



Dear Parent and Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

December has arrived and with it our plans for the run up to Christmas. Year teams have a variety of competitions, challenges and celebrations planned alongside our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner detailed below.

The Christmas Shop will be available in the last week of term for students to cash in reward points for gifts for their friends and families. Whilst Christmas is coming, it is still business as usual at the academy and the importance of good attendance ensuring access to learning every lesson is as important as ever. We have noticed that on colder days, attendance dips. Please ensure students wear appropriate layers and still attend the academy. If they are not here, they are missing out.

**Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Students are invited to wear the best and brightest Christmas jumper to school over their shirt and tie. If they are wearing a Christmas jumper, no blazer is needed. Inappropriate or offensive jumpers are not permitted.

Our Denes Dinner staff will be cooking up a **Christmas dinner for all students on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Because of this the snack shack will not be open during break.

A reminder that Suffolk County Council (SCC) confirmed the government is providing an extension to the Household Support Fund from April 2025 to March 2026. The grant will be issued as a **£30** supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider **Pluxee** to cover the 2-week Christmas holiday period.

### **Blank Page holiday activities return to libraries for Christmas 2025**

Blank Page workshops are free for young people eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). There are also a limited number of places per workshop priced at £15 each for young people that are not eligible for FSM. This includes lunch, drinks and snacks. There will be 19 winter workshops running from 22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026 in the following libraries: Bury St Edmunds, Chantry, Gainsborough, Great Cornard, Ipswich County Library, Lowestoft, Sudbury, Stoke, and Stowmarket.

The workshops will include a wide range of creative activities which can provide young people with new skills, a chance to increase their confidence and make new friends. The workshops are run by local artists and include:

- Typography T-shirt with Sarah Nkugwa from AMPP Studio.
- Mosaic Decoration with EJArt Ceramics.
- Character Illustration with Dex Legon.
- Upcycled Collage and Decoupage with Clare Sams.

For full details and to book workshops, please visit [The Blank Page Project - Suffolk Community Libraries \(suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk\)](https://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk) or [Suffolk Community Libraries - Eequ \(eequ.org\)](https://eequ.org).

The **Form Time Focus** next week is "Responsible"

We will be teaching the following PSHE topics next week. If you have any concerns regarding the content of the PSHE lessons, please refer to our policy for clarification on withdrawals. The policy can be found [here](#).

**Year 11** – What does stalking look like?

**Year 10** – What are human rights?

**Year 9** – How can I promote my wellbeing?



**Year 8** – What is sexual orientation and gender identity?

**Year 7** – What is health?

**Votes for schools** - This week students have been voting on “Do you think disabled people’s stories are heard?” 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'.

**Kate Williams.**

**Principal**