

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

6th October 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/carers

September seems to have gone past very quickly. The new year 7 students have all found their way around and become confident in their new surroundings. Year 11 students are already focused on preparing for their first set of exams. The revision they do for those will help them to succeed in the GCSE exams – all the learning they do builds up.

I have been fortunate enough to see some absolutely outstanding examples of independent learning produced by students in year 7 humanities and year 8 languages. As well as the academic work, students have begun to attend sports clubs, started Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Awards, represented the school in sporting fixtures, met as a school council and signed up for the school production, to name just a few activities.

We had a wonderful awards evening, celebrating the notable successes of students last academic year. We also had a very busy and positive Open Evening last week. Our visitors commended the many student helpers who made a huge contribution on the night. They were all brilliant ambassadors for our school and a great credit to you, too.

This week we held Open Morning Tours to give prospective parents a chance to see the school during a normal working day. These were much appreciated. Parents commended the friendly and calm atmosphere of the school.

Next week we have the 'Meet the New Principal' opportunity on Tuesday and Year 11 Parents/carers subject consultation evening on Thursday.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the near future.

Mrs S Morris
Principal

REMINDER: INVITATION TO PARENTS TO 'MEET THE PRINCIPAL'

5.15pm on Wednesday 10th October

As per the [letter to parents/carers](https://bit.ly/3PSHQjN) (<https://bit.ly/3PSHQjN>), published on 27th September, Mrs Morris extends a warm invitation to parents/carers come into the Academy for a very short presentation, followed by the opportunity for informal questions or discussion. In order to ensure that an appropriate meeting room is used, please click [here](#) to confirm your intention to come along or 'copy and paste' the following into your Internet browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQFLOPn_cm6MxoQ9oB4Dm9rSu_yC8ibXSHXEwY25KffFrlpA/viewform?usp=sf_link

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FLU VACCINE

Nasal Spray (or IM Non--porcine alternative) – 8th October DEADLINE

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting the Academy on Tuesday and Wednesday next week (10th/11th October) to administer the vaccine to as many students as possible and parents are required to either give consent **or refuse consent** by Sunday's deadline. Any student for whom no response has been received is still likely to be spoken to by the nursing team, along with a 'phone call to parents, to discuss the administration of the vaccine – so it is really important that ALL parents visit the '[Consent Portal](https://bit.ly/48wudhL)' (<https://bit.ly/48wudhL>) to either give their consent or advise that consent is refused. The Immunisation Team's full letter to parents can be viewed on the website [here](https://bit.ly/46pRwrE) (<https://bit.ly/46pRwrE>)

AUTUMN HALF-TERM BREAK and EXTRA NON-PUPIL DAY

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

As advised by letter and in previous bulletins, OSA students' last day at the Academy, before the half-term holiday, is Friday 20th October; **they will then return on Tuesday 31st October**, after the half-term break and the **extra staff training day** (which is on Monday 30th 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) by 10am on Thursday 19th October if you require this facility for your child(ren.)**

YEAR 10 TRIP TO SUFFOLK SKILLS WORKSHOP

NEXT WEEK!! Wednesday 11th October CONSENT FORMS NEEDED

This trip, to find out more about further education, employment and training, for post-16, is free for all year 10 students, but a completed parental reply slip is required from all participating students; if you are yet to RETURN a reply slip for your child, there is a WORD (i.e. editable) version – accessible for download and email return - [here](https://bit.ly/45exKyb) (<https://bit.ly/45exKyb>) or a PDF version – for printing/completing 'by hand' - accessible (on the 'Letters for Parents' page) [here](https://bit.ly/3ZCPaU0) (<https://bit.ly/3ZCPaU0>) (Students attending this trip will, where appropriate, receive their Nasal Flu Vaccination on Tuesday 10th.)

