

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

30th June 2023

WB Monday 3rd July is a Timetable Week 1/A

ANOTHER ROUND OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY (SOME) TEACHERS

Wednesday 5th July AND Friday 7th July – YEAR 10 STUDENTS ONLY ON SITE

As advised in our emailed letter on Monday 19th June (GENERIC COPY OF THE LETTER AVAILABLE [here https://bit.ly/3PkubCl](https://bit.ly/3PkubCl)) – and subsequently RE-EMAILED yesterday (after discovering that some emails had not been delivered!) – the Academy will be **CLOSED to students in years 7, 8 and 9 on these two days; YEAR 10 STUDENTS WILL ATTEND, AS NORMAL.** As with the previous rounds of strike action, we are sorry for any difficulties this partial closure of the Academy may cause to families, but we hope that having tried to give as much notice as was possible, the making of alternative childcare arrangements will be possible. **All students are expected to attend the Academy, as normal, on Thursday 6th July.**

(STATUTORY) TERMLY ATTENDANCE STATEMENTS NEXT WEEK

ALL STUDENTS will be receiving an envelope to bring home to parents

We are required, each term, to provide our parents/carers with an 'update' of their child's level of attendance; whether your child has a fantastic, 100% rate of attendance or is considered to have a **persistent absence** issue, ALL STUDENTS will be given a copy of THEIR record of attendance to bring home for you, **on Thursday 6th July.** FOR AROUND 50 STUDENTS across the age range – THESE **ENVELOPES WILL ALSO CONTAIN A SMALL REWARD VOUCHER in recognition of their excellent attendance**, so it is VITAL that your child brings the envelope home and gives it to you; please impress the importance of these envelopes on your child to avoid any 'going astray' between registration (when they will be handed out) and students arriving home at the end of the day.

'RE-LOVE YOUR STUFF' AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

We will be running another of our 'clothing swap' events on 14th July

Following the huge success of the first of these events, organised by our team of 'Eco School' representatives, we are going to hold another event at lunchtime on Friday 14th July. The idea is that students donate items of clean clothing/uniform, which is in good condition but is no longer used by them, for other students to be able to then take and re-use, instead of buying more 'new' clothing – the production of which, as we all know, pumps out huge amounts of carbon waste. (For a little more of an insight into this, please see [here](https://bit.ly/44jTyby) (<https://bit.ly/44jTyby>) for the Powerpoint presentation which was used to introduce this issue to our students at the time of our FIRST event, back in February.) Contributions of donated items should be taken to Mrs Moulton-Day in HQ/the Year Office by Thursday 13th July.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS WEEK: 3RD – 9TH JULY

Suffolk Police request to share information with our families

Over the course of the next week, Suffolk Police will be trying to raise awareness, with young people and families, of the kinds of behaviour they aim to reduce in and around the neighbourhood. The key themes for their campaign are 'Healthy Relations', 'Knife Crime', 'Internet Safety' and 'County Lines' (drugs) – and they have produced a hand leaflet that they have asked us to share with ALL our families,

which may be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/3NqaNkQ) (<https://bit.ly/3NqaNkQ>) We feel that it would be really useful for all our students and parents/carers to take a look and see what THEY can do to support the efforts of the Suffolk Constabulary (and to help maintain a calm, peaceful and supportive neighbourhood!)

IMPORTANT: FREE MEAL SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The previously used EDENRED voucher system is changing – PLEASE READ

The Suffolk County Council Free School Meal department has changed the way in which 'vouchers' are issued to parents/carers to provide support with the cost of meals over the summer (and subsequent) holidays. Vouchers **will no longer be issued via Edenred**, but via a new company called '**Sodexo**.'

We URGE all our Free School Meal/Low Income families to read the Suffolk County Council is letter [here](https://bit.ly/46CFouK) (<https://bit.ly/46CFouK>)

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PARENTS/CARERS ENSURE THEY HAVE (1) provided the Academy with their email address(es) and (2) that they check that this/these is/are correctly recorded by the Academy or has/have been updated, if changed - either via the Parent App or by [emailing the Academy \(nlogan@ormistonsudbury.co.uk\)](mailto:nlogan@ormistonsudbury.co.uk))

The Academy has been asked to provide a list of up-to-date email addresses to the Suffolk County Council Free School Meals team **by Friday 7th July**; **if we do not have your (updated) email address, this will mean that the new company will be unable to email your vouchers to you. The Academy will not be able to provide you with vouchers.**

BABERGH AND MID-SUFFOLK SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Holiday activities (with food) for low-income families in/around Sudbury

As they have done over a number of recent school holidays, Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Council have collaborated with lots of local organisations and activity providers to put together a list of activities and sessions that youngsters in the local area may like to access. You can visit the '[HAF](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/whats-on/holiday-activities-fund/)' [website](https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/whats-on/holiday-activities-fund/) directly (<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/whats-on/holiday-activities-fund/>) and [this booklet](https://bit.ly/435DGsn) (<https://bit.ly/435DGsn>) also contains information gathered, by the joint districts, for Sudbury **and the wider local area**, so not all activities are within the town, but we are asked to try and share this information with as many Babergh/ Suffolk residents as possible, so please feel free to share with any family/friends who live slightly further away – and DO take a look to see if there are any activities that may be of interest to your OWN family. Booking is usually recommended/required, so taking a look early may make the difference between securing a place for your child, and not managing to reserve their place.

