

# Parent Bulletin, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## Events wc. 2nd March 2026

Week 1	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 11 Mock Exams continue
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	

Students made a great return this week following the half term break, with the vast majority of students on time and ready to learn each day. On the first day back, we took the opportunity to remind students about some of our main expectations, including uniform and equipment. Following this, we have checked whether students have one of our key equipment items – a pen – and have given students a pen to keep where needed. We will be keeping an eye on this next week; please could you do your best to remind your child to bring their equipment each day. We will always provide equipment for students to borrow when needed, however this causes a small disruption to lessons and we are keen to avoid this. Looking ahead to the rest of the term, a few key events are listed below. If you have any questions about any upcoming events or other queries, please do get in touch.

### Events this term

- Year 9 Options Evening, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (5:40 start, presentation in the main hall)
- Year 7-9 Reports published, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Red Nose Day, 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 9 Parents Evening, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (4:00-7:00)
- Year 11 Reports published, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 10 reports will be published during the Summer term, following assessments taking place during April. Additional details were sent to parents of Year 10 students yesterday.

### National Careers Week

Next week is National Careers week. National Careers Week (NCW) is aimed at helping young people explore future pathways, develop awareness of career options, and gain excitement about their potential opportunities. We have two companies visiting the academy next week to run a lunch time stand promoting careers and get students talking! Please find an additional Careers guide, for parents, attached to this bulletin.

### Enrichment Day

Just a reminder that the next instalment for your child's Enrichment Day trip/activity is due, via Arbor, on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Any students still to sign up, can do so via Arbor. Any queries, parents can email me [l.allard@oeacademy.co.uk](mailto:l.allard@oeacademy.co.uk)

### Year 10 Work Experience, 29<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Work experience helps students understand what environments suit them, build confidence, and make informed decisions about their future career paths. It also provides valuable insights into various industries and helps students make better Post-16 subject choices. By completing a week's work experience placement, students can gain real-world skills and insights that will benefit their future careers.

Students in Year 10 should have all found a work experience placement. The deadline for completed paperwork is 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like any support with work experience or would like to discuss in more detail, please contact Mrs Fosker.

## Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

This is a polite reminder that the HPV Vaccination team are in on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for Year 8 students. The Vaccination Team have advised that your child should remember to eat breakfast and wear a short-sleeved school shirt, if possible.

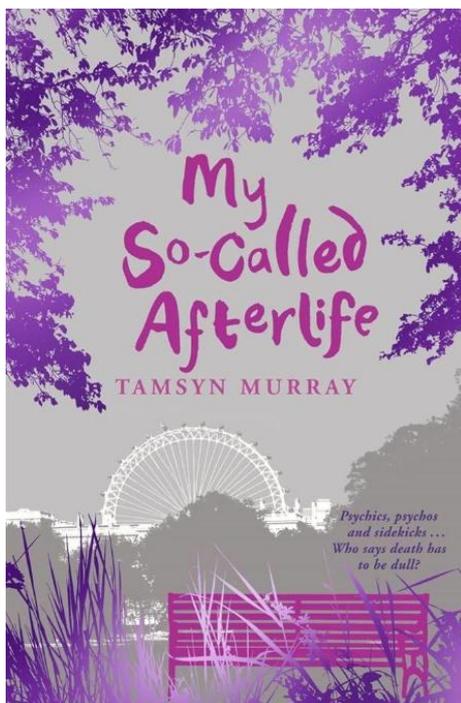
## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief 2026

We have a few things planned for Red Nose Day this year:

- Year 8 will be doing a bake sale on the day. Please could all students who bring something in for the sale, supply a full list of ingredients. Any students who would like to purchase cakes on the day will need to bring money to do so – change is preferred please!
- Non-uniform (wear something red!) for staff and students. Voluntary donations of £1 to be collected for Comic Relief – red noses are optional but encouraged!

## Book Trolley

The book trolley will be available every Wednesday lunch time in the main hall for students to access. This is being run by students who are completing their Duke of Edinburgh award as part of their volunteering section. Students will be able to borrow books from the trolley and they can also return any books that they have borrowed. In addition, the book trolley will continue to circulate around form rooms during period 5 every Friday to promote the enjoyment of reading. Next week will feature our new book of the month, 'My So-Called Afterlife' by Tamsyn Murray. There is a limited stock so these will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis.



### Book of the Month

## 'My So-Called Afterlife' by Tamsyn Murray

Fifteen-year-old Lucy has been stuck in the men's loo ever since she was murdered there six months ago. No one has been able to see or hear her - until Jeremy. Just her luck that he's a seriously uncool geography teacher-type! But Jeremy is determined to help Lucy. He finds out how she can leave her toilet 'home' - albeit only temporarily - and meet other teenage ghosts, including the gorgeous Ryan. Jeremy is also determined to help her find her killer so she can find peace at last . . .

### **Suitable for 11+ years**

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