

Academy News

3rd November 2023



Good afternoon,

The weather this week has been a challenge but I am pleased we have been able to stay open for all students and I would like to thank staff and parents/carers for their commitment to providing education to our students.

This week, we have invited two school improvement partners to perform some key quality assurance on key areas of our school including curriculum, teaching and assessment and much more. It has been a great opportunity to review the range of actions that the leadership team and I have taken since September and identify clear next steps on our journey to improvement. I have really enjoyed working with staff and speaking with our students about life at the Academy.

We now only have just over a week before Destiny Africa arrives at the Academy. Here is a short video of the work that they do in their community: [John Marks Story](#)

Finally, I hope that you are not too badly affected by the weather and enjoy a peaceful weekend.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

14th/15th November - Destiny Africa Choir Concerts

28th November - GCSE Presentation Evening 2023

30th November - Year 9 Options Information Evening (*details to follow*)

School Buses - 603 and 604

We have been asked by Ipswich Buses to remind parents/carers that students must show a valid travel pass on the 603 and 604. Failure to do so may result in students being told they need to pay to travel.

Please ensure your child has a travel pass or contact www.suffolkonboard.com to apply for a new or replacement pass.



We are looking forward to welcoming the [Destiny Africa Choir](#) to the Academy from 13th November. As part of the visit, they will be performing in the main hall on the evenings of 14th and 15th November.

Tickets are available from the office - £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for concessions.

Main Drive

Please remember to observe the speed restrictions when entering and leaving the school site.

This is particularly important at the main gates as there is a concealed entrance into Clench Road which is used by students, staff and members of the public.

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