

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

26th May 2023

WB Monday 5th June is a Timetable Week 1/A

A HEARTFELT 'FAREWELL' TO YEAR 11 TODAY

With many a tear being shed

... by both students AND staff! Today saw the Academy saying a fond farewell to our year 11 students as they start a final period of Study Leave which will see them through to the end of their final exams next month. With lots of very 'grown up' and smartly dressed young people coming in to celebrate their time as OSA students, there was a lot of reminiscing and a fair amount of hugging (and tears!) to be witnessed as the year group attended their final 'Farewell' assembly then departed and set off out into the big wide world, as 'graduates' from the Academy. We wish each and every one of our year 11 students the very best of luck; we hope that you achieve the exam results you deserve when these are published and that your results will allow you to transition easily into the next phase of your education and, ultimately, your future chosen career/s. DO make sure that you 'keep in touch' and let us know what you are up to – and we hope that the news will all be good when we **see you on Thursday 24th August (10am) to collect your results!**

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY NEXT WEEK

The Academy will be closed all week

Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will return on Monday 5th June, with our year 11 students coming in just for their exams. We wish everyone a restful and healthy break (and encourage year 11 students to make the most of the opportunity of a week without exams to get some serious revision under their belt as part of their last 'push' towards achieving their maximum potential in the rest of their exams in June.)

FREE ACTIVITIES/MEALS OVER HALF-TERM

For families registered for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium or other needs

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have put together provision of free holiday activities and food to eligible children over May half-term. Eligible children include those that are entitled to free school meals, pupil premium, or have an identified need. Please [here](https://bit.ly/44ZGjy4) (<https://bit.ly/44ZGjy4>) for further information on the activities available across Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

THE DANGERS OF 'VAPING'

....and the need to educate students about those dangers

Recent years have seen an increase in numbers of people choosing to 'vape' as opposed to smoking traditional tobacco and cigarettes; sadly, many seem completely unaware that there are still hidden dangers associated with this habit. There are so many 'illegal' items now on the market, that are easy to buy/store/use (including by young people) and these can contain very high levels of toxic chemicals such as lead, nickel and chromium.

The BBC have published a [news article](https://bit.ly/42jFbD3) (<https://bit.ly/42jFbD3>) on this and we urge parents/carers to take a look and discuss the dangers with their child(ren) – even if they believe that their child(ren) is not someone likely to use the items; as a school, we are experienced enough to be able to confirm that even the most vigilant of parents may not be aware that their child could be experimenting with this dangerous habit.

YEAR 7 SUBJECT PARENTS' EVENING (ONLINE)- 8th JUNE

Have you made your appointments yet?

Year 7 parents/carers have received their email invitation to book appointments to speak with their child's subject teachers; a copy of that letter, with instructions on how to book may also be found on the website [here](https://bit.ly/3MqhqmT) (<https://bit.ly/3MqhqmT>)

YEAR 7 CHANGE TO HEAD OF YEAR..

Miss Holmes will be taking over from Miss Webster from Monday 12th June

As is the case every academic year, at this time, Miss Webster (as 'Transition Lead') begins to start meeting with pupils and parents/teachers from our local primary schools, as part of the process of getting to know those year 6 pupils who will be joining us, in year 7, in September; at the same time, our Head of Year 11 has to bid 'farewell' to the year 11 students who are leaving us, as they finish their exams, to move on to the next phase of their education. This provides the perfect opportunity for year 7 students to be transferred to the care of their new Head of Year, in this case, Miss Holmes, who will then lead them through the rest of their time here at the Academy. Year 7 students are aware of the change and Miss Webster and Miss Holmes have been liaising to ensure a smooth changeover; this means that, after your child's tutor, who remains your first 'port of call', **Miss Holmes will become your key point of contact for any queries relating to your child's academic progress, from Monday 12th June.**

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOOL TRANSPORT TEAM MESSAGE

LAST CHANCE: 2023-24 Bus Pass renewal /application deadline 31st May.

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel? If they are, you will need to opt-in by Sunday (31 May 2023) to receive travel for the start of the 2023/2024 school term.

If your child already receives SCC funded travel, **you still need to opt in every year.** [Find out more here](https://bit.ly/3loWOdc) (<https://bit.ly/3loWOdc>)

THEATRE ROYAL CALLING FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

For their 'Wonderful Wizard of Oz' adaptation, this summer

There are opportunities for all ages – from 9 to 85 (or older!) - both acting in the performance or for those more interested in a 'behind the scenes' role as part of the 'tech' crew (sound, lighting, stage hands) To find out more and/or to apply to be considered, please visit the Theatre's website [here](https://bit.ly/3WgHaGI) (<https://bit.ly/3WgHaGI>)

NHS CATCH-UP VACCINATION CLINICS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

See local venues for HPV and Meningitis/Diphtheria clinics at half-term

See [here](https://bit.ly/3pKDEs4) (<https://bit.ly/3pKDEs4>) if image below does not load properly....

Are you fully Protected?



HPV, MenACWY & DTP **VACCINES** will keep you safe!

Planning on going travelling, university or seeing where life takes you? Make sure you only bring home fun souvenirs, photos and fantastic memories!

Check you're up to date on all your protective vaccinations by getting in touch or coming to see us at our next clinic!

Contact your local team for further information or to book an appointment

Tel 0300 555 5055

Option 3 - Suffolk

hct.csaisuffolk@nhs.net

We also hold weekly clinics in Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich – please ring for details.



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HALF TERM CLINICS

Tue 30th May (Bookable clinic)
New Bury Centre, **Bury** IP32 6TD

Wed 31 May (Walk in only 10am-1pm)
Waterlane Leisure Centre, **Lowestoft**, NR32 2NH

Thur 1st June (Bookable clinic)
Cartwheels Family Hub, **Haverhill**, CB9 8NF

Friday 2nd June (Bookable clinic)
Sudbury House, **Ipswich**, IP1 5LU



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