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Dear «The_Contacts_Salutation»

This term has flown by - Year 11 a matter of days away from their first exams...!

There is a lot of support available, details in this letter.

2025 Term 2 Report

These will be available to you on Go4Schools from Friday 4th April.

Easter Revision

We will be running a series of Easter Revision sessions in the 2nd week of the holidays – for details, and to sign up, please complete the link below.

https://forms.office.com/e/PNfca8c7NF

Revision Guides - a discounted offer...

Yr11 students will be bringing home order forms for 'discounted' revision guides - these will be available to purchase on the portal once the order form has been received - please don't send cash into the Academy.

GCSEPOD Masterclass – Online Easter session

We're inviting your students to join our GCSE Revision Masterclass: Smart Strategies for Exam Success – a free, interactive session designed to help them revise more effectively and feel confident ahead of their exams.

Date: Monday, 14th April 2025 Time: 11:00 AM (45-minute session)

What will students gain?

- Practical revision strategies backed by science, including retrieval practice, interleaving, spaced practice, and the Pomodoro method.
- Interactive activities to help them apply these techniques immediately.
- Expert guidance on how to use GCSEPod to study more effectively.

The session will be led by Asmaa Ahmed, an ex-teacher, and Josh Denison, a GCSEPod Expert both Customer Success Managers, providing students with engaging, practical strategies they can implement straight away. **How to Register:** Students can sign up directly using the link below:

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/b0c4a2d3-45e3-4e2c-9e1c-2e3349a604bc@739195a1-f5d6-4d9aac42-a1dbb7c7413d

Tuition - a discounted offer....

Have you been considering private tutoring? As you may know, our school partners with <u>MyTutor</u>, an online tutoring company, to offer one-to-one tuition for our Pupil Premium students. As part of this partnership, we're







now able to offer grade-boosting discounts to parents. MyTutor is giving Ormiston Sudbury Academy parents a discount of **35% off 4 lessons.** All you need to do is <u>go to this link</u> and enter your details.

<u>Uniform</u>

There is, and will remain whilst students are on roll, a uniform policy and expectations. It is essential that all students are in correct uniform – including shoes (not trainers) - everyday. Year 11 are role models for others, and we expect them to be correctly dressed. Thank you for your support.

Calendar of events for Yr11 prior to the written exams

1st May MFL Speaking exams

2nd April GCSE PE Practical exam (mock)

29th April BTEC Dance Exam

4th April GCSE PE Practical exam

28th April BTEC Acting exam

30th April and 1st May - Art Exam (DATE CHANGE)

2nd May BTEC Production exam

Period 6 sessions, Past Papers and Master Classes

Period 6 sessions continue to be very well attended. A reminder that these are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We started this initiative to ensure that students have the best guidance and support in their final year. Also, the LRC has a bank of Past Papers for all the exams that students are studying for. These are available for students to take (and complete!) and bring back to subject staff for feedback. Master classes are all available online via Teams or recorded – all students have had an email with the links.

Exam Equipment

Unfortunately, many students did not have the full equipment needed for their mock exams. With written exams starting in May, please ensure your child has the following: Pens (black); Pencils; ruler; eraser; calculator (scientific); highlighters; protractor and compass. Should the purchase of any of these be a problem, please contact us.

Post 16 Financial Support

From April 2025 eligible parents/carers will be able to apply for financial support (bursary) at the institution your young person is planning to study at. These are usually means tested and can help towards the cost of travel, equipment and clothing that may be required. Applications are made online and further details can be found on college/sixth form's websites.

The Prom!

The Prom will be **26th June** (apologies for the misprint in the last edition) at AFC Sudbury. There's still time to book a place... don't miss what will be a great night!

Yours sincerely

Mr D Howkins Vice Principal

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Mr N Bloom Head of Year 11