

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

7th July 2023

WB Monday 10th July is a Timetable Week 2/B

LAST NIGHT'S YEAR 10 (INTO 11) TRANSITION EVENING

Links to the Presentation for Parents and the Booklet for Students

Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to come along to the event last night; we hope you found it informative and useful in providing some guidance on the support we hope you will be able to provide your child with as they move into year 11 in September. A copy of Mr Howkins' presentation may be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/3D3TPUD) (<https://bit.ly/3D3TPUD>) and a copy of the booklet for year 10 (going into 11) students can be accessed [here](https://bit.ly/44hJWi4) (<https://bit.ly/44hJWi4>) **Printed copies for those students whose parents/carers were unable to attend last night will be passed to them by their tutors today.**

REMINDER: YEAR 9 'REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL' RESIDENTIAL TRIP

For students going on the trip from Mon 17th – Weds 19th July

On **Monday 17th July**, some of our Year 9 students will be heading off for an adventurous few days at the Kingswood Centre in West Runton, Norfolk. Participating students will need to arrive at the Academy at the normal time, meeting Mrs Jacques at the Academy entrance and leaving all their luggage in the Gym before attending tutor time, for registration, as normal. At the end of registration, students will then meet in the Auditorium for a final briefing before collecting their luggage and loading it, and themselves, onto the coach, which is scheduled to head off at approx. 10.15am. Students going on the trip should not wear their OSA uniform to come to the Academy on the day but should wear comfortable clothing for the journey (taking into consideration weather conditions on the day!)

As well as normal luggage/toiletries, please remember to pack: a long-sleeved jumper or hoody and a pair of long trousers or joggers for some of the activities; a refillable water bottle; sun cream; a spare pair of shoes/trainers – in case of rain; £15 maximum pocket money (for lollies, sweets etc.)

The group will arrive 'home' (back at the Academy) on **Wednesday 19th July at approx. 4pm** - Mrs Jacques will update the Academy, once the group have left West Runton, to advise of any potential delays (details of which will then be posted on our Facebook page / website for parents to check.) Parents are asked to arrange for their child's prompt collection from the Academy at this time.

Staff are all SO excited! Hope you are too???

TERMLY ATTENDANCE STATEMENTS

Did YOUR child bring their envelope home for you yesterday (or today)?

As advised in last week's bulletin, 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 in the Academy, yesterday, were given a copy of THEIR record of attendance to bring home for you. FOR AROUND 50 STUDENTS across the age range – THESE **ENVELOPES ALSO CONTAINED A SMALL REWARD VOUCHER in recognition of their excellent attendance.** Please check that your child hasn't put their envelope in the bottom of their bag and forgotten about it!

'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.

CHICKEN POX: COULD YOU SPOT WHETHER YOUR CHILD HAS IT?

Some of the symptoms and treatments to be aware of.....

There appears to be a spate of cases being brought to the attention of schools in Suffolk and it is important that students and parents/carers are aware of measures required to try and reduce the spread between pupils and, also, what to look for and how to treat the symptoms. We have been asked to share this handy [information leaflet](https://bit.ly/3r9Y3Y6) (<https://bit.ly/3r9Y3Y6>) which has been produced by Suffolk County Council / the Public Health Team to help OSA parents to spot the signs and take the appropriate action.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

KENTWELL HALL SPECIAL HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT EVENT

"Bringing the Boys Home" – Treating the Great War wounded

Supporting the history curriculum, this event, taking place during the summer holiday, on 5th and 6th August, will take visitors back to 'The Great War' and the care of those wounded in battle. Kentwell have produced a handy leaflet, outlining the event (which may be found [here](https://bit.ly/3XCUsxU) - <https://bit.ly/3XCUsxU>) and further information, including pricing and how to book tickets, can be found [here](https://bit.ly/3PGy3hi) (<https://bit.ly/3PGy3hi>)

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.)

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/>)

BABERGH 'FAMILY FUN DAY' and PICNIC - BELLE VIEW PARK, SUDBURY

Another day of FREE activities for families on Monday 31st July

See [here](https://bit.ly/44Bn1xN) (<https://bit.ly/44Bn1xN>) for further details of this (widely publicised) event in the park (CO10 2XJ), organised by Babergh District Council - also being run in other venues across Suffolk:

[East House Park, Hadleigh](https://bit.ly/46CNcGe) (IP7 5BE) – on Friday 28th July (<https://bit.ly/46CNcGe>)

[Stowmarket Recreation Ground](https://bit.ly/3JIP46H), Stowmarket (IP14 1PN) – on Tuesday 25th July (<https://bit.ly/3JIP46H>)

and further afield at [Eye Community Centre](https://bit.ly/3O2YHQ9) (IP23 7AJ) – on Monday 24th July (<https://bit.ly/3O2YHQ9>)

plus [Shotley Community Centre](https://bit.ly/3NIXWKx) (IP9 1LX) – on Thursday 27th July (<https://bit.ly/3NIXWKx>)

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