

# Academy News

24th May 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a half term! Time seems to have flown by but the weather does not seem to have noticed that it is Summer.

Last week, we invited in two external school improvement partners to evaluate the changes we have made since September. They noticed a tangible improvement in a range of areas after visiting lessons, speaking with students in a range of different year groups, observing lunchtime and meeting with staff.

A few highlights include:

- “The improvements in behaviour in the school has been rapid”
- “There is a tangible difference in the behaviour in the school.... In the lessons seen, pupils behaved well.
- “Teachers said that pupils are making an effort to be rewarded for positive behaviours.”
- “Pupils followed teachers’ instructions quickly. Their movement around the school and break times was calm.”
- “The safeguarding team promote a culture of having an open-door policy, being approachable to pupils, staff and parents in talking about concerns.”

## Calendar / Upcoming Events

27th to 31st May - Half-term

3rd June - Students Return  
(Week 2)

## National Schools Cup Final

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 8 boys football who took on St Patrick’s in the FA National final at the Hawthorns in Birmingham today. The boys did us proud with a final score of 7 - 0.



We are so immensely proud of them. I would like to also express my gratitude to Mr Woods and Mr Bartholomew for their hard work and dedication to the team.

I hope you have a fantastic half term.

George Anstee-Parry  
Acting Headteacher

## Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

We are currently updating this policy and as part of this review involves a consultation with Parents/Carers, Students and Staff. A copy of the Draft RSE policy can be found [here](#).

If you wish to make any comments, please contact the main office.

Thank you.

## Year 11 : Exams Support

Here are some links to managing exam stress

- [NHS Help your child beat exam stress](#)
- [Anna Freud: How to identify the signs of academic stress, and ways to help](#)
- [Student Minds – resources, tips and blogs about exam stress](#)
- [Ofqual: Coping with exam pressure – a guide for students](#)

## Improving School Attendance

Please follow the links for information on the importance of school attendance:-

[How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support](#)

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

## Safeguarding Information

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

## Parent View

We are keen for as many parents/carers as possible to complete this survey.

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to complete the [Ofsted Parent View](#)

## 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)