

Parent Bulletin, 4th April 2025

Events wc. 21st April 2025

Week 2	
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday – Academy Closed
Tuesday 22 nd April	Year 11 Art and Graphics Exam (Day 1)
Wednesday 23 rd April	
Thursday 24 th April	
Friday 25 th April	Year 11 Art and Graphics Exam (Day 2)

Enrichment Day, Wednesday 9th July

Please find details included at the end of this bulletin about our Enrichment Day activities on Wednesday 9th July. Students have engaged incredibly well with our offers to date, and we are excited to offer even more external activities for our Summer enrichment opportunities.

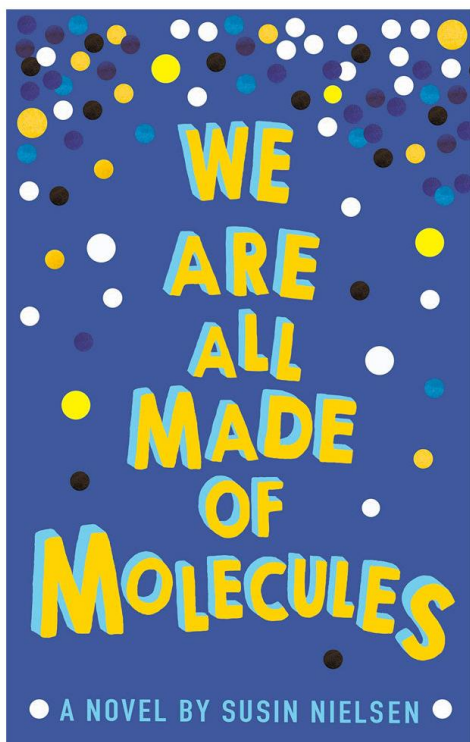
Please get in touch with the academy with any questions, or to discuss support with payment for visits as this may be possible in some cases, dependent on circumstances. Sign up for these activities will open on Tuesday 22nd April at 19:00.

Additional CPD Day – Monday 16th June

Please be aware that on Monday 16th June the academy will be closed to all students except those in Year 11, who have their final Physics exam. Please let us know if the closure on 16th June for Years 7-10 causes you any difficulty.

Book of the Month

'We are all made of Molecules' by Susin Nielson



Stewart is geeky, gifted but socially clueless. His mom has died and he misses her every day.

Ashley is popular, cool but her grades stink. Her dad has come out and moved out – but not far enough.

Their worlds are about to collide: Stewart and his dad are moving in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is 89.9% happy about it even as he struggles to fit in at his new school. But Ashley is 110% horrified and can't get used to her totally awkward home. And things are about to become a whole lot more mixed up when they attract the wrong kind of attention...

A hilarious book that will have you in stitches!

Suitable for 12+ years

This book does deal with themes that some younger readers may find upsetting.

If you would like to borrow the book, it will be available from the school book trolley every Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime in the main hall.

Year 7 Reading Challenge

After the Easter holidays, year 7 students will be participating in a reading challenge for the half term. They will be challenged to read as much as they can over the 5 week term. Every student will be issued with a reading log, where they can record how much reading they do. Prizes are up for grabs for the students who reach certain milestones, as well as a potential prize for the form who reads the most. Students are able to access books from the school book trolley to help them with this challenge. Any support with encouraging students to read as much as possible will be much appreciated. Let's see which form receives first place!

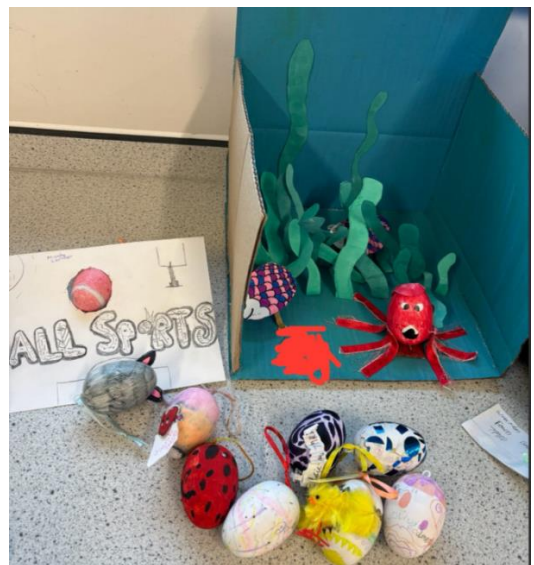
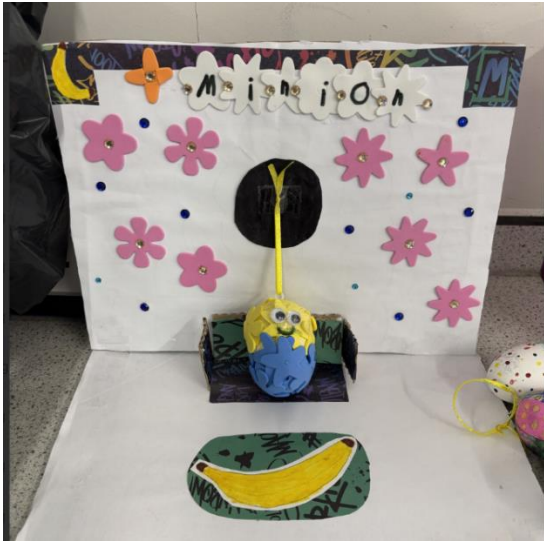
Year 10 Hospitality and Catering – Mock Exams in May

Student specific exam dates have been assigned to students on Teams. If you have any questions about the mock exam, please contact Ms Oliver.

