

Parent Bulletin, 6th February 2026



Events wc. 9th February 2026

Week 1	
Monday 9 th February	Year 11 Mock Exams begin National Apprenticeships Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Apprenticeship Team from Suffolk New College
Wednesday 11 th February	
Thursday 12 th February	
Friday 13 th February	Last day of term

Drama Costumes and Props!

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

High School Musical Auditions

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the auditions for High School Musical this week! You all performed very well, and should be proud of yourselves!

For those who weren't able to make it due to illness, there will be another session in the coming week.

Casting will be available shortly after this has taken place. Good luck!

National Apprenticeships Week - VFR

Next week is National Apprenticeship week. Students will be learning a little about this during some of their lessons next week, finding out what an apprenticeship is and how it could benefit them. The Apprenticeship Team from Suffolk New College will also be in school on Tuesday to answer any questions they might have.

- An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences.
- Alongside on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

An apprenticeship includes:

- paid employment with holiday leave
- hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- at least 20% off-the-job training
- formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

A booklet with more information has been included with this bulletin.

Outdoor Learning

The Outdoor Learning groups have had some success with the camera trap this week, capturing many small birds (including some very curious pigeons), a pair of hungry squirrels, a sneaky badger, and even a very bold muntjac deer. If anyone would like to see the rest of the 50+ photos we collected, please speak to Mr Bailey-our unofficial wildlife paparazzi!



Book of the Month

Details about February's book are given below. We have copies available for students to borrow from the book trolley. The trolley visits form groups during Period 5 once each half term, but is also available for students to visit in the main hall each Wednesday during the lunch break.

Poison Study by Maria V Snyder



Choose: A quick death...Or slow poison...

About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered an extraordinary reprieve. She'll eat the best meals, have rooms in the palace—and risk assassination by anyone trying to kill the Commander of Ixia.

And so Yelena chooses to become a food taster. But the chief of security, leaving nothing to chance, deliberately feeds her Butterfly's Dust—and only by appearing for her daily antidote will she delay an agonizing death from the poison.

As Yelena tries to escape her new dilemma, disasters keep mounting. Rebels plot to seize Ixia and Yelena develops magical powers she can't control. Her life is threatened again and choices must be made. But this time the outcomes aren't so clear..

Suitable for 12+ years

If you would like to borrow the book, it will be available from the hall every Wednesday lunchtime