

FORTNIGHTLY PARENT BULLETIN

28th March 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A big 'thank you'

Thank you to all the parents, carers and families that supported us with the Academy's recent performance 'School of Rock'. We genuinely couldn't do it without you all and the support/personal time you give behind-the-scenes such as arranging costumes, dropping off/collecting students at different times as well as buying tickets to come and see the show! We were very proud of all the students that took part – we are very lucky to have so many talented students here at OSA!

Non-Pupil Day – Tuesday 22nd April

Please be aware that Tuesday 22nd April will be a non-pupil day, and the Academy will be closed to all visitors. Reception and phone lines will also be closed for the day.

Students return from the Easter holidays on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Spring School Reports Years 7 to 11

Student reports will be available to view via Go4Schools from Monday 7th April

Food Service Assistant Required at OSA

Please see [HERE](#) if you are interested in applying for this position.

Water Bottles and New Recycling Rules for Schools

Please can we ensure that students come into the Academy with a water bottle. Now the weather is getting warmer it is important that they keep hydrated. We have several water dispensers that students can refill their bottles during break and lunchtime.

Please can we request that students **do not bring canned drinks** into the Academy. Thank you.

Go4Schools

For Go4Schools - please follow the link [HERE](#)

NEWS, EVENTS AND TRIPS

Forthcoming Events/Visits – Summer Term 2025

Week commencing Monday 31st March – Year 7 Charity Week. Raising money for the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

APRIL

Date	Event	Information
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02.04.25	Duke of Edinburgh – Student Meetings	Compulsory after school session for students going on the DofE expedition that did not attend the training (bronze level). This session will also be for the students completing the DfE silver level weekend(s). This will run until 4pm. Please see Miss Cooke for more information.
23.04.25	Dance East Workshop	3.30pm to 4.00pm
24.04.25	Year 10 CPR Training	PSHE lesson
29.04.25	Duke of Edinburgh – Student Meetings	Compulsory after school session for students going on the DofE expedition (silver level). This will run until 4pm. Please see Miss Cooke for more information.

MAY

Date	Event	Information
02.05.25 to 04.05.25	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Weekend	Dedham Vale – selected students
07.05.25	Year 10 visit to Colchester Institute	9.00am to 1.00pm <i>Further details to follow</i>
15.05.25	Year 7 Parents/Curriculum Evening – Online	Booking details will be emailed to parents/carers nearer the time.
20.05.25	Duke of Edinburgh – Student Meetings	Compulsory after school session for students going on the DofE expedition (silver level). This will run until 4pm. Please see Miss Cooke for more information.
21.05.25	Year 10 Trip to BT Adastral Park, Ipswich	8.30am to 3.30pm – selected students
21.05.25	Year 8 HPS students Graduation at Cambridge University	Selected students <i>Further details to follow</i>
23.05.25 to 25.05.25	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Weekend	Thetford – selected students

JUNE

Date	Event	Information
04.06.25	U15 Athletics Competition	Bury St Edmunds 1.00pm to 6.30pm
11.06.25	Year 9/10 National theatre Trip ‘London Road’	For Acting students - 11.00am to 8.30pm
12.06.25	Year 8 Parents/Curriculum Evening – Online	Booking details will be emailed to parents/carers nearer the time.
12.06.25	U14 Athletics Competition	Bury St Edmunds 1.00pm to 6.30pm
17.06.25	Duke of Edinburgh – Student Meetings	Compulsory after school session for students going on the DofE expedition (bronze level). This will run until 4pm. Please see Miss Cooke for more information.
18.06.25	Year 7/8 Big Bang Trip	Birmingham NEC 9.00am to 7.30pm. <i>Further details to follow</i>
19.06.25	Dance Show	Further details will be given to those students involved.
19.06.25	Year 7 intake (only) uniform shop	This will be held at OSA by Anglia Sports Wear from 3.30pm to 5.30pm
19.06.25	Year 11 leavers assembly	Year 11 students only to attend
19.06.25	U13 Athletics Competition	Bury St Edmunds 1.00pm to 6.30pm
20.06.25 to 22.06.25	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition	Selected students

25.06.25 and 26.06.25	RSC Production at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester	Selected students
25.06.25 to 27.06.25	Year 8 residential trip to Ypres	<i>Now fully booked</i>
26.06.25	Year 11 Prom	7.30pm to 10.00pm
27.06.25	Performing Arts OSCARS Showcase	<i>Further details to follow</i>
30.06.25	U12 Athletics Competition	Bury St Edmunds 1.00pm to 6.30pm

