

# Academy News

20th October 2022



Good afternoon,

We end the half term with the first series of our in-class assessments so we can monitor student progress and adjust our curriculum planning accordingly.

Today, we also practised our lock-down procedures and it was reassuring to know that we have in place robust control measures in case of a sudden emergency. I was particularly pleased with how our students responded to this drill.

At this mid-point time in the term we are reviewing our rewards and behaviour policy and the decision has now been made to amend our approach to reward points on Go4School. Instead of students expecting to achieve three reward points for prompt arrival to lessons, good behaviour on arrival and having the correct equipment, they will now receive one reward point for achieving all three of these expectations at the start of their lesson. We have also been rewarding students who have no negative points this half term by allowing them to start the day with a hot chocolate - which I know has been well-received by this cohort. It is really important that we continue to notice and reward students who are doing well in lessons; and there is much to celebrate.

I complete my weekly communication with a polite reminder that students will not be in school on Friday 21st October and to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Thank you

Tom Maltby  
Headteacher



## Year 7 CAT Testing

Students will undertake Cognitive Ability Tests on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th November. Please refer to Academy News dated [30th September](#) for full details.

## Reminder

Please ensure your child brings a re-usable water bottle to school to support recycling and avoid the use of disposal cups. Thank you.

## Useful Information

Links to support services

**Suffolk County Council** - [The Parent Hub](#)

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**Online bullying:** [thinkyouknow.co.uk](https://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

**Feeling down, low or depressed:**  
[youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk) or [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org) Call 116 123 for free

**Sexual Assault:** Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mr Anstee-Parry (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Watson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) - 01473 328317

At all other times, please contact Customer First : 0808 800 4005 or  
If you believe there is an emergency and a child is at risk of **immediate harm** please call the Police on **999**.