

Fortnightly bulletin, Monday 24th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Fortnightly Round Up

Since returning from the Christmas break, we have had a clear focus on our new Behaviour and Positive Relationships policy and re-establishing our expectations. Pupils have settled quickly back into positive learning habits and punctuality to the academy in the morning has continued to improve.

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

- Year 7 parents evening will take place on Tuesday 31st January and Thursday 2nd February from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. Please book your appointments following the link sent out on the information letter.
- Year 11 Parents Listening Sessions on Mock Exam Preparation - Tuesday 24th 6pm or Thursday 26th 9:30am
- Week beginning Monday 6th February – Year 10 mid-year assessments take place
- Thursday 9th February – Assess, Plan, Do, Review (APDR) evening to review the SEN support plans for pupils. Further information will be sent out late this week from Miss Hunter
- Friday 10th February will be a staff development day and the academy will be closed to 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

Safeguarding update

Attached in this email is the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools newsletter. Within this you will find topics such as; Parents Guide to Online Safety, Crime Prevention, Nitrous Oxide Canisters as well as others.

SEN update

Special Educational Needs Assess, Plan, Do, Review for Years 7-11 – advance notice:

The Spring Term APDR evening will be taking place on **Thursday 9th February, 4 – 7pm**. If you have a child in years 7 to 11 with special educational needs, you will shortly be receiving an invite to attend our **online video open evening** to discuss your child's "Assess, Plan, Do, Review plans".

Personal Development update

Students will be learning about the following areas in their Personal Development lessons across the next fortnight.

Year 7: Relationships & Sex Education – Peer pressure, influence and friends; being positive and respect.

Year 8: Relationships & Sex Education – Introduction to Relationships & Sex Education; an introduction to contraception.

Year 9: Relationships and Sex Education – Exploring different forms of contraception; STI/GUM clinics and sexual health.

Year 10: Relationships & Sex Education – The difference between pornography and a real life relationship; nude images.

Year 11: Staying safe online & offline – Online reputation, digital footprints & future employment; substance addiction.

If you would like to discuss these topics in any further detail, particularly regarding the individual circumstances for your child, please contact Ms Payne (SLT Lead for Personal Development) or Miss Hartley (PD Co-Ordinator). The curriculum map is also available on the curriculum pages on the Academy website outlining the content to be studied in each lesson across the academic year.

Attendance

Please have a read of the attached letter which outlines expectations regarding student absence and holidays. If you need to access the Attendance Policy please visit the Ernulf Academy website.

Celebrations

On Wednesday 16th of November 37 pupils across all year groups were selected to represent the school at the District Cross Country Competition. It was a fantastic event and although a tough course to run with many muddy turns, the pupils didn't let this stop them. The students were a credit to the school and we had some real success stories. Bethany Walker (Y11) came 1st in the Inter Girls Race, Jez Sinclair-Brown (Y9) came 4th and Harry Pateman (Y8) came 6th in the Junior Boys Race and Martha Reece (Y7) came 10th in the Minor Girls Race, all qualifying to represent the Huntingdonshire District County at the next round.

At the County Competition on 14th of January, Bethany Walker (Y11) came 12th overall and is now through to the Anglian Schools' Cross-Country Championships which are taking place on 4th February.



Wishing you all a great week.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr M Neesam

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Interim Principle

