

Parent Bulletin, 28th November 2025



Events wc. 1st December 2025

Week 1	
Monday 1 st December	
Tuesday 2 nd December	
Wednesday 3 rd December	
Thursday 4 th December	
Friday 5 th December	PD Day – Academy Closed to Students

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Just a reminder that the academy is closed to students on Friday 5th December.

Year 11 Football

Year 11 had a very close game against Holbrook losing on penalties after finishing the game 1-1. The boys played very well as a team and should feel extremely proud of how they played showing great character and resilience. Year 11 are still in the other remaining Cup.

Outdoor Learning

Our Year 9 Outdoor Learning students enjoyed a fascinating visit to Elmswell Library to explore The Heart of Suffolk: Witch Trials exhibition. With the library closed to the public, students had the unique opportunity to read and listen to stories of local people accused of witchcraft centuries ago. They even examined historical artefacts up close, including cat skulls and “witch prickers.” Afterward, we headed to Woolpit in search of the iconic sign depicting the legendary Green Children. Although the sign was temporarily removed for repair, students embraced the challenge and explored the village instead. They discovered historic buildings, a stunning church, and a commemorative pump marking Queen Victoria’s Jubilee. While our original plan changed, the day became a valuable lesson in adaptability and making the most of unexpected situations—a truly enriching experience for all!

UK Maths Week

Congratulations to Calum Shotton, Nathan Amos and Thomas Cracknell for their success during UK Maths Week. They came top in a series of challenges taking place in the academy throughout last week. Well done!

Equipment

We have noticed that some students are forgetting to bring their classroom equipment. Whilst we will provide equipment where needed, lessons progress more smoothly when students have their own and students generally benefit from having their own equipment, which helps with their learning in school and out. Please could you check in with your child to make sure they have:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator

We will be carrying out some checks over the course of next week. Please contact the academy if we can support with this.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Just a reminder that Year 11 Parents Evening is taking place on Thursday 11th December, 16:00-19:00. Appointments can be made using School Cloud and remain open for booking. Please note that the parents evening is taking place in person at school.

Year 9 Curriculum Information

This week some information was shared with students in Year 9 about the curriculum they will follow in Years 10 and 11. A booklet providing more detail will be published next week to students in Year 9 and their parents, along with a short **preliminary** survey for Year 9 students to complete. Please be aware that this survey is not collecting students’ final preferences, and is just designed to help us review our plans and make any necessary / possible adjustments before final plans are shared.