# **Academy News**

18th July 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and share some important updates with you. This year has been remarkable in many ways. Our students have excelled academically, with outstanding results in exams and impressive progress in all year groups. Extracurricular activities have also flourished, with our sports teams winning several regional championships and our arts programs receiving accolades in various competitions. The dedication and hard work of both students and staff have truly paid off.

As I approach the end of my year as Acting Headteacher, I am filled with immense gratitude and a deep appreciation for the power of group synergy. This year has been a testament to how much can be achieved when a team works together with a shared purpose and unwavering commitment.

I am profoundly grateful to my colleagues for their dedication, trust, and

#### Calendar / Upcoming Events

19th July : End of term

4th September : Students Return

19th September : Year 10 Meet the Headteacher, Information Evening and Work Experience launch

26th September : Year 11 Post 16 Pathways Evening

unrelenting positivity. Their spirit of cooperation and shared vision created an environment where innovation flourished and obstacles were merely opportunities in disguise. It has been an honor to lead alongside such talented and committed individuals.

As I reflect on this transformative year, I am reminded that true leadership is not about one person at the helm but about the strength of the team behind them. Together, we have made a difference, and for that, I am deeply thankful.

Activities Week has been a resounding success! Students participated in a wide range of activities, from adventurous outdoor expeditions to creative workshops and community service projects. It was wonderful to see them learning new skills, building friendships, and giving back to the community. A special thanks to all the staff who made this week possible.

As we look forward to the new academic year, there are a few changes to note. We have restructured the school day to better support our students' learning and well-being. Detailed information about the new timetable is available on our <u>website</u>. Additionally, there have been some minor amendments to the <u>school</u> <u>uniform policy</u>. Please ensure that your child is familiar with these changes before the start of the new term.

At the end of this term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Watson, Mrs Stacey, Mrs Rigby, Ms Boother, Mrs Figueiras Torrens, Miss Brady and Mr Opefi and we wish them all the very best. In September, we will be joined by Mrs Elliott as Headteacher, Mrs King as Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Ibeme as Science Teacher.

Recruitment has been so challenging during the last year but I am pleased to say we are fully staffed for September. We are excited to welcome our students back on the 4th September. Please ensure they arrive punctually and are ready to embark on another year of learning and growth.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. This is a perfect time to relax, recharge, and enjoy precious moments with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Best wishes,

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#### **Bus Information for September**

We are aware of minor changes to pick up times for the 603 and 604 from September and will share this information when it is available. Details about times and fares will also be available from the Ipswich Buses website - <u>https://www.ipswichbuses.co.uk/</u> or

https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/travelling-to-school/school-timetables/

Please also ensure that if your child is entitled to a bus pass, you have applied for this via the **Suffolkonboard** website.

## Second Hand Uniform

If you have any uniform which no longer fits your child, please consider donating this to our Second Hand Uniform shop so this can be passed on to another family.

Donations can be left at the main office at any time during 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

<u>The Wellbeing Hub 'Teen Tips'</u> 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: <a href="https://www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing">www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing</a>

Mental Health Crisis – Call 111, option 2

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