

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

2nd February 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT'S EVENINGS

Please see below our forthcoming parent's evenings:

Thursday 8th February – Year 10 Parents Evening – virtual appointments can be made through the parents evening system.

Thursday 15th February – Year 9 Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening – taking place here at the Academy from 5.30pm

Letters for both evenings have been emailed to parents/carers.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 11 Tutor Group photos will be taken on Friday 9th February. Please be aware that any students without photo permission will not be included.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM AND EASTER

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that the Household Support Fund is available until March 2024, meaning a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the **February half term** and **Easter holidays 2024**.

The grant will be issued as a **£45** supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider **Pluxee** to cover both the February Half term (£15) and Easter holidays (£30).

For more information, please follow this link: [Discretionary Grants from the Household Support Fund](#)

Vouchers from the Christmas holidays – please remember to redeem your voucher by the expiry date. Once the voucher has expired, it cannot be reissued.

NOTICES

AEROSOLS

Please remind students that aerosols (spray deodorants or similar products) are **BANNED** from the Academy. Aerosol droplets can trigger asthma attacks, which can be fatal.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE SC705 BUS

Due to a road closure in Glemsford on Monday 22nd January, please can students use the bus stop at Hunts Hill Stores instead of Angel Lane. **This will continue until the road re-opens.**

BAD WEATHER

For updates on school closures/changes due to bad weather conditions, please check the school website, Suffolk County Council website www.suffolk.gov.uk and also OSA's social media platforms (please see links at the end of this bulletin). If there is no notice to advise of closure, then please assume we are open as normal.

For more information, please follow the link here for advice on where to look/listen for any closure announcements: <https://ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/our-academy/emergency-closures>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

WARM HUB FOR STUDENTS – TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

The youth warm hub drop-in at the Eden's Project in Sudbury is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (2.00pm to 6.00pm in the half term holiday). For more information please see [here](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/4vzs2ea8>

NEWS, EVENTS AND TRIPS - FEBRUARY

- **Shrek Tickets** (March) – we have now sold out of tickets for the Friday 15th, and almost sold out for Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th! We have therefore made the decision to **open a fourth night on the Tuesday 12th – tickets will be on sale on Eventbrite from 6.00pm today.**
- We held our 'Celebration' breakfasts this week, for students who received excellent 'Readiness for Learning' grades in their most recent reports.
- Two of our Year 11 students have been selected to take part in the RSC's production of 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona' being performed at the RSC's outdoor space 'The Holloway Garden Theatre'.
- Today we held a Year 11 v Teachers basketball game to raise money for the Y11 Prom.
- Year 7 Charity Week – week commencing 12th February.
- Year 8 Theatre trip 'The Boy on the Roof' – at the New Wolsey Theatre - **places are still available.**
- Year 10/11 Theatre Trip 'Six the Musical' at the Strand, London 29th February – Fully booked.

CAREERS INFORMATION – YEARS 10 and 11

CALLING ALL EMPLOYERS...

We are looking for organisations to help support our work experience programme. If you are an employer or work for an organisation that may be able to support our students by providing a one-week placement from 1-5 July 2024 then please email Miss Boreham on hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The Y10 work experience letter (sent to parents 22.01.24) can be found [here](#) or please follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/5bsczxd>

CAREERS PATHWAY EVENT – STOKE COLLEGE

This event is being held on Saturday 10th February. For more information, please see [here](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/dpbyk7bs>



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>)

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2024

NAW takes place week commencing Monday 5th February. We have several virtual talks taking place from organisations including the Police, Army, RAF and NHS. Please encourage your young person to sign up to these events via their tutor and discover more about apprenticeships.

For parents/career who are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships, information can be found on the Amazing Apprenticeship website, in different formats:

[The Apprenticeship Assembly Film - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Parents & Carers' Pack December 23 - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

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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[The OAKS](#) - Initial Teacher Training at Ormiston Sudbury Academy (<http://tinyurl.com/mw329zmn>)