

# Parent Bulletin, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

## Events wc. 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Week 1	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	NEACO Visit to University of Suffolk
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	TT Rockstars Competition opens

## Academy Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping your child adhere to our uniform policy. It is great to see students arriving to school each day with an understanding of our community's expectations on uniform.

Full details of our academy uniform can be found on our website: [Ormiston Endeavour Academy - Uniform](#)

We have noticed, however, a number of students recently who are choosing to arrive to school wearing false eyelashes / nails. Whilst students are permitted to wear minimal make up, students are not permitted to wear false nails or false lashes, including long-term acrylic nails or long-term professional lash extensions. We advise that make-up is not brought to the academy.

Our main school uniform includes:

- Jumper (Branded Item, only available from PMG Schoolwear)
- White shirt or blouse (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)
- Black tailored trousers, these must be school trousers. No denim, leggings or skinny/slim fit. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets).
- School tie (Issued to all Year 7 students on their first day. Replacement ties can be purchased from PMG Schoolwear, including clip-on varieties)
- Black socks. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)
- Black polishable shoes, no trainers or canvas are allowed. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)

We have noticed a number of students also wearing overly 'skinny' trousers or leggings, with non-black socks. Students who wear these items are not meeting uniform standards and may be challenged. We will continue to contact home as needed to discuss concerns.

Our PE uniform includes:

- Polo shirt. (Branded Item, only available from PMG Schoolwear)
- Black shorts, no cycling shorts or leggings. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)
- Trainers. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)
- OPTIONAL – Black jogging bottoms, no leggings. (Non-branded, available from a wide range of clothing outlets)
- OPTIONAL – OEA Hoodie (Branded Item, only available from PMG Schoolwear. No other jumpers or hoodies may be worn for PE)

Unfortunately some students arrive to lessons without full PE kit, missing the academy polo short or bring branded sportswear items in place of the accepted kit. Please could you check your child's PE kit to ensure it meets the uniform policy above. Further information about how we address kit infringements is given below.

## **Drama Costumes and Props! Mr Cooke**

The Drama Department is looking to build a collection of costumes and props to enhance students' current lessons and support future performances and productions. If you have any unwanted clothing or household items you're ready to part with, we'd love to give them a second life on stage!

We are looking for:

- Clothing (all styles, eras, and sizes)
- Hats, scarves, shoes, and accessories
- 00s/Y2K style clothing
- Household items suitable for stage use (lamps, baskets, small furniture, décor, walking sticks etc.)

Please make sure any donations are clean and usable. You can drop donations at the main office, or students/staff can bring them directly to the Drama Studio. If you have any questions or queries, contact Mr Cooke.

Thank you in advance!

## **Student drop off by car**

To ensure the safety of all students and staff, please do not drive into the Academy gates when dropping off your child. Instead, use a safe drop-off point further down Defoe Road.

The area inside the gates is reserved for staff and official visitors and Thomas Wolsey students with large vehicles and equipment who require accessible parking spaces and lots of turning room.

There have been several near misses due to the high volume of cars entering the site, and this puts children and vulnerable individuals at risk. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

## **Important PE Notice – PE Department**

We have noted more recently that a number of students are coming to their PE lesson and telling us that they cannot do PE, however they do not have a note or email being sent excusing them from the lesson. We are then having to spend time chasing the note or email for this. If you wish for your child to be excused, we ask that you either send them in with a note or send an email on the morning of that day please. Those who arrive without a note or an email being sent will be expected to join in the lesson. We do understand that there will be some occasions when a child becomes unwell during the day and if this is the case, we will use our professional judgement.

In addition to this, if your son/daughter is to be excused for an illness or injury we still expect them to arrive with their PE kit so that they are still involved in the lesson, albeit in a different capacity. This may be taking on a different role, such as a coach, official or scorer. Please ensure that if your child is to be excused, they have their full kit with them. If they fail to arrive with their kit, we will be providing them with our spare kit that we have available. If they refuse to borrow the offered kit, they will receive a sanction. The expectation is that they are still part of the class, are still learning and as far as possible they will be involved. If your child is injured to the extent that they cannot get changed into their kit, we will again use our professional judgement – for example – using crutches / has a broken arm.

As previously, if your child arrives to their PE lesson without the necessary kit / forgets an item/ brings incorrect kit, it is logged on Arbor and you will be alerted. If they do this three times or more (in a half term) they will receive a B2 (detention after school) and you will be alerted each time this happens. Please support your son / daughter with this, ensuring they are well equipped for their PE lessons to avoid being sanctioned.

Thank you for your continued support with this.