

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

29th September 2023

ISSUES WITH LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN EMAILS

(particularly for parents with btinternet email address, but others too!)

Owing to some updated security settings by the IT/security teams at Ormiston Academies Trust, we found that a large number of the emails that came out to parents with our last bulletin were 'rejected' by the Internet Service Providers, before they even made it as far as parents' Inbox/JunkMail! We are advised that this has now been addressed and we therefore hope that this email is reaching all of our parents/carers without difficulties! (It is ALWAYS worth mentioning that it CAN help, to avoid syphoning off 'genuine' emails, to have [@ormistonsudbury.co.uk](mailto:ormistonsudbury.co.uk) listed as one of your 'trusted senders'..... if you know of another parent who feels they are not receiving our emails, it may be worth you passing this information on to them to see if it helps them!)

REMINDER: OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

Our Academy email address is now contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk

Emails sent to the 'old' address (principal@ormistonsudbury.co.uk) will no longer be monitored; an automatic message is, instead, being returned to provide the sender of the correct email address.

AUTUMN HALF-TERM BREAK and EXTRA NON-PUPIL DAY

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.

ADDITIONALLY, however, the Principal has 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.)**

CONSULTATION ON OUR 2025-26 ADMISSIONS POLICY

The consultation period opens on Monday 2nd October

Stakeholders of the Academy, including our parents/carers, will be receiving an important email on Monday, providing full details of our proposed admissions arrangements for students applying to join us in the 2025/26 academic year. We are required to consult, widely, on this policy and will also be sharing the information with our local primary schools, nearby secondary schools and other organisations who may have an interest in the arrangements being proposed. The consultation period will end at 5pm on Monday 13th November and all responses must be submitted, in writing, by this deadline. When your email arrives, please feel free to share it with any friends, family or organisations you feel may have a vested interest in the content of the proposed policy.

COMING NEXT WEEK: FORTNIGHTLY YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER

To help parents/carers in supporting their year 11 child(ren)

Please make sure you have @ormistonsudbury.co.uk as a 'trusted sender' on your email accounts and watch out for this arriving in your Inbox every two weeks, from Monday (2nd October)

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:

- 2nd October – representative from Colchester Institute
- 9th October – representative from Abbeygate Sixth Form
- 16th October – representative from Suffolk One, Ipswich
- 31st 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 11 REVISION SUPPORT – 'PERIOD 6' (3.15pm – 4.15pm)

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

REMINDER of our Year 11 'Period 6 Revision sessions' on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 3.15pm to 4.15pm; attendance at these sessions is expected by ALL Year 11 students.

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 for your support.

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