

# Parent Bulletin, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Events wc. 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Week 1	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10 Assessment Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 Reports published
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	

### Welcome back

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for supporting students in making a great start to 2025. It has been wonderful to see everyone return with such positivity and eagerness to learn. This is a great reflection of two of our core values: building aspirations and achieving excellence.

Fostering kindness is our third core value. We believe this is hugely significant as it provides all members of our academy with a nurturing and supportive environment within which they can contribute and excel. This term we are focusing on this core value, and helping students recognise and develop their own understanding of kindness. Each week, we will be looking at small but significant tweaks to our behaviour which can develop greater kindness in the community. Next week we will begin with 'say hello, wave goodbye', encouraging students and staff alike to take the time to greet one another with warmth (despite the now chilly weather!)

During the weeks that follow, we will develop opportunities to show gratitude toward one another and recognise how the care we take of the academy environment is another practical way of demonstrating kindness in our community.

### Art Resources

The Art Department is seeking donations of empty mushroom containers, ice-cream tubs, unused wallpaper, and newspapers for upcoming projects. If you have any of these items gathering dust, we would greatly appreciate your contribution! Please drop them off to the crate situated in room G.48. Thank you for supporting our students' artistic endeavours!

### Art Lessons

This term in Art, students will be using a range of exciting – and somewhat messy! – media, including ink, paint and clay. We provide students with aprons to help protect their clothing from accidents. If you are concerned that your child may benefit from some additional protection for their uniform, please do send them in with a named old shirt (oversize button-down shirts work best) which they can keep in school to protect their uniform during these lessons.

### Enrichment Day, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Following on from the success of our last enrichment day, we have our second coming up in just over a month! Enrichment Days have been designed to provide students with the opportunity to experience something outside their normal timetable and curriculum, which complements and develops their understanding and experience in a different way. For our next Enrichment Day, we will be running a range of activities for Years 7-10; Year 11 will be in their first week of mock exams. Details are given below about changes to the day and information will be published early next week, providing students in Years 7 and 8 the opportunity to indicate their preferred choice of activity for the day.

- Year 7 and 8 will be offered the choice of a range of activities in the Academy, as well as a theatre trip. Details to follow for parents and students to indicate their preferences.
- Year 9 will be taking a full day at Suffolk New College. Details to follow for parents of students in Year 9.
- Year 10 will be undertaking a revision skills day led by staff in school, as well as an external motivational coach to help inspire students recognise the opportunities they will have over the next few years.
- Year 11 will be continuing mock exams, however will also be benefiting from two exam 'warm up' booster sessions to give them a taste of the support they will receive during the main exam season in the summer.