JULY

Date	Event	Information
03.07.25 and 04.07.25	Sports day	All year groups
03.07.25	Meet the tutor welcome evening	For parents/carers of new Year 7 students joining us in Sept 2025
From 07.07.25	Year 10 work experience week	
07.07.25 and 08.07.25	Y6 transition days	
10.07.25	Year 10 into 11 transition evening	<i>Further details to follow</i>
10.07.25	OATS Got Talent Final	Birmingham – selected students
14.07.25 to 16.07.25	Year 9 residential Trip to Kingswood	<i>Now fully booked</i>

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ormiston's Got Talent Regional Finals 2025

Over the last few weeks, pupils from Ormiston Academies performed at three regional talent shows, hoping to win their place at the grand final in July. Judges were impressed by the brilliant talent on display with some very memorable performances in music, dance, and theatre.

There were eleven Acts selected from across the Academies to go through to the grand final on **Thursday 10 July at The Rep Theatre, Birmingham**, including a group of very talented students from our Academy! The students said that it had been 'the best day of their life' and they cannot wait for the final!

Well done to the students for this fantastic achievement - we are all very proud of them!

Spring Term Awards

Spring term awards will be given to students during their 'Celebration Assemblies' next week:
 Easter Egg Award Certificate – chosen by teachers for students that have progressed well this term.
 Tutor Award Certificate – chosen by each class tutor for their 'Tutee of the term'.
 Plus, there are certificates given for the 'Head of Year' Award, 'Senior Leadership' Award and 'Pastoral Manager' Award.

OSA clubs

Maths support clubs are available to students after school:

Tuesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – Years 9 and 10

Wednesdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm – Years 7 and 8

Please find all lunchtime club information* [HERE](#)

Please find all after school club information* [HERE](#)

**PE clubs may differ*

IMPORTANT CAREERS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS/PARENTS/CARERS

Parents/Carers – Can you help us?

We are still looking for work experience placements for our Year 10 students. If you run a business or work for a company that might be able to support a young person by offering a placement then please contact Miss Boreham at hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk for further details. Our work experience week is 7-11th July 2025.

Year 10 Parents Work Experience

Students that have secured work experience placements for July can now set these up on the Unifrog careers platform. All Year 10 students have been emailed instructions on how to do this, a guide on how to upload information to Unifrog can be found here:

[Guides - Placement - Unifrog](#)

If you have any questions regarding work experience, please email Careers Adviser Miss Boreham at hboreham@ormistonsudbury.co.uk

Post 16 Applications

Please remind your young person to check their emails regularly for updates on their college application. Some students have missed interviews because they have not done so and may need to book an interview slot with the college. If your child has not yet had a response, then please do get in contact with the college/6th Form directly to check that they have the right contact information.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Easter Holidays

The Holiday Activity and Food programme is open for bookings for families who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals, or families on low incomes. All activities are free to families who are eligible. Please click the link to access the booking system <https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf> to browse the activities and book on.

NHS Norfolk and Suffolk – Supporting Young Peoples Mental Health

Please find [HERE](#) the booking details of upcoming parent/carer mental health and wellbeing workshops for the summer term.

What parents need to know about STREAMERS

Please see [HERE](#) for more details.

Suffolk County Council – Funded School Travel

Message to parents

If your child is eligible for Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel, you will need to opt-in by 31 May 2025 to receive travel for the start of the 2025/2026 school year.

If your child already receives SCC funded school travel, you still need to opt-in every year.

If your child is starting secondary school in September 2025 and they are eligible for SCC funded school travel, you will be contacted by the 3 April 2025. You will need to opt-in if you would like your child to use this service.

For more information on the SCC school travel policy and getting your child to school please visit:

www.suffolkonboard.com/optin

My Health, Our Future – My Family

Please find a survey for parents, carers and guardians about family health and wellbeing [HERE](#)

If you are a parent, carer, or guardian, please take a few minutes to tell Healthwatch Suffolk about the wellbeing of your family and the support you get from the NHS or social care services

Information from Suffolk County Council – Household Support Fund – February half term and Easter Holidays

Please see [HERE](#) for more information/how to redeem vouchers.

Teens and Tweens Book Club – Sudbury Library

This will be held on the following days/dates from 10.30am to 11.30am:

1st March/29th March/26th April/24th May/ 21st June

- Please come along with your library card – no charge
- Free drinks and snacks available
- Recommended age: 10-14 years

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Previous versions of our **Parent Email Bulletins** may be viewed on our website [here](#)

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