



Dear Parent and Carers,

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Following our Duke of Edinburgh students successfully completing their bronze expedition last weekend, it has been a busy week at the academy with Year 10 students in practical mock exams and out on field work trips and other students involved in a range of different activities including taking part in the Dora Love finals and receiving a Commendation from the judging panel. In addition, we have had success in cricket (first place) and great participation in other sporting events such as athletics, tennis and rowing.

I had the pleasure of showing a visitor around the academy this week who is a Chair of Governors in several other academies. He commended our students on their high aspirations, courteous behaviour and focus in lessons and complimented the effectiveness of teaching.

### **Summer Term Enrichment Days – Important Information for Years 7–9**

We have previously sent information to parents of our year 7-9 students informing them of the exciting activities taking place during our summer term enrichment days: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We're excited about the enriching experiences planned for this year. However, we understand that changes to routine can be challenging for some students. To support them, we have shared detailed information about their timetables and arrangements during this week's assembly programme. Additionally, next week's form time session will focus on how students can take pride in participating actively—even when faced with challenges—and how this contributes positively to their self-esteem and resilience. **Please note that today, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June is the deadline for returning all consent forms and voluntary contributions.** The contribution amount varies by year group, so please check the relevant letter sent home for details.

If you have any questions regarding the Enrichment Days, please refer to the letters sent via ParentMail, or contact your child's Head of Year. Finally, we'd like to emphasise that curriculum enrichment plays a vital role in supporting the health, wellbeing, and future opportunities of our students. Therefore, attendance is compulsory, and normal attendance procedures will apply.

### **Work Experience: A Glimpse into the Future**

Next week, our Year 10 students will step beyond the classroom and into the world of work, gaining first-hand experience of life after education. This allows them to explore potential career paths and refine their choices as they prepare for college, university, and beyond.

Work experience is incredibly valuable for GCSE students. It offers a unique insight into professional environments and helps develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and time management. These skills not only support success in any future job but also bring a renewed focus to their final year of GCSE/BTEC studies.

With many students making decisions about their post-16 education in the Autumn term, this experience can be a pivotal moment. It builds confidence, fosters independence, and encourages a sense of responsibility—qualities that will serve them well in both academic and professional settings.

We wish all our students the very best as they embark on this journey and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

**Holiday Activity and Food Programme Summer Delivery coming soon**



Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is going live for the Summer Holidays on 30 June 2025. All activities will be live for booking from this date. HAF provides activities for families who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals; Families can book via our booking system [Eequ](#) - all sessions include a healthy meal.

We have some provision for children who are SEND or require support but are not eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) (with a referral form). Please contact us if you would like to know more details.

**Contact:** [HAEnquiries@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:HAEnquiries@suffolk.gov.uk)

**The Form Time Focus** next week is "Proud".

We will be teaching the following **PSHE topics** next week. If you do not wish for your child to participate or have a question relating to the subjects, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 10 – Work experience week

Year 9 – Citizenship in action task.

Year 8 – Is a budget actually useful?

Year 7 – What would my platform for election look like?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on "Does LGBT+ representation help everyone feel safe in school?" If you would like to continue this discussion with your child, please click [here](#) for further resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

**Kate Williams**

**Principal**