

ELECTRONIC PARENT BULLETIN

16th February 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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!

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

‘MEET THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’

Mr Stokes will be giving a presentation ‘Behaviours and Attitudes’ on **Tuesday 19th March** from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. This will be followed by the opportunity for informal questions or discussions. An invitation to attend will be sent to parents/carers following the half term holiday.

NEWS, EVENTS AND TRIPS – FEBRUARY/MARCH

NEWS

- **Year 7 Charity Week – week commencing 12th February.**
The Year 7 students chose to raise money for the **Sudbury Food Bank**. They have had a good week and have been working hard at lunchtimes to raise money by with lots of activities for students from all year groups to enjoy, such as a name the teddy competition, a treasure-hunt and a cake sale!
- **Year 11 Charity Week – week commencing 25th March.** The year 11's have chosen to raise money for Cancer Research. Further details to follow.

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**.
- National Careers Week – week beginning 4th March.
- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March. There will be activities taking place for students throughout the week!
- Year 9 Speed Networking Event – Friday 8th March
- Performance of 'The Government Inspector' by Splendid Productions at OSA – Wednesday 20th March (for our BTEC Acting Students).
- Local Primary Schools outreach sessions in March: Trampolining & Multi sports events taking place at OSA.

SPORTING EVENTS

- U13 West Suffolk Cup Football Match v Stowupland High School – 7th March

TRIPS/VISITS

- Year 10/11 Theatre Trip 'Six the Musical' at the Strand, London 29th February – **Fully booked**.
- Duke Of Edinburgh Residential – Year 9 – 15th-17th March – **Fully booked**.
- Geography Field Trips – Year 11 – 3 sessions 6th-8th March.
- Jobs & Careers Fair – Year 10 – 04th March.
- Midsummers Night Dream – RSC – Stratford Upon Avon – year 7 - 7th March – **Fully booked**.
- Romeo and Juliet – RSC – Stratford Upon Avon – year 8 – 22nd March – **Fully booked**.
- Ski Trip – leaves Sunday 31st March – **Fully booked**.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SUFFOLK COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL AGE IMUNISATION CLINICS – HALF TERM

If your child missed their vaccinations when we visited the school, then we can offer clinic appointments to catch up. **Half term vaccination clinics available:**

Tue 20/2/24 – New Bury Community Centre, **Bury St Edmunds**, IP32 6TD.

Wed 21/2/24 – Phoenix Family Hub, **Sudbury**, CO10 1NP.

Please contact your local team for further information, to check your child's vaccination history or to book an appointment please see [here](#) or follow this link <http://tinyurl.com/46atmzci>

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/5bsczxxd>

CAREERS EVENTS

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. A letter (via email) has been sent to parents to confirm attendance. For more details, please see [here](#) or follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2k3ntwfp>

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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