

Academy News

22nd September 2023



Good afternoon,

I hope you have settled into the rhythms of the new term. Sometimes it can feel like our focus in education can be on the average performance and not the areas of exceptional performance, whether it be academic or other. I am keen, alongside the wider school staff, to capture the picture of the large number of students who are exceptional in a particular endeavour. If you would like to help me celebrate these young people's successes please email me and it can be included in future communications.

This week, we have been looking at classroom behaviours and routines through the conducting of learning walks as a leadership team, visiting a large number of lessons across the week. This will form just one way of evaluating teaching and learning in the Academy but has enabled us to develop a deeper understanding of student experience and how this can be enhanced. Part of this is the importance of curriculum design and how this shapes the skills and knowledge that are acquired over time. For every subject, an overview of our curriculum can be found on the website which will enable you to have high quality conversations with your children about what they are learning.

Technology, when used well, can also contribute to the acceleration of a child's development.

Currently we use the following to achieve this:

- GCSE pod
- Duolingo
- GCSE bite size
- MyMaths
- Zeneca
- Educake

Please do talk with your child about these opportunities as it can be a great way of pushing your child's learning on and sharing those experiences with them

As you may be aware, a communication was sent out earlier this term regarding the school car park and the limited number of car parking spaces available to safely drop off students who due to Special Educational Needs or physical needs require to be brought to reception.

The car park passes which enable parents/carers to use these spaces have now been allocated.

A reminder that parking restrictions are in place between **8.00-8.30am and 3.00-3.45pm** to facilitate the movement of the school buses. During these times, only parents/carers who have a car parking pass will be able to come on to the school site to drop off and pick up their children. If you try to come onto site without a pass you may be turned away. This includes taxis. We have an increasing number of taxis coming on to site which is causing difficulties and compromising the safety of our students. Therefore, from next week, we ask that arrangements are made for students to be picked up and dropped off away from the school site.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Year 7 Unfortunately, there is currently an issue setting up Google accounts for students which has been escalated to Google. We will update you on this as soon as possible.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

28th September - Year 11 Post 16 Pathways evening (

2nd/3rd October - Open Morning

3rd October - Open Evening

12th October - Careers Fair at Ipswich High School

20th October - PD Day

School Photos

Students have been given the details of how to order their school photos. Please ask your child for these details. Thank you.

Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mrs Watson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Miss Crabtree (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**.

Useful Information

Links to support services:-

Childline: 0800 1111

[The Wellbeing Hub 'Teen Tips'](#) Log in information was provided to parents/carers on 26th May. Please contact the office if you would like the information sent to you directly.

Online bullying www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Kooth - Online counselling service and peer to peer support for young people aged 11-25: www.kooth.com

Emotional Wellbeing Gateway website (Suffolk Infolink Directory) – Information, advice and guidance on common mental health issues. Access to mental health services like the Emotional Wellbeing Hub
www.emotionalwellbeinggateway.org.uk

The Source website for young people – Sources of information and advice important to young people in Suffolk, including emotional wellbeing support: www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing

Mental Health Crisis – Call 111, option 2

Sexual Assault: Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or help@nspcc.org.uk