



11 March 2022

## Message from the Head of School

Dear parents and carers

Today I held my half termly meeting with the School Council. This is an important meeting as it provides student representatives the opportunity to share and discuss ideas and views brought forward from the Year Councils.

Today we discussed the furniture that will be ordered to enhance our indoor social spaces for students. And what our rewards system should look like and what the students see as a reward. I will share this information with the Senior Leadership Team and ensure we take on board the points raised.

I have also spent time this week finalising Year 9 options to ensure students can study the subjects they have picked. The vast majority of students met the deadline and have made some really well considered choices. It is always great to talk to them and hear about their future plans and aspirations.

## Student Life

Congratulations to Chloe Finn (13CG) who has two articles featured in the latest edition of [‘My Life!’](#)

The magazine is steered and put together for and by young people, focusing on themes and issues important to them. Nine editions are published a year in print and digital and encourage young people to contribute through writing, photography, design and business development. *Want to get involved?* Visit [www.studentlife.org.uk](http://www.studentlife.org.uk) or email [rachel@studentlife.org.uk](mailto:rachel@studentlife.org.uk)

## #LookCloser Programme

Suffolk Police are inviting parents and carers to attend free learning sessions based on work that the Prevention Programme, The Children’s Society and partners have undertake to tackle child exploitation and harm.

They have also launched [‘First Principle’](#) which is a new library of crime prevention, security & personal safety advice.

### [Look Closer Programme](#)

[One Cop Stop: County Lines](#)

[One Cop Stop: Knife Crime - Advice for Young People](#)

[One Cop Stop: Knife Crime - Advice for parents and carers](#)

Year 9 parents and carers will be sent a separate communication confirming students' selected subjects. It is highly likely they will be studying their top 4 choices.

Rehearsals for our school production continue and tickets are now on sale via Parentmail. Evening performances will take place on Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 April, 7.00pm, with doors opening at 6.45pm. Please make sure you get your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Wishing you all a sunny weekend

David Brewster  
Head of School

### **Over Power Suffolk**

Over Power Suffolk specialise in women's fitness and now hold women's only training sessions at The John Milton Sports Centre.

There are 12 sessions to choose from, suitable for all levels of fitness and ages. A free one week trial can be booked via email: [overpowerneedhammarket@outlook.com](mailto:overpowerneedhammarket@outlook.com) or via the FB page @ Over Power Suffolk.

### **Matilda**

Tickets are now available to purchase via Parentmail until Sunday 3 April.

Tickets cost £7 (Adult) and £5 (Concession) and will be handed to students during tutor time in due course. Please note that seats will be allocated.

### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation**

The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Wednesday 30 March** to offer the HPV vaccination to all eligible boys and girls in Year 8. And in addition, students in Years 9 and 10 who have missed their vaccination due to the COVID pandemic.

A separate communication was sent out earlier this week. The electronic consent [link](#) will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 29 March. Please note that the school does not receive confirmation of any information submitted and is only provided with the consent list after the link has closed.

### **Suffolk Libraries Day**

Suffolk Libraries, the charity that runs all libraries across Suffolk, has a range of events and activities taking place for their annual Suffolk Libraries Day fundraiser on **Saturday 12 March**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to discover and support their local library. For full details please visit the [Suffolk Libraries](#) website.

## Attendance up to 11 March 2022

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
91.8%	90.4%	90.2%	87.5%	91.2%	90.2%

### Diary dates

#### March:

Thursday 17th:	Science in Action
Friday 18th:	Y12 Reports shared with parents and carers
Wednesday 30th:	Y8 Parents' Evening HPV vaccinations for Years 8, 9 and 10

#### April:

Friday 1st:	Y7, 8 and 10 Reports shared with parents and carers
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th:	<i>Matilda</i>
Friday 8th:	Y11 Reports shared with parents and carers Last day of term

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Term Dates 2021- 2022		Half Term	Non Student Days
<b>Autumn Term 2021</b>	2nd September - 16th December	25th - 29th Oct	2nd September 3rd September
<b>Spring Term 2022</b>	4th January - 8th April	21st - 25th Feb	26th November 4th January
<b>Summer Term 2022</b>	25th April - 22nd July	30th May - 3rd June	22nd July

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