

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

21st April 2023

WB Monday 24th April is a Timetable Week 2/B

CHANGE TO LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER

The timing of the school day will be changing from 1st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change to the structure of the Academy day here at Ormiston Sudbury Academy.

You may be aware that the Government has issued a white paper called [Opportunity for all](https://bit.ly/3ULLKvF) (<https://bit.ly/3ULLKvF>), the focus is on strong schools with great teachers for your child and it sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest.

For our academy this will mean that from September 2023 we need to add 10 minutes per day; we will move from an 8.50am start to an 8.40am start; all students will need to be on site at 8.40am.

The information in this letter has also been sent to Suffolk County Council and the bus providers; we will make sure we work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these required changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, which is why we have given so much notice.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C A Wilson
Principal

CONFIRMATION OF TERM DATES FOR 2023-24 YEAR

(As per Suffolk County Council but with 5 OSA non-pupil dates identified)

Schools are permitted to designate 5 dates from **within** their agreed term dates, across the year, when their students do NOT attend, to enable staff to undertake training; these are referred to as Professional Development (PD) Days, InServiceTraining (INSET) Days or just 'Non-Pupil' Days. At OSA, we have, again, adopted the Suffolk County Council term dates and have now designated our non-pupil dates; term dates for OSA students for next academic year are, therefore:

Autumn Term – *Begins Monday 4th September 2023; ends Wednesday 20th December 2023

PD DAY (no OSA students in attendance): *Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023, and Friday 24th November 2023

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: wb Monday 23rd October 2023

Spring Term – **Begins Wednesday 3rd January 2024; ends Thursday 28th March 2024

PD DAY (no OSA students in attendance): **Wednesday 3rd January 2024

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: wb Monday 19th February 2024

Summer Term – Begins ***Friday 12th April 2024; ends Friday 19th July 2024

PD DAY (no OSA students in attendance): * Friday 12th April 2024**

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: wb Monday 27th May 2024

FURTHER NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY SOME TEACHERS

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May

As advised in our [emailed letter](#) (sent out late afternoon on Monday 17th April), we are having to reduce the numbers of students in the Academy on these two dates, in order to ensure that we have sufficient staff on-site to be able to supervise them. Please see a copy of the letter (from our website) [here](https://bit.ly/3mDt0lt) (<https://bit.ly/3mDt0lt>) for confirmation that **year 11 students ONLY** (plus a few students from other years, who have been contacted separately, by invitation, to help with year 11 GCSE PE assessments) **will be in the Academy on these two dates.**

BANK HOLIDAYS ALSO COMING UP

Academy CLOSED to all students on Monday 1st and Monday 8th May

Just a brief reminder to our families that they need to ensure they 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.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS' AFTER-SCHOOL 'SUBJECT LECTURES'

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

Before Easter, all year 11 parents/carers received an [emailed letter](https://bit.ly/3JTpkUu) (<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. These continue next week and we hope that parents/carers will support us, and their children, by encouraging attendance at as many of the remaining 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.

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