

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

17th November 2023

PD DAY – Friday 24th November

A reminder for all parents/carers that Friday 24th November will be a PD Day (no students in the Academy on this day).

SPARE PLACE ON THE EASTER SKI TRIP.....

Owing to a student having to 'drop out' of the Easter 2024 ski trip, we are trying to find another OSA student who may like/be able to take their place. If your child is in year 8,9,10 or 11 and was interested, but missed out on securing a place when the trip was originally launched, over a year ago, please contact Ms. Mortimer in the Academy office (hmortimer@ormistonsudbury.co.uk) to find out more.....

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

As part of our positive supportive measures regarding attendance, students can expect to have a meeting with a member of staff after a period of absence to support with catching up any missed work and to discuss any potential issues which may be a barrier to catching up. Similarly, there may also be a meeting if a student's attendance begins to decline or if a pattern of certain days starts to develop. These meetings are an opportunity for the student to discuss any potential barriers to attending, so that we can look at ways of supporting them with those issues. The member of staff will endeavour to communicate with you if there are any arising concerns or concerning decline in attendance. For example, attendance below 90%, which is considered "persistent absence". Parents and Carers can expect a half termly "attendance statement" which keeps you up to date with attendance for your child. Students are rewarded and praised for good attendance half termly also. Good attendance is above 94% and we encourage students to be resilient.

LATE DETENTIONS – CHANGE OF DAY

Late detentions will be moving from Thursday to Tuesday after Christmas. Parents/Carers will be notified on a Friday evening and students will be issued with a confirmation slip on Mondays.

MEET THE VICE PRINCIPAL EVENING

Tuesday 21st November from 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Mrs Price will be giving a short presentation including aspects of the following:

- The structure and content of our Personal Development offer, including PSHE.
- Who are the Pastoral and Safeguarding Teams and what do they do.
- Early Help at OSA
- Key safeguarding concerns affecting young people: Online safety, County Lines, PREVENT, Harmful Sexual Behavior, healthy relationships, and protected characteristics work.
- Extra-curricular opportunities, student voice and rewards
- Careers guidance
- Attendance

If you would like to attend the evening, please can we ask you to confirm through the following email: contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk



UNIFROG CAREERS PLATFORM

Over the next few months, we will be rolling out 'Unifrog', our new careers platform for all students. The platform helps to support students with their careers learning and will also be used for the delivery of careers lessons in PSHE. All students will receive a log in over the coming weeks, so please encourage your young person to use the platform to support their career education whilst at the Academy.

The OSA Careers Newsletter has information to help support your young person with their career education. There are links to careers websites, Post 16 open days and career talks/virtual work experience. There is also information on career activities taking place at OSA. (<https://bit.ly/3RN9uA4>)

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with our Careers Adviser, Miss Boreham, to discuss your young person's next steps, please email hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk

YEAR 7 – PARENT SURVEY

Year 7 have now settled in to their first term at OSA and have made a fantastic start to secondary school.

From the beginning of their transition journey, moving into the autumn term, I have been really pleased with the learning seen in lessons, the independent study work completed, and the many achievement points gained in September and October. As Head of Year 7 I am looking forward to the end of term Year 7 celebration assembly, which will take place towards the end of December.

To support ongoing reflection on the Transition programme and review the process of helping Year 7 settle in to the academy, please could I ask parents/carers to complete the brief survey found [here](https://forms.gle/69AwBYf47hMaEocU9) (<https://forms.gle/69AwBYf47hMaEocU9>)

We would very much like to hear your feedback, to continue developing our transition programme. Please complete by Monday 20th November 2023.

Miss Webster (Head of Year 7)

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND END OF TERM

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Dinner, Christmas jumper day and, in the evening, the Christmas Concert. The Christmas jumper day is an opportunity to raise money for the Year Group charities and students will need to make a minimum donation of £1 to wear a Christmas jumper as an addition or alternative to their blazer.

The autumn term ends on **Wednesday 20th December**. On this day there will be an adjusted timetable with an earlier lunchtime and school will finish at 1:30pm. We are hoping that the school buses will be able to collect the students at the earlier time and will let you know as soon as we receive confirmation of the arrangements.

If the early finish creates any childcare issues for parents/carers, please let us know and we can make arrangements for your child to be supervised in school until 3:10pm. Please be aware that unfortunately, the school buses are unlikely to be available at 3.10pm.

For more information regarding the Christmas Events, please refer to the letter sent out to parents on 15th November:

<https://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-11-15-Christmas-Events-letter.pdf>

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION-FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF Y11 LEAVERS 2023

This is to confirm that the dates for collection of all formal/official GCSE/BTEC certificates will be as follows:

Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th November, between 8.30am and 4pm

or

Thursday 30th November between 8.30am to 6.30pm

Certificates can be collected from Reception during the above times by the students themselves, however if certificates are to be collected by anyone on their behalf, **a written and signed authorisation is required, from the student named on the certificates**. The student will need to say who they have authorised to collect their certificates and the person collecting will need to have ID to show to demonstrate they are that person. We are unable to hand over certificates to anyone other than the named student, without such (written) authorisation.

PLEASE BE AWARE: The 'statement of results' sheets obtained on 'Results Days' are **not** the official certification for students' qualifications; if asked, in the future, to provide evidence of exam results, these 'statements' will (almost certainly) not be acceptable to a college, university or employer. They will want to see the certificates themselves.

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>)

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