

## ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

WB Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July is a Timetable Week 1/A

### LAST WEEK OF TERM NEXT WEEK!!

Students' last day in the Academy is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

It hardly seems possible that another school year is almost over; it has been wonderful to see the gradual return to a more 'normal' way of life, with lots of clubs, activities, events and trips making a return to the Academy calendar after the period of enforced curtailment brought about by the COVID pandemic of 2020/2021, which is mostly becoming a distant memory, but from which a few lasting effects have been generated in some areas of our normal, daily lives.

### NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS ON FRIDAY 21ST JULY

and Reception/Switchboard WILL BE CLOSING at 3.30pm

In order to allow staff to say, 'farewell' to colleagues who are moving on from OSA next term, there will be no clubs running on the last day of term – and our Reception and Switchboard will close at 3.30pm. We thank you for your understanding.

### YEAR 9 'REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL' RESIDENTIAL TRIP

It's FINALLY time to go!!

On **Monday**, a large group of our Year 9 students are off to the Kingswood Centre in West Runton, Norfolk. Details of specific timings of travel and a reminder of what to pack (and where to bring luggage) were given in last week's bulletin (here – if you would like to remind yourselves) but suffice to say that Monday is going to be a very exciting day!!

The group will arrive 'home' (back at the Academy) on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at approx. 4pm** - details of any significant delays/change of arrival time will 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 upon the group's return. If there are any last-minute queries, please contact Mrs Jacques ([kjacques@ormistonsudbury.co.uk](mailto:kjacques@ormistonsudbury.co.uk)) – trip organiser – who will do her best to assist.

### 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/> )

## HOLIDAY FREE MEAL SUPPORT FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

**SODEXO will now be sending vouchers direct to parents, by email.**

As advised in previous editions of this bulletin, 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> )

## NHS IMMUNISATION TEAM ARE THINKING AHEAD TO WINTER

**And have already booked in with us for clinics on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents are encouraged to take an 'advance' look at the '[NHS – Protect Secondary School Children : FLU](https://bit.ly/3PSPISP)' information leaflet [here](https://bit.ly/3PSPISP) ( <https://bit.ly/3PSPISP> ) in order that they are 'informed' about the opportunity which will be offered/available to ALL students at OSA next term and will hopefully feel confident about signing up to consent to their child(ren) receiving this annual (**NASAL** – no needle involved) vaccine when the immunisation team's portal is opened up, in the autumn. AS ALWAYS, NO CHILD WILL RECEIVE THE VACCINE UNLESS EXPRESS PARENTAL CONSENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

In addition to this, we have received a copy of some planned **GENERAL IMMUNISATION 'CATCH-UP' SESSIONS** being run across the County over the summer holiday (with one in Sudbury on 2<sup>nd</sup> August), which we have been asked to share with our families. You can see a copy of all the dates/venues, and how to book (where required) [here](https://bit.ly/46M38pP) ( <https://bit.ly/46M38pP> )

## WHAT'S ON OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY?

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> August) OR to us, here at OSA, for the 'Re-love your stuff' event already mentioned, on 14<sup>th</sup> 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' 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.

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

### Another day of FREE activities for families on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> July ( <https://bit.ly/46CNcGe> )

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

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

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

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