

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

1st December 2023

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Thursday 14th December

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.

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 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.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL VOUCHERS

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Christmas Holiday. The grant will be issued as a £30 supermarket voucher for each eligible child and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

SCC aims to have all vouchers sent to recipients by Wednesday 20 December 2023. If you have not received the vouchers by this date or in the event of any queries regarding the vouchers, then please contact our team at freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk, rather than speaking to the school directly.

YEAR 9 – SUBJECT EVENING FEEDBACK

We would really appreciate a few moments of your time to give us your feedback on how the Subject Evening went. Your views are important to us so that we can improve things in future. Many thanks

<https://forms.office.com/r/kmztgFxm0>

LOST PROPERTY REQUEST

Please can we ask that you ensure all uniform items are clearly named (preferably initial and surname), to enable us to reunite students with their belongings - in particular coats & jackets now that the colder weather is here.

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.

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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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

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