

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

9th June 2023

WB Monday 12th June is a Timetable Week 2/B

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.**

WARM-WEATHER FORECAST

...so don't forget to send your child with water and sunscreen

As always, at this time of year, we begin to get more, warmer days, with stronger sun and the need for a greater intake of water (and care to avoid sunburn!) You will appreciate that whilst the Academy is able to provide a constant source of drinking water for staff and students, it is not able to provide cups/bottles; this could potentially require upwards of 500 cups/bottles per day!!! We ask, therefore, that all **students bring in a refillable water bottle** (with their name on, so we can reunite them with it, if it gets 'lost'!) to use for getting regular top-ups from the water dispensers in the dining rooms. In a similar way, **an application/supply of sunscreen is strongly recommended** to avoid the potential for any sunburn during PE lessons and break/lunchtimes. Thank you in anticipation of your support (and we hope you and your family are able to make the most of the lovely sunny weather at evenings and weekends over the coming weeks.)

SOCIAL GATHERINGS BY YOUNG PEOPLE EVENINGS/WEEKENDS

And a warning from Suffolk and Essex Police about anti-social behaviour

With warmer, lighter evenings and weekends, many youngsters, understandably, like to arrange to meet up with small groups of friends to socialise in parks, meadows, sports fields etc. Over recent years, nearby Bures has become an increasingly popular place for students to gather, because of the 'green' area and access to paddle/swim in the river HOWEVER because of numbers of youngsters has been steadily increasing, with a minority of those exhibiting anti-social behaviour, illegally drinking alcohol, breaking glass bottles, littering and carrying out criminal damage in the local area, we have been asked to share a **Police reminder that any reports of anti-social behaviour or youngsters gathering in large groups – particularly (but not exclusively) in Bures – will be met with robust action by the Police, with a 'Dispersal Order' being put in place if warnings are not adhered to.** We hope you will share this information with your child and encourage them to avoid joining large groups of friends and/or participating in any anti-social behaviour; we, and the Police, would like youngsters to be able to enjoy themselves and socialise, but not at the expense of nearby residents, wildlife and natural beauty spots.

IS YOUR CHILD FULLY EQUIPPED FOR THEIR MATHS LESSONS?

All students should have a scientific calculator as part of their equipment

We have always ensured that students are reminded about the need to come to their lessons fully prepared, and with the right attitude, to get straight down to learning, but perhaps need to share this, more widely, with parents, for support. In the Student Planner, the basic 'equipment' requirements for all non-practical lessons are clearly laid out (see current student planner pages 8, 58,) and include ruler, eraser, pencil, pen, calculator and planner. The mathematics faculty does its best to retain a small number of calculators to 'loan out' but there is an expectation that this is for genuine cases where one is forgotten, or batteries run out etc; students are expected to have their own calculator and to familiarise themselves with its use to ensure that when it comes to the GCSE maths exam in year 11, they have the equipment they require and are familiar with how to use it.

The model that the Academy uses is the Casio fx-83GTCW entry-level scientific calculator, which is available from a number of retailers but, for ease, can be viewed on the Amazon website, at around £15 - £16 [here](https://bit.ly/42yCVIb) (<https://bit.ly/42yCVIb>) - however any entry-level scientific calculator is better than none at all – and there are LOTS out there!

AND WHILST ON THE SUBJECT OF MATHS.....

..... does your child need any support, or practice, with their maths?

The maths faculty is now running enrichment sessions on Wednesdays, after school (from 3.15pm – 4.15pm) for any students who would like support with any maths topic or Independent Study tasks, or who simply enjoys maths and would like to come along and practice their maths skills. Sessions for year 7 and 8 students are run by Ms Headley (in L15) and for year 9 and 10 students, by Mr Want (in L11.) We would be delighted to have your child join us for these and there is no requirement to 'book' or 'sign up' – just turn up on the day.

TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL DANCE SHOW NOW ON SALE

..... and selling fast! (Performance is on Thursday 15th June at 7pm)

This year's show involves students from across all year groups performing solo and group dances in a range of different styles. Performances include a 'Greatest Showman' medley as well as a special performance by some of our Alumni students! Tickets are available to purchase – at £5 for an adult and £3 for a concession - on the *Eventbrite* website [here](https://bit.ly/3J1oQvK) (<https://bit.ly/3J1oQvK>)

RSC REGIONAL PLAYMAKING FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE 4TH JULY

Tickets for this prestigious Royal Shakespeare Festival event now on sale

Students from OSA will be performing an extract from an abridged version of *Twelfth Night* on the evening of Tuesday 4th July. Tickets are available to purchase from the Box Office in person, by phone or online. Further details can be found on the Mercury Theatre website [here](https://bit.ly/45XSBr6) (<https://bit.ly/45XSBr6>)

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