

## ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

### 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – LAST DAY OF TERM

**Advance notice:** When we finish for Christmas on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm, the contracted school buses will be there at 1:30pm to take students home, except for the **SC707**. As the SC707 is a public bus, this has to stick to the published timetable and will be leaving at 3:20pm as usual. Chambers have confirmed that students will be able to use their school bus pass for other Chambers services from Sudbury town center bus station to their home village on 20<sup>th</sup>.

As previously indicated, students can be looked after in school if parents request this. Please contact us via the email below:

[contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk](mailto:contact@ormistonsudbury.co.uk) to confirm if this will be required.

## 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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk), rather than speaking to the school directly. Please follow the link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/3yhjfacb>

## IMPORTANT IMMUNISATIONS INFORMATION – JANUARY 2024

Please see the NHS attached letter regarding student immunisation's due to take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024**: [NHS letter to parents](https://tinyurl.com/4nty6b6c) (<https://tinyurl.com/4nty6b6c>).

To **provide consent**, please complete the form:

[PROVIDE CONSENT](https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/dtp/2023/suffolk) (<https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/dtp/2023/suffolk>)

For further information, please see: [NHS website – information about vaccines and vaccinations](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/> )

## WELLBEING AT CHRISTMAS

'Young Minds' have created a blog with some helpful information and guidance, for young people, on how to look after their mental health at Christmas; this may be useful for you/your young person and it can be accessed via the Young Minds website [here](#)

They have also created a 'Wellbeing Advent Calendar' for young people, with helpful tips and suggestions on ways to deal with some of the additional stress and pressures of the Christmas season; you can access a copy of this [here](#).

# MEET THE VICE PRINCIPAL EVENING

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## SUFFOLK SEND STRATEGY 2024-2028

Suffolk County Council (SCC) have requested this information to be sent to our parents/carers. Please follow the link for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/2ud84db7> / [here](#)

## 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> )

## ATTENTION YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS

Has your child applied for Post 16 education? Interviews are now taking place at most Further Education Institutions, and some have deadlines for applications by the end of Jan 2024. Below is a PDF link from Suffolk County Council, to help support you with applications:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/options-after-year-11-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-september-2023.pdf>

If you do need any further support please email the Academy Careers Adviser, Miss Boreham at [hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk](mailto:hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk)

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>)

We have arranged the following presentations and events for students in January 2024:

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Year 11, West Suffolk College Apprenticeship Team, talk on 'Trade Apprenticeships'
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Year 11, Assembly with National Citizens Service
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Year 10/11, Apprenticeship and T Level Assembly, AIM Group
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Year 11, Apprenticeship registration workshop, AIM group.

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](mailto:hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk)

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Copies of **Letters to Parents/Carers** may be found on our website [here](http://www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/parents-and-carers/letters-home/)  
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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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