

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

15th September 2023

IMPORTANT 'UPDATE' REGARDING AUTUMN HALF-TERM BREAK

wb Monday 23rd October 2023 (and ADDITIONAL training day on 30th)

OSA parents should already be aware, either from prior newsletters/communications or from our website, that Ormiston Sudbury Academy will continue to observe a one-week half-term holiday for its students, in October. We are aware that our neighbouring Thomas Gainsborough School, in Great Cornard, will, for the first time this year, be having a TWO-WEEK break and we wish to ensure that OSA parents and student are very clear, that OSA is NOT operating that same arrangement. **THIS SAID, HOWEVER our new Principal has, today, secured authority to hold an ADDITIONAL STAFF TRAINING DAY on Monday 30th October.** This means that OSA students will be expected at the Academy up to, and including, Friday 20th October; **they will then return, after the break AND EXTRA TRAINING DAY, on Tuesday 31st October.**

If there are any families for whom this additional 'non-pupil' day (Monday 30th October) causes childcare issues, we can make arrangements for your child(ren) to be able to come into the Academy to be supervised for the day; we will not be putting on timetabled lessons, but supervised personal study facilities will be available for those students. **Please ensure you notify the Academy (email to contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk) if you require this facility for your child(ren.)**

YEAR 7 'CATS' TESTING NEXT WEEK

A chance for us to identify ability, targets and 'setting' for our new students

As per the letter emailed to parents yesterday ([HERE](https://bit.ly/3PEMjXt) <https://bit.ly/3PEMjXt>), our Year 7 students will sit Progress tests in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, and a Cognitive Ability Test (CATs), on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September, next week. These tests will take place in our Sports Hall during the normal timetabled day.

FORTHCOMING YEAR 11 POST-16 EDUCATION ASSEMBLIES

Visiting speakers from local 16+ education establishments

A reminder of the forthcoming presentations which will take place for the whole of year 11, as part of their regular Monday morning year group 'assembly' slots:

25th Sept – representative from West Suffolk College (Bury St. Edmunds)

2nd October – representative from Colchester Institute

9th October – representative from Abbeygate Sixth Form

16th October – representative from Suffolk One, Ipswich

30th October – representative from Hedingham School and Sixth Form

6th November – representative from Suffolk New College, Ipswich

13th November – representative from Thomas Gainsborough School, Gt. Cornard

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING – Thursday 28th September – 6 – 7.30pm

Please feel free to share the information with any year 6 parents, locally

You can do this by sharing [this link](https://bit.ly/3roxi2q) (<https://bit.ly/3roxi2q>)

YEAR 11 REVISION SUPPORT – ‘PERIOD 6’ (3.15pm – 4.15pm)

After-school sessions for ALL YEAR 11 STUDENTS on Tuesdays and Thursdays

As advised by Mr Howkins, and well-received by parents attending the Year 10 to 11 Transition Evening for parents last term, next week we will be launching our ‘**Period 6 Revision sessions.**’ These will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and attendance at these sessions will be expected by ALL Year 11 students.

Tuesdays will be English, Maths or Science (students will be directed to these by the Head of these subjects). Thursdays will be for coursework subjects - Art, Food, D&T, Engineering, Music, Dance, Music, PE, Childcare etc. Humanities subjects will be added later in the term.

Each session attended will score the students ‘points’ towards their (soon to be launched) ‘**Passport to the Prom**’ - where students could earn money off their Leavers’ Prom ticket for sessions attended.

Extra guided work in school, throughout this last year, will be essential in order for students to be successful in their GCSE examinations; by attending these sessions, students will feel confident that they are very well prepared for their GCSE and vocational examinations next year. It is our intention that 100% of students will benefit from these sessions and you are encouraged to support us in ensuring that your year 11 child does not miss out on these valuable sessions. Thank you in advance of your support.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seeking a P.A. to the Principal

Required as soon as possible. Further details of the post and application process may be found on our website [here](https://bit.ly/3PhAHIC) (<https://bit.ly/3PhAHIC>); all applications are through our sponsor, Ormiston Academies Trust, and you will find full details of all OAT vacancies (including those at OSA), and how to apply, [here](#)

STUDENT REPS’ MEETING WITH CATERING TEAM (‘VERTAS’) REPS.

Friday 29th September – at 10am

Some of our Student Leadership Council members will be meeting with representatives from our catering provider to look at how the canteen provision can be improved to increase the attraction for students. Mrs Moulton-Day will be speaking to students to seek ‘volunteer’ representatives for the meeting and to also obtain student views to be put forward at that meeting.

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