

Fortnightly bulletin, Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Fortnightly Round Up

Over the past few weeks, the academy has been really busy with a number of events having taken place. On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th January, we welcomed a team of OFSTED inspectors to the academy. The team scrutinised every aspect of the academy but most importantly, they spoke to as many pupils as they could to gather a clear understanding of what our school ethos is and how pupils view their educational experience. The final report is not due for several weeks, therefore parents and carers will be notified once we are able to publish the findings.

I would like to thank our Year 7 parents and carers, who were able to attend the parent consultation evenings. If there are any outstanding issues following either evening, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance and they will be happy to help.

Year 10 pupils have been exemplary during the core mid-year examinations. This has been their first experience of sitting an assessment under examination conditions in the Sports Hall and we are proud of their organisation and preparation for these.

As the cold weather continues, I would like to remind parents and carers to ensure pupils come to school with a coat. A hoodie is not part of the academy uniform and they are not suitable for keeping pupils warm and dry whilst they are transitioning between lessons or outside during social times.

Advance notices and upcoming events

- Friday 10th February will be a staff development day and the academy will be closed to pupils
- Monday 20th February – the academy will be open as normal from 8.40am to all pupils
- Week beginning Monday 20th February – Year 11 mock examinations take place for two weeks. Detailed information about the examinations and parent/carer listening sessions has already been sent out
- Year 8 parents and carers consultation evening will take place on Tuesday 21st February and Thursday 24th February from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. Please book your appointments following the link sent out on the information letter.
- Wednesday 1st March is a planned teacher strike by the NEU. There are also further strikes planned on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Communication about arrangements for these strike days will be sent after the half term holiday.

Year 9 Pathways process

From Monday 20th February, the Year 9 Pathways process for Key Stage 4 will begin. This is an important transition point for our pupils as they move from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4 and embark on their GCSE studies. There will be a variety of events over the coming weeks including an Information Evening at the academy and a Parents and Carers Consultation Evening with subject teachers. Further information will be provided by Mr Crook (Director of Key Stage 4)

Entry to the academy site

From Monday 20th February, we are making some alterations to start and end of the academy day for our Year 10 pupils. Instead of Year 10 pupils arriving at the former Prospect House entrance, pupils should enter the academy site at the Caretaker's House entrance along with Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. The daily line-up and morning address by Miss Cartwright will take place on playground. We are making these changes to make the entry to the site faster and safer, thus enabling a more collegiate start to the day.

Safeguarding update

Please see attached safeguarding information for online safety for children and also the February Safer Schools update from Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Personal Development update

When we return from half term, students will be learning about the following topics in their Personal Development lessons over the coming fortnight. If you have any questions or concerns about these topics or wish to ask any questions about the Personal Development curriculum, please contact Ms Payne or Miss Hartley.

Year 7 - Staying safe online and offline.

- Online grooming and staying safe online.
- Energy drinks.
- Sugar and caffeine.
- Avoiding gangs and criminal behaviour.

Year 8 - Physical and Mental Health.

- What is mental health?
- Stress management.
- Health and wellbeing.


Year 9 - Body Confidence.

- Self-esteem and how it changes.
- Unrealistic body images - media and airbrushing.
- Cancer prevention and healthy lifestyles.

Year 10 - Violent Crimes and Seeking Safety.

- Keeping data safe online.
- Online gambling and online gaming.
- Social media, validation, and media influencers.

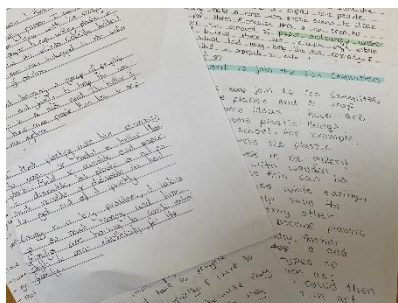
Year 11 - Adult health and looking after yourself.

- Teenage pregnancy choices.
 - The challenges of parenthood.
 - Abortion (morals, laws and thoughts).
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Celebrations

Ernulf Academy has recently launched their "Go Green" campaign. As part of the wider Trust effort to reduce their emissions and contribute towards becoming net zero, Miss Coles and Ms Payne were thrilled to see over 50 students from all year groups applying to join our eco-committee. The eco-committee will develop ideas across the school to make our school more environmentally friendly, cleaner and greener.

We will announce the successful committee members after half term and would like to thank all students for attending the first meeting and for taking such pride in their applications.



Roles and Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies at the academy for a Teaching Fellow for English/literacy and a Teaching Fellow for mathematics/numeracy. These roles are aimed at final year graduates or students who have recently graduated, who may be interested in a route into teaching. The roles will require graduates with (or working towards) a minimum of a Lower Second class degree. Following a successful appointment to the role, the academy will subsidise the successful candidates for a Teach First course leading to a full-time, paid teaching position at the academy with a two-year commitment. Further information can be found using the links below:

https://ce0218li.webitrent.com/ce0218li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETREC105GF?USESSION=F76FEF4D6518A3D8B5BA2B6FA77E9CFA&WVID=9718725LZY&LANG=USA

Yours Sincerely,

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