



25 March 2022

Message from the Head of School

Dear parents and carers

This week, it has been great to see our students enjoying the Field during social times in the spring sunshine. I think sometimes we forget what wonderful outdoor space we have as a school. Now we have started using the Field, I hope this continues through the summer months.

We have had another busy week with lots going on, now that COVID restrictions have been lifted. We are keen for our students to have these experiences whether they involve competing in sport or enriching our curriculum on school trips. Our Year 9 football team played in the County Cup, Year 7 students participated in a rugby festival and Year 11 Drama students enjoyed *A Women in Black* at the Fortune Theatre, Covent Garden.

We are still experiencing COVID cases within our school community, so please can I encourage you and your families to keep testing.

School Transport

While there is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, public transport operators are free to set their own requirements for wearing face coverings on their vehicles. Children and young people can continue to wear a face covering on school transport if you would like them to.

Please visit [SuffolkonBoard.com](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/transport) for updated information and guidance to help students travel safely to and from school.

The key message is that children and young people should not travel on school transport if they have COVID, a virus or other contagious medical condition.

General reminders:

- Students must carry and show their bus pass to the driver;
- When getting on board, students must follow all instructions from the driver, and passenger assistant if there is one;
- Where windows are open students should not close them as they will help increase the airflow through the vehicle;
- Students should still wash their hands or use hand sanitiser as soon as they get off the vehicle;
- The ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach is very important. Please ensure your child carries tissues with them on home to school transport.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to order tests kits on your behalf. I do understand the difficulty some people have had in getting these, but would ask you to do your best to help us keep our school community safe.

Preparations for the summer exams are well under way. All those involved understand that these will be starting very soon when we return after the Easter break. Coursework is being completed and the Year 11 students are currently finishing off their final round of mock exams. These will give them a very clear picture of where they are in terms of potential outcomes and will also highlight key areas to work on for further improvement.

Details of revision events planned over the Easter holidays will be shared with you next week.

Last week's *Wear Something Red for Comic Relief* raised nearly £500. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Best Wishes

David Brewster
Head of School

Temporary Bus Passes

Temporary passes can be obtained from the main Reception during break and lunchtimes.

Y8 Parents' Evening

Parents and carers of Y8 students have been sent a separate communication regarding their Parents' Evening on Wednesday 30 March.

Bookings close on Monday 28 March, 4.00pm.

Matilda

Please note that tickets for the evening performance on Friday 8 April have now sold out.

A limited number of tickets are still available via Parent-mail for the Wednesday and Thursday performances.

Uniform change

Boys and girls will be able to wear tailored shorts after May half-term. Further details to follow in due course.

Road Closure

Suffolk County Council is planning to install a new bus stop along U4629, The Green, Stowupland. The works are programmed to take place between Monday 28 March and Friday 8 April 2022.

For the duration of the road closure, traffic will be diverted via Thorney Green Road.

The Household Support Grant

A reminder that parents and carers of students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a discretionary grant to help with costs during the Easter holidays. A £30 Edenred supermarket voucher will be issued for each eligible student on Friday 8 April.

Police Urge Parents to be Alert

Please find [attached](#) a letter regarding cannabis disguised sweets.

Attendance up to 25 March 2022

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
91.9%	90.3%	90.3%	87.2%	91.4%	90.3%

Diary dates

March:

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: *Matilda*

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
Autumn Term 2021	2nd September - 16th December	25th - 29th Oct	2nd September 3rd September
Spring Term 2022	4th January - 8th April	21st - 25th Feb	26th November 4th January
Summer Term 2022	25th April - 22nd July	30th May - 3rd June	22nd July

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