

Academy News

9th February 2024



Be our Guest

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, assemblies have focussed on academic standards and moving from extrinsic to intrinsic motivation - something we do as teachers - the true value of a high quality teacher is facilitating this transition for a young person. I will be hosting fortnightly work scrutinies with pupils where we spend time looking at their work to identify areas of development and areas of strength.

Last week, I shared some wonderful successes that filled me with pride. This week, I can share that Tarun, Year 10, won the Suffolk Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships competition for the Under 16 category held on 3rd February at King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds. He has now been invited to represent Suffolk at the Nationals Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships in Wolverhampton on 27th April 2024. We are immensely proud of his achievements. Continuing with racket sports, the Academy's Badminton team has won a Gold medal in a Suffolk School Badminton competition held on 19th January 2024.

Engaging in sports activities not only promotes physical well-being but also fosters essential life skills. Team sports, in particular, instil the values of teamwork, cooperation and discipline, which are integral to success in both academic and professional pursuits. Moreover, the challenges presented in sports nurture resilience and perseverance, teaching our students to confront setbacks with determination. These experiences contribute significantly to building character, shaping resilient individuals who are well-equipped to face life's myriad challenges.

Beauty and the Beast premieres next week - 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. Doors will open at 6.30pm with all performances starting at 7.00pm. Tickets on sale from the main office don't leave it to the last minute!

Just to remind you, we have a Professional Development day for staff on the 16th February, therefore, students are not at the Academy that day. Next week, we will be hosting celebration assemblies for all year groups which will end the half term positively.

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Year 11

Details about revision opportunities during half-term are now being finalised and will be shared early next week.

Raffle Prizes

If you have anything you could donate as a Raffle Prize for the Show nights, please leave at the main office. Thank you.

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