

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

9th February 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK – 5th to 9th FEBRUARY

Parent 'Top Tips' – Advice on talking to children about their mental health:

(<https://ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk/news/2024/2/4/childrens-mental-health-awareness-week-5th-9th-feb>)

MOCK EXAMS & REVISION SESSIONS – YEAR 11

The Mock Exams will run in the week commencing 26th February. These will be carried out following formal examination procedures and will provide us with the information needed to teach the students in the final few months of year 11. This will provide information for college interviews, including projected grades.

Please make sure that your son/daughter has all the equipment needed for these exams.

There will be 3 days of **half term revision sessions** for Year 11 students running from Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st February. A letter has been sent to all year 11 parents this week to confirm the days/times and to register students for the sessions.

Period 6 sessions

Period 6 sessions continue to be very well attended. A reminder that these are Tuesday and Wednesday. We started this initiative to ensure that students have the best guidance and support in their final year – we are proud of their continued commitment to it!

PARENT'S EVENINGS

Please see below our forthcoming parent's evenings:

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

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

WATER BOTTLES

Please remind students to bring water bottles with them each day.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE LONG MELFORD BUS

We have been informed that the bus stop at the traffic lights in Long Melford has been temporarily suspended. Students are advised that there is another stop at Woollards gardens, just a minute walk from the George and Dragon.

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.**

NEWS, EVENTS AND TRIPS – FEBRUARY

NEWS

- With the help of our language teachers, the language Ambassadors have been learning a new language, creating power points, showcasing their ability, love and passion for languages and cultures by running 'Italian language' sessions for the staff and students going on the forthcoming ski trip.
- Virtual talks have taken place this week, from organisations including the Army, RAF and NHS. These were very popular with students, we had 150 students from year 9 and 10 sign up to attend!

EVENTS

- **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 are on sale from Eventbrite.**
- **Year 7 Charity Week – week commencing 12th February.**
The Year 7 students have chosen to raise money for the **Sudbury Food Bank**. They have planned lots of activities for students from all year groups to enjoy, including a name the teddy competition, a treasure hunt, and a cake sale! If any students would like to support by baking some cakes for the cake sale, this will be a great help! **For Year 7 students only** - if students bring in 2 items of food for donation, they can exchange this for a ticket to see a film on Friday afternoon (*the deadline for this will be Wednesday*) and for a donation of £1 the **year 7** students can wear a red top to school on Friday (all other uniform remains as normal).

SPORTING EVENTS

- Y7 Futsal western area competition – Mildenhall College 07.02.24
- U15 Boys handball – Home game at OSA 13.02.24
- U13 Rugby tournament – County Upper School 15.02.24

TRIPS

- Year 8 Theatre trip 'The Boy on the Roof' –New Wolsey Theatre -14th February - **10 places are still available.**
- Year 10/11 Theatre Trip 'Six the Musical' at the Strand, London 29th February – **Fully booked.**

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>

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 EVENTS

Careers Pathway Event at Stoke College - this event is being held on Saturday 10th February. For more information, please see [here](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/dpbyk7bs>

Some of our Y10 students will be attending the Employment and Careers Fair being held at the Sudbury Arts Centre during the afternoon of Monday 4th March 2024. Further details will be sent to parents shortly.

APPRENTICESHIPS

For parents/career who are interested in finding out more about apprenticeships, information 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](#)



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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