

## ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

### 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### NEXT INVITATION TO PARENTS TO 'MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM'

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 5 pm**

Following on from Mrs Morris' invitation to parents to come and meet her on 5<sup>th</sup> October, our next opportunity for parents has been scheduled for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 5pm, when parents and carers have an opportunity to hear from, and speak to, Mrs. Price: Vice Principal with responsibility for Safeguarding, Attendance and Personal Development. We warmly invite all parents to join us.

#### ONE-WEEK AUTUMN HALF-TERM BREAK and NON-PUPIL DAY

**wb Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 (and staff training day on 30<sup>th</sup>)**

As highlighted over the course of the last few electronic bulletins, and as publicised on our website, today is the last day of this half-term, with students and staff now having the opportunity to 'revitalise' themselves over the course of next week's one-week half-term holiday. Staff will be in the Academy for a training day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, with **students returning to lessons on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

#### ATTENTION: FREE SCHOOL MEAL FAMILIES

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

Suffolk County Council previously asked us to share a letter with parents/carers regarding the process by which £15 vouchers were to 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 outlined the fact that the vouchers are being issued by a new supplier ('Pluxee UK Ltd.) with the aim of them being with parents by today. **IF your voucher has not arrived, parents are asked NOT to contact the Academy, but to contact [freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk)**

#### ATTENDANCE STATEMENTS (MANDATORY COMMUNICATION)

**ALL students, regardless of attendance level, will receive one**

Just a quick note for all parents/carers to advise that these letters/statements are being sent home today (either with student or, where they are not in the Academy today, by post.) The Academy is OBLIGED to share this information with parents/carers – regardless of whether student's attendance is exemplary or poor – and we are also required to include information about the levels of attendance which are considered a 'cause for concern' by the Government. We are aware that, for some students, there can be incredibly genuine reasons for periods of absence, however we are required to communicate the effect that ANY absence has had on students' overall levels of attendance. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BAG for their statement to ensure that the information reaches you, as intended.

## YEARS 7 AND 8: BAE EDUCATIONAL (STEM) ROADSHOW

### FREE event at the Academy on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 and a copy is available on the website [here](https://bit.ly/3rvAlkl) ( <https://bit.ly/3rvAlkl> )

## CONSULTATION ON OUR 2025-26 ADMISSIONS POLICY

### Reminder that the consultation period closes at 5pm on 13<sup>th</sup> 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> )

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER TO YEAR 11 PARENTS

### The Post-16 Pathway for your child(ren)

Please see information on helping your child to choose the right pathway for them, [here](https://bit.ly/3s8wf78) ( <https://bit.ly/3s8wf78> )

## FORTNIGHTLY YEAR 11 PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

### 16<sup>th</sup> October edition available on the website

Full of useful tips, important dates (such as Mock Exams w/b 13<sup>th</sup> November) and reminders – see letter [here](https://bit.ly/3Frllr2) ( <https://bit.ly/3Frllr2> )

## 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:

- 31<sup>st</sup> October – representative from Hedingham School and Sixth Form
- 6<sup>th</sup> November – representative from Suffolk New College, Ipswich
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – representative from Thomas Gainsborough School, Gt. Cornard

Mrs Boreham (Careers Administrator) 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!)

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