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ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN: 2ND HALF SPRING TERM 2017

With warmer weather now apparently upon us, the decision to apply warm weather rules (ie when jumpers are optional), will be reviewed week by week and students will be informed in school by their class teachers. For the time being, full uniform is expected but jackets and jumpers may be removed once students are seated in lessons; we appreciate that some classrooms are warmer than others.

I am pleased to report our Local Governing Body have all agreed to extend their respective terms of office for a further 4 years. At the last meeting, Miss Sarah Aspin was appointed as a new parent governor and Mrs Lisa Johnson advised us that she will be standing down at the end of the summer term.

Academy Calendar

Students will return to school after the Easter break on Tuesday 18th April which is week 1 of timetables. Students will go to tutor bases at 8.25am and period 1 will start at 8.50am on the first day back. New Standards Cards will be issued for the summer term in tutor time and tutors will carry out uniform and equipment checks as usual. Break time and lessons from period 3 onwards will remain as normal.

On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th April, students will need to report to their tutor bases on arrival at school in the morning. Break time and lessons 3 onwards will be at the normal times. Students will be reminded in school the day before and as they enter the gates in the morning.

The last day of this academic year will be Friday 21st July when students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00pm after a whole school assembly in the sports hall. Regrettably, due to budgetary constraints and a reduction in support staffing levels, we are unable to repeat last year's Activities Day programme this summer. Numerous other curriculum trips will still proceed and students/parents will be advised of these as they arise.

Photo/Video Consent

On behalf of our Exams Officer, all parents/carers are advised that when students take speaking and listening exams (English/Languages) or practical moderation exams (Drama/PE), the examination boards require us to video students. Therefore, irrespective of whether parental consent has been given or not, the academy reserves the right to video students for the purposes of satisfying exam board regulations and quality assurance only. Failure to comply with this exam board regulation will result in your child being unable to take the examination.

Year 11 News

Over the Easter holiday a range of revision sessions are being held in school by subject teachers in preparation for the summer exam series which starts on 15th May. Students in year 11 who have been identified as needing additional support or catch-up time over Easter have been given letters and schedules in tutor time this week. Not all students are invited to all subjects. Schedules will be different for every student. In order for us to support your child to achieve their very best, we would ask you to encourage them to attend all of the sessions to which they are invited. A copy of the programme is available to view on our website under the 'Parent/Letters' page.

On **Monday 3rd April**, the Maths team are hosting a morning and afternoon revision session for all year 11 students. Parental consent slips should please be returned on arrival at the Maths sessions as they will apply for all sessions attended over Easter. Students will need to enter and exit through the main entrance/Reception doors; the side access gates will not be open. The Food Hall will be closed for the holiday period so students will need to bring suitable food and refreshment of their own. The Food Hall will however be available for students to meet and eat over lunch if they are attending all day.



Mr Bouckley is organising a Rewards Trip to Thorpe Park for year 11 students on **Saturday 6th May**. Students who have earned a place on this trip will receive letters of invitation in school. Payment and parental consent slips are due back on **Wednesday 19th April** (extended from 29th March).

Many of you have asked about the date when year 11 begin study leave. With the final exam taking place on 23rd June, it has been decided that year 11 study leave will start on **Monday 13th June**. Further details will follow in due course with regards to how this will be managed. Final reports for year 11 will be sent home with students after Easter.

Year 10 News

Thanks to Mr Payne, Head of Ramsey House, year 10 students have been invited to choose a post-16 taster day at either Suffolk New College (22nd June), Easton Otley College (4th July) or Suffolk One (11th July). Except for Easton Otley College, students will be expected to make their own way to and from college as they would post-16. Parents should bear in mind that open days and evenings are frequently held at colleges and 6th Forms throughout the spring and summer terms.

On **Tuesday 25th April**, our PSHE Coordinator has arranged for all year 10 students to take part in a PSHE experience day about crime and safety awareness. Students will follow a different timetable instead of their normal lessons. The school day will start and finish as normal. Students will be given more information in school after Easter.

Year 10 parent evening takes place on **Thursday 11th May** between 4pm – 7pm. Parents will be advised by email/letters home when the appointment booking system is open online. Reports will be distributed in school to students in early May. A reminder that year 10 PREs take place in school between Monday 26th – Friday 30th June.

Year 9 News

A very successful Pathway Evening was held recently for parents and students in year 9. Students and parents will hear about the outcome of their child's Pathway applications after Easter. In tutor time last week, year 9 students had an opportunity to chat to students in years 10 and 11 about their respective GCSE choices and post-16 aspirations and they were able to share their experiences and ideas.

On **Wednesday 26th** April, our PSHE Coordinator has arranged for all year 9 students to take part in a PSHE experience day about crime and safety awareness. Students will follow a different timetable instead of their normal lessons. As with the year 10s, the school day will start and finish as normal. Students will be given more information in school after Easter.

Year 8 News

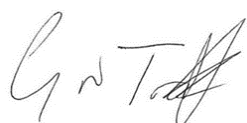
The Suffolk NHS immunisation team will be in school on Monday 12th June to give HPV vaccinations to all girls in year 8 who have returned a parental consent form to school. This is part of a nationwide campaign in schools. Catch-up vaccinations will also be given to year 9 girls who have received a consent letter direct from the NHS team. Information and parental consent forms were sent home in tutor time last week and should be returned to school by **Friday 21st April** at the latest.

Year 7 News

Parent evening takes place between 4pm – 7pm on **Thursday 27th April**. Letters were sent home with students in tutor time this week advising parents that the online appointment booking system is now open. Year 7 academic reports will be distributed to students in school in July.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing Easter and to thank you for your ongoing support, it is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Garry Trott
Principal