

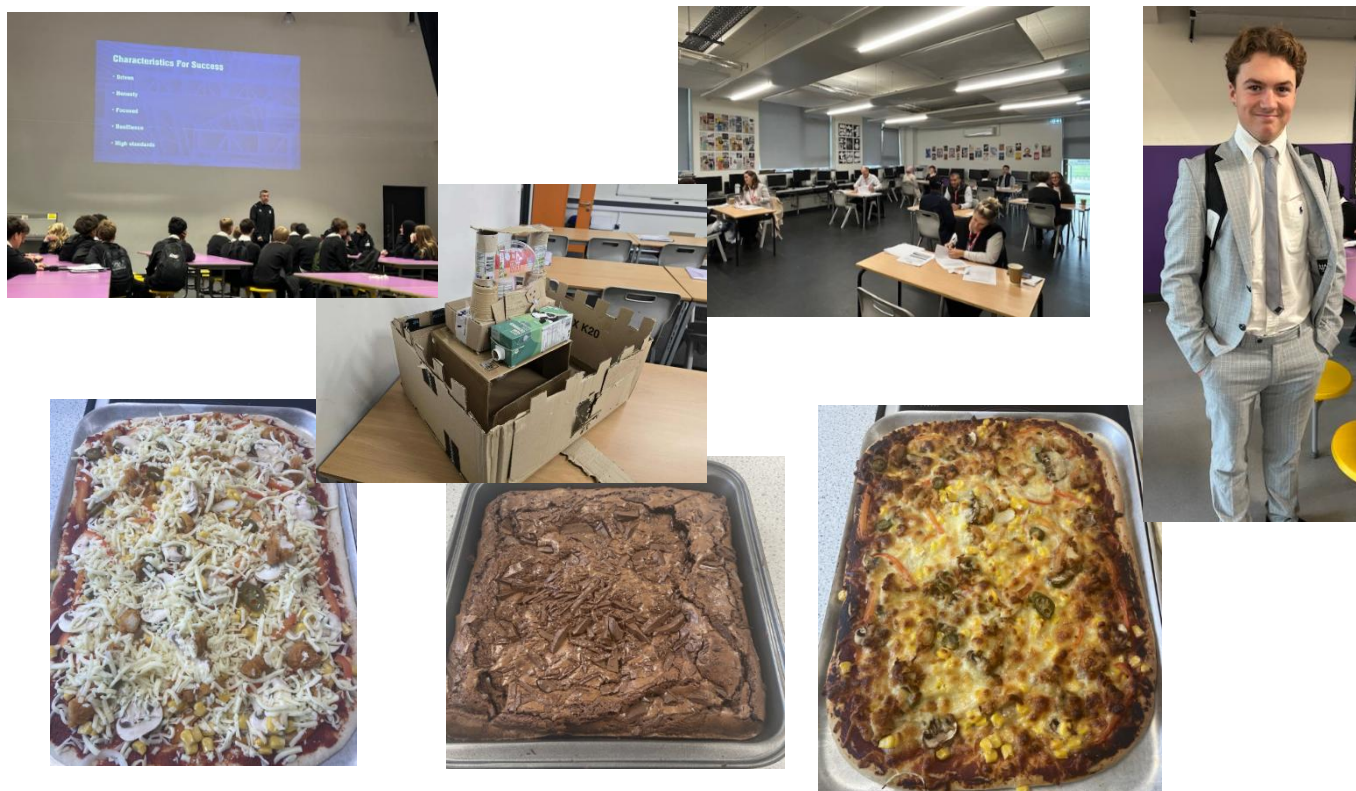
Parent Bulletin, 24th October 2025

Events wc. 3rd November 2025

Week 1	
Monday 3 rd November	PD Day – Academy closed to students
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 11 mock exams begin
Wednesday 5 th November	
Thursday 6 th November	
Friday 7 th November	

Enrichment Week

Students had a wonderful time in our first enrichment day of the year with experiences varying from team building activities, mock interviews with external providers, Ipswich Town FC, the Police, wellbeing and mindfulness to a day in the medieval period!



Last week's Cross Country competition

It was perfect running weather this week for the 35 students who went to the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook to represent the Academy in the area cross country trials. The runners faced stiff competition from a wide range of schools from the East and South Suffolk areas, running in races against another 200+ students and covering distances ranging from 2200m for the year 7's (minor girls) to 5240m for the Year 10 & 11's (intermediate boys). The course was in good condition due to the dry weather we have been experiencing, meaning it was fairly solid under foot and good to run on except for the odd tree root here and there! All students did really well but especially Lucas Overton, Nate Steele & Libby Stevens who came in the top 50 in their race and are through to the next round. This will be held at Woodbridge School on Thursday 15th January 2026.

Youth Voice Unlocked Art Trail

We're thrilled to announce that the winners have been selected for our *Youth Voice Unlocked Art Trail* trip, which will be a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 GCSE Art and Graphics students to showcase their creativity and engage with the wider arts community. If your child has been chosen, you'll receive a letter after the half-term break with all the details. Please keep an eye out!

Activities outside school

We are keen to hear of student successes outside of school to celebrate these. If you have any information or photos you would like to share with us (with your permission) please email j.foulger@oeacademy.co.uk and these will be shared with the relevant year team for publication in our fortnightly head of year newsletter.

Outdoor Learning

Over the last week and a half our Outdoor Learning groups have been carving pumpkins! This activity offered a sensory-rich, hands-on experience that encouraged creativity, fine motor skill development, and social interaction.

The seasonal theme helped students connect with nature and the changing environment, while the tactile elements—scooping, carving, and decorating—provided therapeutic benefits and supported emotional regulation.

A big thank you to Asda who kindly donated 29 pumpkins!



Footwear and the MUGA pitch

Please be aware that certain footwear is now longer deemed suitable to wear on the MUGA pitch (the astro) as it can damage the surface and have an impact the longevity of the pitch.

Student will now no longer be able to wear studded or bladed boots on the MUGA. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable footwear, such as dimpled shoes, flat soled sports shoes or trainers for their PE lessons and any after-school sports clubs.

To clarify, these examples are okay:



However, this style are no longer suitable and cannot be worn on the MUGA pitch:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PE Department.

New Management Information System – Arbor

Please find details attached regarding our planned move to a new information system – Arbor.