

# Parent Bulletin, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Events wc. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Academy closed to students: Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return for the Spring Term
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	

## End of Term

It has been a busy and productive term here at Endeavour. The opportunities afforded to our students this term have been amazing. Not only through the diverse, exciting and engaging lessons, but also through activities such as; a range of sporting fixtures, Duke of Edinburgh, fieldwork visits, museum and theatre trips, and visiting speakers. It has been wonderful to see students taking advantage of these opportunities and embracing our three values of building aspiration, achieving excellence and fostering kindness.

As we move into the festive break I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable break and look forward to working with you in the new year.

J.Daniels - Principal

## Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support of the academy and the standards set for uniform. Please take a few minutes to review the reminders below, as there are some instances of uniform infringement which cause unnecessary disruption. We would also like to ask that items of clothing are named; we build up a great deal of lost property in school each term and adding names to items can help us return things to their owners!

Parents are reminded that the following items are not permitted as part of the uniform. Students will be challenged on these and asked to change or replace:

- Leggings or Jeggings - trousers should be school trousers, straight leg and not skin tight. Bootleg or flared leggings are also not uniform.
- Hoodies or zip up jumpers - these are not permitted. Coats should be worn outside and students may wear the new Academy jumper or the Academy blazer at all times unless a teacher permits removal in the classroom. B2's will be issued for those students who arrive at school without them.
- Ties - should be worn at all times. Parents are advised to keep a spare as required. Students will be issued with B2's if they arrive at school without these.
- Trainers of any kind are not permitted as part of the uniform - school shoes should be worn and should be black, leather look and polishable. No logos or embellishments should be visible. Air Force One's Air Max's, Superstars or Jordans are not part of our uniform. No sports branded footwear (Adidas, Converse, Nike, Puma, Airwalk, Ascis, New Balance, Lonsdale, Vans) should be worn. Please do not waste your money on these. If students arrive at school without suitable footwear, they will be asked to change into our stock of shoes or plimsolls.
- False eyelashes or eyelash extensions are not permitted. Students will be asked to remove these when they arrive in school.
- False nails, acrylic or gel extension nails and nail varnish is not part of the uniform- again, students will be asked to remove these if they are worn to school -please do not waste your money on these and save it for a treat in the summer holiday.
- Multiple jewellery items -our policy states that only one pair of earrings and one nose stud should be worn. Nose rings are not permitted and students will need to remove these, regardless of when they were pierced.

### **Attendance**

A reminder that parents need to contact the school before 8.20am to report their child as being absent. Please include the following information:

- Name
- Year group and form
- Specific reason for absence - please do not just say 'poorly' or 'unwell'. These will not be authorised.

### **Period Pain**

Period Pain is a persistent issue for many students. However, this is not automatically a reason for absence. Students should be encouraged to take a low level painkiller such as paracetamol or Ibruprofen. Medication can be signed in at reception for use if you know your child suffers with this. Heat packs may also be effective and can be used in school if signed in with the First Aid Team.

Period pain or heavy periods will only be an authorised absence in conjunction with a letter confirming further investigation from the GP or the hospital.

### **Mobile Library**

Thank you so much for the responses that were received from the parental survey on reading. As a result of the feedback that we received, from January we will be launching our new book trolley initiative. Students will be able to access the trolley at lunch time on a Wednesday and a Thursday in the main hall. Students will be able to borrow books from the trolley, which they can take home to read. Once students have finished with their book, they will then need to return it, as they would from a library. Please encourage your child to borrow books from the trolley to read at home. If you have any requests for books that your child would like to be able to access, please let me know and I will do my best to source it: [k.froede@oeacademy.co.uk](mailto:k.froede@oeacademy.co.uk)

### **Music Tuition**

We now have some additional spaces available for music lessons. These are provided by outside teachers, and students can have 20 minute, 30 minute or shared lessons in: piano, drums, guitar, singing, clarinet, flute, and saxophone. If you are interested please contact Ms Bienikova: [m.bienikova@oeacademy.co.uk](mailto:m.bienikova@oeacademy.co.uk)