

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

24th February 2023

WB Monday 27th February is a Timetable Week 2/B

YEAR 9 KS4 (YEAR 10/11) OPTIONS CHOICES

.... need to be submitted before Monday morning

Using the information in the booklet which was distributed on the evening, we hope that you will be able to support your child in deciding which of the optional subjects they would like to study over the course of the next two years, until their final GCSE exams in summer 2025. The link via which subject choices need to be submitted is [here](https://forms.office.com/r/Mj500Tc57e) (<https://forms.office.com/r/Mj500Tc57e>) and **TODAY is the official deadline for submission of those choices**. If your year 9 child has not yet made their submission, please help them to do so over the weekend, if possible.

YEAR 11 CORE SUBJECT MOCK EXAMS

These are taking place, during lesson times, next week

Information about these assessments has previously been shared with students and parents (copy letter/timetable available [here](https://bit.ly/3KvuDeF) - <https://bit.ly/3KvuDeF>) and we urge you to encourage your child to make the most of the opportunity to use these assessments as a way to check their subject knowledge and identify particular areas they may need to focus their exam revision on; final GCSE exams begin, in earnest, in less than three months!

YEAR 11 GCSE FOOD PREPARATION PRACTICAL EXAMS

These are taking place during week beginning 6th March

All students have been advised of the date of their particular exam, within this week, and all parents/carers were emailed (3rd February) with a letter advising of the date of their child's exam and requesting parental support, as far as possible, in ensuring their child's attendance on the day of their exam (and an opportunity for students to practice their meal, at home, if at all possible).

YEAR 11 REVISION OPPORTUNITIES THIS TERM

and a request for feedback on last night's Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all those year 11 parents/carers who accepted the [invitation](https://bit.ly/3EziaTf) (<https://bit.ly/3EziaTf>) to come along, with their child(ren), to find out more about ways in which they can help their child(ren) in the final run up to this summer's GCSE exams. **Those attending asked if it would be possible to share a copy of the slideshow used and you will now find a PDF version of this, [here](https://bit.ly/3EvCgOb) (<https://bit.ly/3EvCgOb>)**

We would be extremely grateful if those parents who attended could spare us just a minute of their time to provide some very brief feedback on the event, to allow us to take this into consideration when planning similar events in the future. This (brief!) survey may be found [here](https://forms.office.com/e/54juwxDsyt) (<https://forms.office.com/e/54juwxDsyt>)

In order to provide additional support for students, we are also running a number of **revision/support sessions**, after the end of the Academy day (or at lunchtimes) which year 11 students are encouraged to take advantage of; a reminder of these, for students/parents/carers, is on the website [here](https://bit.ly/3Xvo7rk) (https://bit.ly/3Xvo7rk) - and students will notice posters around the Academy with this information.

ADDITIONAL 'ANNIE' PERFORMANCE - TUESDAY 14th MARCH

If you haven't managed to secure a ticket yet, here's your chance!

Due to popular demand we have decided to open our production of Annie one day earlier, for a special Preview Performance on Tuesday 14th March. All tickets are £5 and went on sale at 8am this morning, so you'll need to act quickly to secure yours [here](https://bit.ly/3Svdbso) (https://bit.ly/3Svdbso) before they sell out!

TEACHING UNION STRIKE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

A reminder of arrangements for students at OSA

As advised in our letters of [23rd January](https://bit.ly/3QXhva6) (https://bit.ly/3QXhva6) and, more recently on [21st February](https://bit.ly/41mm0Jw) (https://bit.ly/41mm0Jw), in order to ensure sufficient staff capacity to safely supervise and teach students, the Academy will be CLOSED TO STUDENTS IN YEARS 9 and 10 (ONLY); all other students, in years 7, 8 and 11 will attend as normal. The second of these letters ALSO outlines arrangements for the strike days currently scheduled for 15th and 16th March and we would ask that you ensure you have noted these; if the strikes are called off, we will, of course, notify you of any changes to these arrangements.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

Lots of activities planned – including a 'Book Swap' day!

Students have been hearing all about these in assemblies, this week, and we hope that they will join in the fun, with staff, and celebrate books of all shapes, sizes and genres. We will be hosting a 'Book Swap' day in our LRC and students are asked to bring in any read/unwanted books from Monday (to be taken to Ms Boreham in the LRC); students who have brought in a book to exchange will then be able to select a different book to take away with them.

YEAR 10 SUBJECT PARENTS' EVENING (ONLINE APPOINTMENTS)

Have you booked your appointments for Thursday 2nd March?

Parents/carers of students in year 10 were invited to go online and secure appointments with their child's subject teachers and many have done so; there are a number who are still to book appointments and we encourage ALL parents to take this opportunity to find out a little more about their child's academic progress in their GCSE subjects. A generic copy of the letter to parents, with details of how to book appointments, may be found [here](https://bit.ly/3Zkykrx) (https://bit.ly/3Zkykrx)

ORMISTON ACADEMIES TRUST (OAT) OXBRIDGE PROGRAMME

Calling parents of potential 'Russell Group' university applicants

On **Monday 27th February**, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, OAT will be running an online talk for parents of year 11 students who may be considering applications to some of the most established and prestigious universities in the UK - particularly those high-fliers who may be interested in challenging themselves to apply for a place at, for example, Oxford or Cambridge university colleges (Oxbridge) The session is free to attend – online – and may be accessed, through TEAMS, [here](https://bit.ly/3XYw4oQ) (https://bit.ly/3XYw4oQ)

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK AT OSA

Week beginning Monday 6th March

There will be lots of helpful activities and information throughout the week and we hope that these will act as prompts to encourage all of our students to appreciate the importance of 'forward planning' towards their future educational and career paths.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT OSA

....as advertised on our website

We are currently advertising for a teacher of maths (for September), exam invigilators (casual hours, during exam season), a Supervised Study Coordinator (non-teaching role) and a Pastoral Manager (non-teaching role); if these are of interest to you/anyone you know, please take a look at the information on our website [here](https://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/) (https://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/)

FREE ONLINE TRAINING/QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Includes courses in supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help parents/carers with developing their own careers. Here are some of the most popular subjects available:

- Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (Most popular)
- Neuroscience in the Early Years (Brand New Course)
- Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health
- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties
- Principles of Cyber Security
- Business Admin

These are just some of the more popular qualifications, but there are over 30 available! The qualifications are completed online within 12 -week period, at your leisure, but you can also complete them as quickly as you like. You can do as many as you like, however you may do just one at a time. If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses or would like further information, then please take a look at [the AIM GROUP website](#), sign up, choose the course that you wish to take and register for it via the unique OSA Parent link [here](https://bit.ly/3xNw9RA) (https://bit.ly/3xNw9RA)

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Copies of **Letters to Parents/Carers** may be found on our website [here](http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parents-and-carers/letters-home/) (<http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parents-and-carers/letters-home/>)

Previous versions of our **Parent Email Bulletins** may be viewed on our website [here](http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parent-email-bulletins/)
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