

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

31st March 2023

WB Tuesday 18th April is a Timetable Week 1/A

LAST DAY OF TERM TODAY

Easter holiday over next two weeks and then.....

Staff (ONLY) will be in the Academy for a training day on Monday 17th April (no 'phone or Reception service on this day) prior to all **students returning on Tuesday 18th April.**

It is also worth ensuring that our families have Monday 1st and Monday 8th May on their calendars as BANK HOLIDAYS (the first for the traditional May Day; the second, an extra national holiday, as announced by the Government for the Coronation of King Charles); the Academy will be closed to students and staff on both of these Mondays.

NEWS ABOUT OUR NEW PRINCIPAL FROM SEPTEMBER

As a result of Mrs Wilson's retirement in the summer.....

.....a new Principal has now been appointed, by Ormiston Academies Trust and the Ormiston Sudbury Academy Governing Body; a copy of the letter which went out to parents may be accessed from the Parent Letters page of the website or, directly, [here](https://bit.ly/3KnmMsg) (<https://bit.ly/3KnmMsg>)

(SCHOOL) BUS FARE INCREASES FROM 1ST APRIL

Message for ALL USERS from Hedinghams/Chambers

We have received an email, today (31st March) from the bus company, asking us to share information about increased bus fares which will affect students using the school buses when they return after Easter (as well as, potentially, any other users – from tomorrow) and their message can be accessed on our website [here](https://bit.ly/3lWj7P) (<https://bit.ly/3lWj7P>)

FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS/FAMILIES

Part of the Suffolk HAF arrangements, from Abbeycroft Leisure

Once more, this holiday, Suffolk County Council is joining forces with local providers to put on a number of FREE activities, to include a meal, for students from families entitled to Free School Meals or where they are otherwise considered 'vulnerable' for various reasons. You will find out more about the scheme [here](https://bit.ly/3FkPTjG) (<https://bit.ly/3FkPTjG>) and Abbeycroft Leisure (who operate the Kingfisher Leisure Pool in Sudbury) have produced information for parents which is accessible [here](https://bit.ly/3mP1Url) (<https://bit.ly/3mP1Url>). If your child is entitled to free school meals, we urge you to take a look at both of these sources of information to see whether there is anything which is of interest to you/your child over the forthcoming Easter holiday.

INSPIRE/PORCH PROJECT FREE EASTER LUNCH CLUB/ACTIVITIES (HADLEIGH)

For students registered as eligible for Free School Meals, who can get through to Hadleigh, this offers an opportunity to engage in an assortment of activities, meet other young people and even learn to cook a homemade meal! Further details of the scheme and how to book a place can be found

[here](#)

(<https://bit.ly/3FVZPAH>)

VACCINATION (AND CATCHUP) SESSIONS, YEARS (8),9-11

HPV vaccination and Meningitis/Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio 'catchup'

The Academy has previously tried to support the School Immunisation Teams in their efforts to ensure that the vaccination programme for young people has been successfully rolled out, by allowing the team to come into the Academy and vaccinate students for whom parental consent has been given.

Sadly, with the issues around COVID and, in some cases, reduced take-up by parents/carers, there are a number of students who have, so far, not received the recommended vaccinations and the team have asked for an opportunity to be able to 'catch up' a little in areas where there has been a shortfall, at the same time as offering year 9 students their first opportunity to receive the Meningitis vaccination.

We have agreed to accommodate the vaccination team in the **OSA Arts Centre building** on the morning of **Monday 17th April** (our staff training day) for a vaccination clinic.

Students in year 9 who did not receive their HPV vaccination in year 8 are able to receive this, on the same day as their Meningitis vaccination, which is now due; students in years 10 and 11 who have still not had one or both of these vaccinations will also be able to have their 'catchup' jab(s).

Information on each of the vaccinations, as well as links to allow parents to register either their Consent **or REFUSAL OF CONSENT**, may be found [here](#) (<https://bit.ly/3G3d9mW>)

Alternatively, the team are ALSO running a (separate) 'COMMUNITY' catch-up session, at **The Phoenix Family Hub on Thursday 6th April, FOR ANY LOCAL CHILDREN from YEAR 8 UPWARDS**; more information about this, for both OSA families AND members of the wider community, may be found [here](#) (<https://bit.ly/3ZvTrH6>)

YEAR 11 STUDENTS' 'SUBJECT LECTURES' AFTER EASTER

Ideal 'extra' revision resource for students – ALL encouraged to attend!

All year 11 parents/carers will have received an [emailed letter](#) (<https://bit.ly/3JTpkUu>), outlining the Academy's plans to run a series of after-school subject lectures, designed to be an addition to the individual revision schedule that we hope all year 11 students are now working to, in preparation for the start of their final exams in May. We hope that parents/carers will support us, and their children, by encouraging attendance at as many of these sessions as possible; these, along with students own revision, will be invaluable in the run up to the 'final exams' which begin in earnest in just a few weeks time.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Lots of news, updates, hints and guidance for students and parents

The online Newsletter can be accessed [here](#) (<https://bit.ly/3G62lin>)

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