

Academy News

2nd February 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I can share with you that our Year 8 boys have been successful in progressing to the quarter finals of the national football competition beating St Joseph's 4 - 2 away at Enfield. Goals from Kyle (2), Mabast and Harrison secured the win and we look forward to who they are drawn against next week - I will keep you posted.

On Tuesday, we held our Year 9 Parents' Progress evening which was a great success; it was great to catch up with so many parents/carers and witness the development of this key relationship between teachers and families.

We have seen in the news this week about the new government legislation regarding vaping and specifically the prohibition of disposable vapes and how they are readily available to young people. My full letter on this matter can be found [here](#).

Beauty and the Beast preparation is shaping up well and a buzz is developing around the show.

Performances are taking place in the main hall from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th February. The performance on Saturday 17th February will be a 'black tie' evening so why not take the opportunity to dress up! Doors will open at 6.30pm with all performances starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are on sale from the main office.

Next week will focus on reinforcing academic standards within the classroom such as preparedness, engagement, quality of presentation and grit. In addition, staff at the Academy will be focusing on uniform, ensuring that all students are dressed smartly in the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child comes to school fully prepared and equipped to learn with pens, pencils, etc and wearing the correct uniform.

Further to this, we will be launching the recruitment process for Year 10 students to become Prefects as Year 11 students move closer to their exams.

I would like to wish you a wonderful weekend.

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



Be our Guest

Tickets now on sale from the main office
priced at £7.00 for adults and £4.00 for
children/concessions.

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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/

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