

# Academy News

16th February 2024



*Be our Guest*

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, we want to express our gratitude for your ongoing support. Spring is just around the corner, bringing new opportunities for growth and learning.

We are pleased to share that our students have demonstrated commendable commitment to academic standards. Their hard work and dedication have contributed to a positive and thriving learning environment. Our extremely talented cast and crew of the 'Beauty and the Beast' production have done us proud with the show - I am looking forward to watching it tonight with my family. Extra special thanks goes to Ms Whiting who has led this performance wonderfully.

For our Year 11 students, the upcoming Summer GCSE exams mark a crucial milestone. We encourage both students and parents/carers to stay engaged in the preparation process, and we will provide further guidance and resources to ensure a smooth and successful examination period.

A guide to exam preparation has been given to all Year 11 students and can be found here:  
[Preparation for Exams: A Guide](#)

We are delighted to welcome Claire Cooper in Science after Easter, an experienced teacher with exceptional classroom practice, who joins our team on a permanent basis. In English, Cassie Wordingham joins the team, bringing her experience as a Head of House. She will also have additional responsibility for raising the outcomes of students across the school. We remain committed to recruiting good staff in what is currently a difficult recruitment climate and are on track to be fully staff for September.

Looking ahead, our exciting activity week awaits, promising enriching experiences for all students. Further details and correspondence regarding this engaging week will be shared after half-term.

I would like to wish you a wonderful half-term break.

George Anstee-Parry  
Acting Headteacher

## Calendar / Upcoming Events

14th - 17th February - **'Beauty & the Beast'** production (*Details shared separately*)

16th February - PD Day

19th-23rd February - Half term

26th February - Students Return (Week 1)

## Year 11 : Revision Opportunities

Please sign up for half-term revision classes by mid-day on 16th February. Full details available [here](#)

### Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Miss Crabtree (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) or ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding team - 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/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

**Kooth** - Online counselling service and peer to peer support for young people aged 11-25: [www.kooth.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing)

**Mental Health Crisis** – Call 111, option 2

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