ATTENTION: FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES

Arrangements for 'vouchers' to help over half-term holiday

Suffolk County Council have asked us to share a letter with parents/carers regarding the process by which £15 vouchers will be sent direct to parents/carers, to assist with the cost of meals for children who are currently entitled to Free School Meals. A copy of their letter can be found [here](https://bit.ly/3RNRIT0) (<https://bit.ly/3RNRIT0>) and this outlines the fact that the vouchers will be issued by a new supplier ('Pluxee UK Ltd.) and the aim is for the vouchers to be with parents by Friday 20th October. **IF your voucher has not arrived by this date, parents are asked NOT to contact their child's school/academy, but to contact freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk**

CONSULTATION ON OUR 2025-26 ADMISSIONS POLICY

The consultation period NOW OPEN (closes 5pm 13th November)

Stakeholders of the Academy, including our parents/carers, are invited to feedback on our draft policy; all information is available on our website [here](https://bit.ly/3REjawN) (<https://bit.ly/3REjawN>)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES You will find links to all vacancies on our website [here](https://bit.ly/3PhAHIC) (<https://bit.ly/3PhAHIC>)

Teacher of Drama/Music

Applications should be made directly, [here](#)

- Closing date for applications - 12noon on 13th October 2023
- Post commences: January 2024
- Appropriate point on teacher's pay scale
- Contract term: Full time
- Contract type is: Permanent
- [Job Description](#) (will automatically download as a WORD document)

Teaching Assistant

- Applications should be made directly, [here](#)
- Closing date for applications - 13th October 2023
- £14,239 per annum
- Contract term: Part time
- 30 hours per week, 39 weeks per year
- Contract type is: Permanent
- [Job Description](#)
- [Person Specification](#) (will automatically download as a WORD document)

Cover Supervisor

Applications should be made directly, [here](#)

- Closing date for applications - 12noon on 16th October 2023
- £22,258.00 Annually (Actual)
- Contract term: Part time
- 37 hours per week, 39 weeks per year
- Contract type is: Permanent
- [Job Description](#) (will automatically download as a WORD document)

Cleaner

Applications should be made directly, [here](#)

- Closing date for applications - 12noon on 16th October 2023
- £10,711.00 Annually (Actual)
- Contract term: Part time
- 20 hours per week, 44 weeks per year
- Contract type is: Permanent
- [Job Description](#) (will automatically download as a WORD document)

Supervised Study Coordinator

Applications should be made directly, [here](#)

- Closing date for applications - Midnight on 26th October 2023
- £18,410.00 Annually (Actual)
- Contract term: Part time
- 33 hours per week, 39 weeks per year
- Contract type is: Permanent
- [Job Description / Person Specification](#) (will automatically download as a WORD document)

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:

- 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

Mrs Boreham (Careers Advisor) also maintains a 'live' [Careers Newsletter](https://bit.ly/3RN9uA4) (<https://bit.ly/3RN9uA4>), with information for all year groups, and there is lots on there, currently, for year 11 students looking for information to help them with making their Post-16 education choices; we recommend that parents encourage their child to take a look (and have a look themselves, so that they are in a position to support their child through this important phase in their educational careers!)

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 '**Passport to the Prom**' - where students could earn money off their 'Leavers' Prom ticket for sessions attended (see details of this scheme [here](https://bit.ly/3th1KfB) (<https://bit.ly/3th1KfB>))

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.

YEARS 7 AND 8: BAE EDUCATIONAL (STEM) ROADSHOW

FREE event at the Academy on Thursday 9th November (p.m.)

All students in years 7 and 8 will, we hope, be attending this 'external' roadshow, in the auditorium at OSA, on the afternoon of 9th November; the event is themed around 'Space' and is designed to give students an insight into some of the science and technology involved in the study and exploration of Space – and to provide a little idea of some of the science/technology/maths careers that could be available to them in the future. Letters have been sent out to parents this week and a copy is available on the website [here](https://bit.ly/3rvAlkl) (<https://bit.ly/3rvAlkl>)

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(<http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parents-and-carers/letters-home/>)

Previous versions of our **Parent Email Bulletins** may be viewed on our website [here](http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parent-email-bulletins/)
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