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Dear Parent and Carers,

6th November 2026

A new half term is a fresh opportunity to make positive choices, set goals and achieve your best. Remember, every school day counts, and being in school regularly gives you the best chance to learn, make progress and enjoy everything school life has to offer. Let's make this half term a great one! Please reinforce this message with your child, we really do love seeing them every day!

Yesterday we had our OAT Review. The team were very impressed with our students and fed back that they were a real credit to the academy and that they were really polite and willing to talk/ It makes me exceptionally proud when our children get this well deserved recognition. Please praise them at home.

The Local Area SEND Partnership uses feedback to assist the local authority and its partners to improve existing and future services. The partnership is asking for everyone's support in sharing this important survey to make sure it reaches as many parents and carers as possible. The Annual Parent Carer Survey will remain open until **11 December 2026**.

Suffolk County Council have asked us to make sure parents of children on Free School Meals are aware of the following changes; As a result of changes to Free School Meal eligibility introduced in September 2026, there have been changes to eligibility for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

Children and young people receiving Targeted Free School Meals are automatically eligible to access HAF-funded activities during the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays.

We recognise that some families who have previously accessed HAF may no longer be automatically eligible under the new criteria. However, discretionary support may be available for families experiencing hardship.

Families who are not automatically eligible but feel they require support, or professionals who are concerned about a family, can request a Professional Referral Form by contacting the HAF team at HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk. They may require the school to complete this for them.

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

Next week we will be teaching the following PSHE topics. 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 – Mock exams

Year 10 – What are the wider effects of vaping?

Year 9 – Should social media be banned for under 16s?

Year 8 – What does county lines mean?

Year 7 – Is everyone treated equally?

Denes Discussion. Next week students will be discussing the importance of charity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Kate Williams. Principal