FREE PARENTING SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Drop-in sessions (Phoenix Centre) and online courses – ALL FREE

Whether you are expecting your first baby, are the parent of a toddler, preschooler or primary/secondary school pupil, we know that there will be times where you could do with a little extra reassurance, support, advice or guidance! All parents have 'been there' at some point or another and thankfully, there are lots of (FREE!) resources available to try and help or point you in the direction of help, if something more specific is needed.

Colleagues at the [Suffolk Parenting Hub](https://bit.ly/3raCiaN) (<https://bit.ly/3raCiaN>) have asked that we try and share with you, some of the support which is available to you here in Sudbury. We have uploaded a number of the leaflets and website details to our own website and you can access these on the 'Help with Parenting' page, under the Support section of our website, [here](https://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/help-with-parenting/) (<https://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/help-with-parenting/>)

OAT SPORTS CUP AT UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA, NORWICH

... event scheduled for Wednesday 5th July has been CANCELLED

As advised last week, students who had been selected to represent the Academy at this sporting event will no longer be attending this event. **(Year 10 participants will be in the Academy as normal; students in other year groups will be working from home,** in line with the letters sent out about the Industrial Action – link provided above.)

REMINDER: YEAR 10 TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING

Presentations and Information - Thursday 6th July between 6pm and 7pm

As per direct email communications with parents/carers, we cordially invite parents/carers of students in year 10 come into the Academy on 6th July to find out a little more about ways they can support their child as they move into their final GCSE year (year 11) in September and about the Academy's expectations of year 10 students as they move towards that final year. (A generic copy of the letter of invitation may be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/43Je71o) (https://bit.ly/43Je71o) We look forward to welcoming you into the Academy for this very important event, on 6th July.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION TEAM CLINIC AT OSA ON 10th JULY

Consent required for year 8/9/10 children, via the team's online portal

We have previously shared information from the School Immunisation Team about both community clinics AND planned sessions at the Academy, for students to 'catch up' with any missed vaccinations. A number of parents/carers have provided their consent and ALL students for whom this has been done will meet the team and receive their vaccination when the team spend the morning with us, on site, on **Monday 10th July**. There is STILL time (by 7th July) for you to log your consent by visiting the portal [here](https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/hpv/2022/suffolk/) (https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/hpv/2022/suffolk/) using the **UNIQUE SCHOOLNUMBER EE138506**. For more information about the various vaccinations your child MAY need to have 'updated', please see the Immunisation Team's Information Poster [here](https://bit.ly/42QCmtn) (https://bit.ly/42QCmtn)

EXCESSIVE USE OF MOBILE 'PHONES, TABLETS AND LAPTOPS?

How much time does YOUR child spend in a 'virtual' world?

There is no doubt that the increasing pace of the development of digital technology is good for lots of reasons HOWEVER, young people are spending increasingly unhealthy amounts of time 'glued' to their devices and communicating on social media, rather than embracing the 'real world' and learning the value of face-to-face conversations and shared 'in person' experiences. The 'My Tutor' company that OSA uses for some of its online tutoring has produced a very useful resource for parents who would like to try and encourage their 'teen' to rely a little less on this virtual world. Their article, "**The Screen Time Diet: Helping Your Teen Find The Balance With Tech**" can be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/3JoOGKw) (https://bit.ly/3JoOGKw)– and we thoroughly recommend it to our parents/carers as a good source of support and guidance to help YOU to help your child.

SALVATION ARMY UNIFORM 'SWAP SHOP' – 10TH/11TH AUGUST

Donate your outgrown uniform items / pick up free replacements....

The Salvation Army charity shop in Sudbury (Station Road) is running it's '[Uniform Swap Shop](https://bit.ly/44hGZ0M)' (https://bit.ly/44hGZ0M) again this summer and invites students/parents from ANY of the local schools to donate any uniform items which are no longer required, or have been outgrown, to help other local families who may be grateful for FREE uniform items. This 're-use' of clean items, in good condition and with plenty of life left in them is good for the pocket AND good for the environment – so please consider donating (either to the Salvation Army shop (in advance of 10th August) OR to us, here at OSA, for the 'Re-love your stuff' event already mentioned, on 14th July.)

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