt

The deadline to sign up your Year 7 child to the Easter Egg Hunt is Wednesday 26 March. To sign up, please pay on ParentPay or in Student Services.

The Wedding Singer

From Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 March, members of the King Edwards community past and present, with other members of Abbeygate Sixth Form College took part to perform *The Wedding Singer*. With current students Matthew & Ava and staff members Mr Elliott and Mr McVey in the band and KEVI alumni on-stage and back-stage; the performances gave large audiences a nostalgic trip back to the 1980s with music that "had the eye of the tiger...and made you want to jump." (John Nice; East Anglian Daily Times, 13 March.)



Richard Walmsley, Director of Music at King Edwards and Lecturer in Music at Abbeygate said, "Abbeygate and King Edwards have strengthened their partnership through music during this year and this performance is the practical culmination of this. Moving forward, it is intended that there will be many more collaborative opportunities for performance." As a school we are committed to developing musicianship at all ages within the town.



Trip to The Hold and Northgate High School

The Deaf Resource Base went on a trip to visit The Hold and Northgate High School on Monday 17 March. Students were able to get 'hands on' with original historical documents and were able to view the original charter that had been created by King Edward VI for our school. Students also had the opportunity to tour Northgate High School which they really enjoyed and were surprised at just how big the school is!



Chelsea's Story

As part of our ongoing Safeguarding and PSHE education, this week our KS3 students watched a performance of 'Chelsea's Story', an

internationally renowned Applied Theatre Production that has proven highly successful in raising awareness around the issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

"It tells the story of a group of students who discover the diary of a girl called Chelsea. Chelsea was a 15-year-old girl who, having fallen out with her friends and family, met a guy called Gary. Gary was kind, understanding, had a nice car, had his own flat and listened to her. Unfortunately, Gary was not what he seemed to be! Chelsea's story is played out and examined by the students who, along with their teacher, attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea." (Narrative Alchemy)

Children between the ages of 11-15 years are most likely to become victims of grooming. They may not understand they are being groomed because they consider their groomer to be a friend. Unfortunately, it does happen, locally and nationally. It can lead to sexual and/or criminal exploitation such as involvement with County Lines gangs.

The school's aim is to make our students aware of what 'grooming' looks like and if they or someone they know is in a similar situation, to let a trusted adult know. Educating our young people to look out for signs, enables them to make better choices.

For further information on 'grooming' please view the NSPCC website by clicking the link below.

[Grooming: recognising the signs | NSPCC Learning](#)

Year 10/11 Game Design and Animation Free Easter Workshop

Tuesday, 8 April 2025 10.30am-4pm
Suffolk New College, Ipswich

[SNC 2D Game in a Day Tickets, Tue 8 Apr 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

During this free workshop, you will be introduced to the fundamentals of game design, art and/or animation, with the aim of producing a published platform game that you can share with your friends and family.

Wednesday 9 April 2025 10.30am-4pm
Suffolk New College, Ipswich

[SNC Animation in a Day Tickets, Wed 9 Apr 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

During this free workshop, you will be introduced to the fundamentals of art and animation, with the aim of producing a short cartoon that you can share with your friends and family.

Criminal Investigation Day: The Stephen Lawrence Case

In honour of Stephen Lawrence Day, the University of Law will be taking a look at the case that contributed to major changes within policing, the law and society as a whole. Investigate what happened, uncover the facts and follow the campaign to get justice with the University of Law. This virtual session will allow students to discover what happened and consider the impact of institutional racism on the legal system.

Time: 4-5.30pm

Study Level: Undergraduate (however there is no age limit on participation)

Event Type: Criminal Investigation Day

Location: Online

Sign up here: [Event Booking | University of Law](#)

Come and see our students perform at the Shakespeare Schools Festival.

Tickets are on sale now!



TICKET PRICES
Adult: £13.25
Cons: £11.25

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

26th March 2024
The Junction, Cambridge
Tickets Available from The Junction 14/01/25
Phone: 01223 511 511
Website: www.junction.co.uk/events/shakespeare-schools-festival/

Mental Health Services

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

NHS
Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Emotion Based School Avoidance
- The Adolescent Brain
- Bereavement
- Managing Uncertainty
- Building Resilience



Click the links below for free virtual workshops (Zoom) that are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life.

[Summer Term Psychology in Schools Workshop Programme](#)

[Summer Term Psychology in Schools Workshop Programme 2](#)

Free Easter Holiday Activities 2025

If your child get means tested free school dinners, then you can apply for a range of free activities for your family and children.

Click the link for more information: [Parent Letter](#)

ADVENTURE DAYS
AGES 8-14 YEARS

Saturday 5 April- Monday 21 April 2025
*subject dates apply

Come to life in the great outdoors this Spring and enjoy fire lighting and cooking in the wild, Archery, axe throwing and swimming, and much more.

With our Adventure Days happening across Mid/South and West Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

FREE BOOK NOW

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FAMILY PARK COOKING

Saturday 5 April- Monday 21 April 2025
Across Suffolk
*subject dates apply

Adults and children take part in an amazing family day out with a whole range of activities including a cooking masterclass, Outdoor activities all partnered with a provided lunch.

Take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards to make 5 meals!

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

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MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

Saturday 5 April- Monday 21 April 2025

Come along this Easter holiday and take part in our casual swim offer, & receive a free lunch too!

Check for applicable dates

Available at:

- Bury Leisure Centre
- Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
- Haverhill Leisure Centre
- Kingfisher Leisure Centre
- Mildenhall Hub
- Newmarket Leisure Centre

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

For more info:
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Everyone at King Edward VI would like to wish you a lovely weekend.



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	
Sat 22 March	DofE Silver Training Day
Mon 24 – Wed 26 March	GCSE MFL Speaking Exams
Mon 24 – Fri 28 March	PraySpace
Thurs 27 March	Spring Concert - 7pm
Thurs 27 March	Y10 Blood Brothers Trip
Sat 29 – Mon 31 March	Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Practice Expedition
Mon 31 March	GCSE Presenting and Performing Texts Exam
Tues 1 – Wed 2 April	MenAcwy/DTP Vaccinations (Y9)
Fri 4 April	End of Term
Tues 22 April	Return to school
Tues 2 – Fri 25 April	Y11 Art and Photography Exams

Thought for the Week:

**God is love.
1 John 4:8**

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