

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

27th November 2023

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS – Please check that you have updated your child's photo permissions.

We have arranged a photographer to visit the school on **Monday 4th December**, to take individual student photos (All Years). Photos will be available to purchase. Year 11 group photos will be arranged after Christmas (further details will follow once a date has been confirmed). Please follow the link [here](#) to complete the photo permissions form. Alternatively, paper forms can be collected from the Academy Office. The quickest way is by updating student details and permissions on the EduLink app. (if you have access).

END OF TERM

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 an arrangement 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>

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMPER DAY – Thursday 14th December

Just a reminder that the deadline to order a Christmas lunch is **Friday 24th November**.

Payments are to be made through our Cashless Catering/Online e-payments system and the order form will need to be returned please. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals may choose to use their daily allowance to purchase a Christmas lunch but must still do so in advance by completing the form. They will be unable to use their allowance to purchase one 'on the day'. Where these reservations are made, the day's allowance will be automatically allocated and funds for any other food or drink purchases will need to come from top ups to their cashless catering account, by parent(s)/carer(s). Water is always available for students to help themselves. Limited options will still be available for the free school meal cost.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Thursday 14th December

Tickets are priced at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for pre-school/students/senior citizens, and can be purchased in advance via the website 'Eventbrite', at the following link:

<https://OSAChristmasconcert2023.eventbrite.co.uk> Please bring your proof of purchase to the event.

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 16th January from 5.00pm to 6.00pm

The next opportunity for parents/carers to learn more about the life and work of the Academy will be on **Tuesday 16th January** at 5pm when Mr. Howkins, Vice Principal with responsibility for Curriculum and Student Outcomes, will give a presentation and be available to answer questions afterwards.

In order for us to select an appropriate venue, it is helpful for us to know in advance if parents/carers intend to come along. You can let us know by phoning in or e-mailing via the contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk email address.

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.

YEAR 7 – PARENT SURVEY

A big 'thank you' to those who completed the year 7 parent survey. The survey was anonymous, so I am unable to reply to any individual comments. However, the feedback will support moving forward in year 7 and with our Transition programme.

Kelly Webster (Head of Year)



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

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>)

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