Academy News

28th June 2024



Dear Staff, Governors, Parents / Carers and Pupils,

I am writing to extend my deepest gratitude for your contributions and support during our recent OFSTED visit on Wednesday and Thursday. The dedication and effort displayed by everyone in our school community over the past few days have been truly remarkable. We have been on quite a journey this year and I am pleased with our progress.

To our wonderful staff and governors: Your unwavering commitment to providing a high-quality education and a nurturing environment for our pupils was clearly evident. Your hard work, professionalism, and passion for teaching have been pivotal in showcasing our school's strengths and achievements. Thank you for your continued excellence and for going above and beyond in preparing for this visit.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

2nd July : Transition Day for new Year 7 students

2nd July : GCSE Art & Design Exhibition

4th July : Transition Evening for new Year 7 parents/carers

15th-19th July : Activities Week

19th July : End of term

To our supportive parents/carers: Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in the success of our school. We are grateful for your engagement, whether through participating in meetings, sharing feedback, or simply being there for your children. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your trust and cooperation.

To our amazing pupils: You are the heart of our school. Your enthusiasm, positive attitude, and eagerness to learn were highlighted during the visit, reflecting the vibrant and dynamic community we strive to nurture. Thank you for being yourselves and for making us proud.

The visit has reaffirmed the strength of our school community, and I am confident that our collective efforts will be recognized positively. Let us continue to work together to maintain and enhance the standards we have set, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

Once again, thank you all for your extraordinary contributions and for making our school a place of excellence.

With sincere appreciation,

George Anstee-Parry Acting Headteacher



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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?

Catering Survey

As the Academy's catering provider, Caterlink have asked us to share the following link with parents/carers to obtain feedback on the service they provide.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ

The survey will close on 31st July, following which feedback will be provided to us.

Reminder about Parking and Drop off / Pick Up

Please continue to be considerate to our neighbours and the local community when using the roads around the Academy to drop off or pick up your child/children. Please also consider the impact of cars parking in the local area on residents and, if you are waiting to pick up, please remember to turn off your engine.

A reminder for those not already aware that parking restrictions are in place between **8.00-8.30am and 3.00-3.45pm** to facilitate the movement of the school buses. During these times, only parents/carers who have a car parking pass will be able to come into the car park to drop off and pick up their children. If you try to come onto site without a pass you may be turned away.

An additional reminder that parents/carers should only come onto site outside of these times if you have an appointment or need to speak to someone in the office and not to drop students off as the car park is used by students throughout the school day.

Thank you.

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**.

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 <u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</u>

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

2 Sexual Assault: Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or help@nspcc.org.uk