

Academy Bulletin

7th February 2025



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Parking around the Academy

We have recently received calls from members of the local community about parking on the roads around Abbott Way, opposite the main school entrance.

If you use the roads in this area and around the Academy to drop off / pick up at the start or end of the school day, please be considerate to our neighbours and the local community.

Please do not park on grassed areas or block driveways and remember to turn off your engine whilst you are waiting.

To ensure the safety of students and members of the community, please also keep to all speed limits as young people will be using these roads to walk to and from school.

Thank you for your support.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

13th February	Year 9 Geography trip
17th-21st February	Half-term holiday
5th March	Year 9 Blood Brothers Trip
10th-14th March	Year 10 Work Experience
4th April	End of Spring term

Holbrook Academy - 'Hop to it! Suffolk 2025'

Holbrook Academy is thrilled to have joined 'Hop to it! Suffolk 2025', St Elizabeth Hospice's new hare sculpture art trail.

The spectacular free public art event that will hop onto the streets of Ipswich in the summer of 2025, and for the first time locations in Beccles, Felixstowe, Lowestoft and Woodbridge.

We have adopted our very own little stargazer leveret hare and will be joining the trail as part of the Learning and Community programme, Hopscotch! The project is a wonderful opportunity to spark creativity and imagination while learning and experiencing different art forms.

We will be creating a beautiful design to decorate our own little stargazer leveret, which will be displayed alongside the large hares in the summer of 2025 for everyone to admire our fantastic creativity and imagination.

We are fundraising to help raise vital funds for St Elizabeth Hospice, an independent Suffolk charity, which every year delivers care to over 4,000 patients and their families throughout East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney, who are living with a progressive or life-limiting illness.

These services cost around £12m to facilitate each year, with the charity raising 70% of funds via revenue streams and the generosity of the community through support of its retail shops and fundraising activities.

In 2015, St Elizabeth Hospice launched Zest - a young adult service which supports those aged 14 and above with progressive & incurable illnesses. They work closely with children's hospice services to ensure young adults have a smooth transition into adult care, tailored treatment and services they need to be able to enjoy life to the full.

If you would like to make a donation to the 'Hop to it! Suffolk 2025' appeal, please click [here](#)



Lost Property

Once again, we have a number of coats and other items in lost property. In particular, we have a large number of water bottles which have not been claimed by students.

Please contact the office if your child has lost a coat or anything else in school.

Can we also please remind you to ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing to ensure these can be returned to them.

Thank you.

Year 10 Work Experience 10th-14th March

If your child has not yet secured a placement, please encourage them to do so.

For any support and advice, please contact our Careers Lead, Mr Rogers - simon.rogers@holbrookacademy.org

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?](#)

Alton Water 'Ride & Stride'

Sunday 27th April 2025

Charity fundraiser for the community... Bulletin dated [22nd January](#) for full details.

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**.

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.