

Academy Bulletin

10th January 2025



We would like to welcome back all students after what we hope was a restful break Christmas break.

The new term has started well and we hope to bring you details of exciting things over the coming weeks, including the Activities Week programme in July.

Claire Elliott
Headteacher

Calendar / Upcoming Events

16th January	Year 10/11 Reward Trip
22nd January	Year 10/11 Poetry Live Trip
3rd February	Year 11 Mock Exams start
4th February	Year 9 Progress Evening 4-6.30pm
6th February	Year 10/11 Macbeth Trip
17th-21st February	Half-term holiday
10th-14th March	Year 10 Work Experience
4th April	End of Spring term

The following clubs and extra-curricular activities are available for students during the Spring term:-



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



Spring Term 2025

Monday

Mahjong – 29
Business & Entrepreneur club – 19
Y7 mixed basketball – Sports hall
Jazz Band – 9
Sparx Maths – 26
Creative Minds – LRC
Dance Club - PAC
After School
Homework Club - LRC

Tuesday

Mahjong – 29
Zentangle/colouring – 17
Y7 and Y8 girls' netball
Sustainability club – 30
Creative writing – 12
Minibeasts and Microscopes club – 24
Cards/Chess/Cipher club – 28
Creative Minds – LRC
Drop-in with Gabi - SSC

Wednesday

Mahjong – 29
Animation club – 1
Y7 mixed badminton
Y8/9/10/11 fitness gym
KS3 Art – 10
Year 11 Quote club – 13
Creative Minds – LRC
Drop-in with Gabi - LRC
After School
KS4 Art – 10
Walk and Talk with Gabi
Homework club - LRC

Thursday

Mahjong – 29
Y8 and Y9 mixed badminton
Criminal Law club – 14
KS4 Art – 10
Homework club – 5
Creative Minds – LRC
Drop-in with Gabi – LRC

Friday

Mahjong – 29
Y10 and 11 mixed badminton
Y8/9/10/11 fitness gym
Cinema club – 15
Creative Minds – LRC
Drop-in with Gabi - LRC



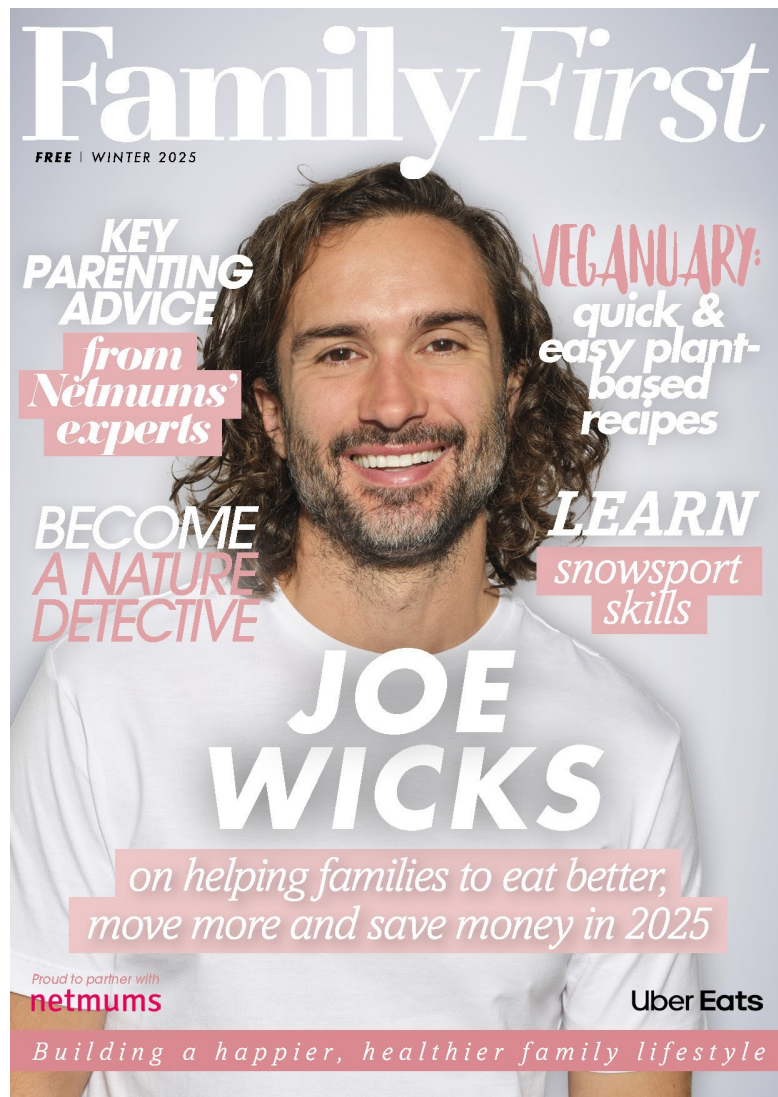
Access to School Site

A reminder that, for safety reasons, parents/carers should not be accessing the school site to drop off or pick up children at the start or end of the day, unless you have a Parking Permit.

At all times, please follow the speed restrictions displayed along the driveway and consider the concealed entrance on the right just before the main gates, which is used by members of the local community.

Thank you.

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For your free copy of the UK's largest parenting magazine, please follow the link below:-

[Family First Magazine](#)

Safeguarding Support Services:

999: For emergencies and if there is an immediate risk of harm.

111: Urgent medical help that is not life threatening.

111 option 2: Mental Health Crisis Support

101: Police, non-emergency crimes

0808 800 4005: MASH Customer First (Social Services)

0800 1111: Childline

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

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ : Online bullying

www.kooth.com : Kooth - Online counselling service for young people aged 11-25

Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mrs Alex King (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**.

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn term

Starts	Monday 1 September 2025
Students Return	Wednesday 3 September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 to Friday 31 October 2025
Ends	Friday 19 December 2025
Christmas holiday	Saturday 20 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January
PD Days (Non Student)	1 and 2 September 2025, 28 November 2025

Spring term

Starts	Monday 5 January 2026
Students Return	Tuesday 6 January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 to Friday 20 February 2026
Ends	Friday 27 March 2026
Spring (Easter) holiday	Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April 2026
PD Day (Non Student)	5 January 2026

Summer term

Starts	Monday 13 April 2026
Half term	Monday 25 to Friday 29 May 2026
Ends	Monday 20 July 2026
PD Day (Non Student)	20 July 2026

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?](#)



Norfolk and Suffolk
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Spring Term Psychology in Schools Parent/Carer Workshop Programme

We are pleased to announce our upcoming free online [parent/carers workshops for the Spring term!](#)

The upcoming workshops can be booked for free on our [Eventbrite page](#). Information on all our workshops, past and present, as well as workshop recordings, can be found on our [website](#).

Psychology in Schools Admin Team

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

NHS
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Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Self-harm
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette's symptoms (TICS)

Access here: <https://www.nsfh.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>



Free School Meals

We are keen to ensure that all families who need support know where to access this.

To find out if your child may be entitled to free school meals and how to apply for this, please refer to the information on the following link:-

[Apply for free school meals](#)

If your child is entitled to free school meals, it also means the Academy will receive additional funding for your child which can be used to support trips, resources, etc.

Full details of the menu on offer from Caterlink can be found [here](#). Students entitled to free school meals may choose a meal deal option each day.