Year 7 Egg Competition

Year 7 have blasted it out of the park with their *cracking* eggs for our Easter competition! Winners will be announced in form today - check in with your young people later to hear about their successes. Thank you to everyone at home who helped with this competition - see the pictures attached for some of the amazing entries!





Trip	Trip information and approximate cost* (if applicable)	Year Group
Chessington world of adventures	Chessington is home to magical rides and attractions, over 1,000 animals in our Zoo and SEA LIFE centre and the host of ROARSOME shows and talks each day. Approx cost £45	Years 8-10
Bury St Edmunds - The playground	What it is: The Playground is an outdoor assault course in Bury St Edmunds. Course Length and Obstacles: Each course is 1km long and features 30+ obstacles, ranging from easier log leaps to more challenging rope climbs and warped walls. Approx cost £35	Years 7-10
Colchester Zoo	Discover over 150 species, including some of the rarest animals on the planet. Approx cost £35	Years 7-10
Felixstowe - typical British summer day	Students to meet at Ipswich Train Station. Once in Felixstowe we shall walk to the promenade/beach. Students will then have the time to explore between the pier and along the seafront towards the beach street area. Students could go on the amusements, mini golf - walk along the seafront, enjoy the scenery, draw the seafront or write a description of a typical British Summers Day! Approx cost £17	Years 8-10
Baking day in school	Students will be baking a selection of sweet treats and savoury delights. List of ingredients will follow for students to provide.	Year 10
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe theatre trip - Norwich	Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as the West End smash-hit production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe returns to Norwich Theatre Royal. Step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia where a world of wonder awaits. Join Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they meet new friends, face dangerous foes and learn the lessons of courage, sacrifice, and the power of love. Watch the nation's favourite novel The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe come to life on stage in this spectacular production which is guaranteed to delight all ages. Approx cost £45	Years 7-10
Thorpe Park	Step into the home of Feel Good Thrills at the UK's most thrilling theme park with over 25 rides and attractions to experience. Approx cost £50	Years 9-10

Crafts and Scrapbooking	Dive into the exciting world of crafts and scrapbooking—perfect for high school students looking to get creative and explore their artistic side! Whether it's making unique handmade cards, designing vision boards, or creating personalized scrapbooks to capture unforgettable school memories, this hobby offers endless opportunities to express yourself. From using vibrant papers and stickers to experimenting with techniques like stencilling or collaging, crafting is both fun and rewarding. Plus, it's a great way to relax, connect with friends, and show off your creativity while building something that's truly one-of-a-kind!	Years 7-8
Pleasurewood Hills	Pleasurewood Hills is a family-friendly theme park located in Lowestoft, Suffolk, offering over 35 rides, shows, and attractions for visitors of all ages. From thrilling roller coasters like Wipeout—the region's largest—to gentler rides for younger adventurers, there's something for everyone. The park also features live shows, including the Sea Lion Splash and Birds of Paradise, as well as scenic experiences like the chairlift and train rides. Whether you're seeking adrenaline-pumping excitement or a relaxing day out, Pleasurewood Hills promises unforgettable fun for all! Approx cost £37	Year 8
Dungeons and Dragons Day	Step into the immersive world of Dungeons & Dragons, the legendary tabletop role-playing game where imagination knows no bounds! Gather with friends to create unique characters, embark on thrilling adventures, and weave epic tales filled with magic, mystery, and camaraderie. Whether you're battling fierce dragons, exploring uncharted realms, or solving ancient puzzles, the game is a perfect blend of storytelling and strategy. With endless possibilities shaped by the players and the Dungeon Master, every campaign is a unique journey—where the only limit is your creativity!	Years 7-9
Gallery Visit with London Eye and River tour	Yr9 students who have opted for Art or Graphics (first choice, but open to all years) are invited to visit the Tate Modern Gallery in London, as well as a ride on the London Eye followed by a river boat sightseeing tour along the river Thames. This is a great opportunity to get ahead on the GCSE Art and Graphics courses which require pupils to visit galleries, while also having a great day out! Approx cost £40	Year 9 only

Walking trip in the local area with a focus on investigating local wildlife	Embark on a walking trip in your local area to uncover the wonders of wildlife right on your doorstep! Explore nearby parks, nature reserves, or countryside trails to observe and learn about the diverse flora and fauna that call your region home. Bring along a field guide or use your knowledge to spot birds, insects, and plants. Keep an eye out for animal tracks, nests, or other signs of wildlife activity. It's a fantastic way to connect with nature, gain a deeper appreciation for your environment, and enjoy a peaceful yet educational outdoor adventure	Years 7-9
Framlingham Castle visit	Framlingham Castle is a fascinating historical site located in Suffolk, England. Built in the late 12th century by Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, it features imposing stone walls, towers, and ornate Tudor chimneys. Approx cost £15	Year 7

*Please note approximate costings have been made on the assumption that each coach will be at capacity. Should there be less uptake on the trip and subsequent coach, this could mean that the costing could change based upon demand.

Trips will be filled upon a first come first served basis for trips with costings. For activities within school this will be made based upon return slips handed back first.

Payments will be open on Tuesday 22nd April at 19:00hrs through ParentMail.