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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move further into Spring term, we have completed more of our annual parents' evening sessions. As parents will be aware, we are continuing to offer these appointments online to offer better convenience to busy home schedules. We have also trialled splitting the parents' evenings over two nights. Once we have completed all year groups, we will seek parental feedback on both changes to see whether the current approach meets the needs of students, parents and staff. Please keep an eye out for this survey over the coming weeks.

We continue to offer support for our Y11 students in the lead up to their exams. Now that Trial exams are completed, students will have received feedback from their teachers to enable them to improve their attainment in future assessments and exams. We now turn our attention to *Assessment Point 2*, which will take place after February half term. Further information will be provided to parents and carers in the coming days to ensure that you are fully able to support their preparations.

We know that the impact of attending additional support sessions can be significant on student achievement so we welcome the support of parents and carers in getting students to attend these. With the disruptions to education over the last two years, this has never been more important. Wider support, including revision platforms, after-school interventions, and bespoke rewards for Y11 will be launched in the next fortnight. We want our Y11 students to feel supported and motivated towards achieving their full potential at this critical time in their education.

Does your child like biscuits?

Year 11 GCSE Maths revision is on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school in M5.

Learn Maths and have a biscuit!

Our school is proud of the range of extra-curricular opportunities afforded to our students. We encourage every student to take part in at least one of our arranged clubs and activities. We continue to ask parents and carers to encourage their children to be brave and try something new.

As advertised in last week's newsletter there is a new (updated for the Spring Term) [extra-curricular clubs](#) schedule available on our website. The list includes lunchtime and after school clubs. For after school clubs please book your child's place using the [booking system, also on our website here](#). Why not try something new for the new year?

**HELLO
2022**

NEW YEAR .. new resolutions ...
Why not try a NEW CLUB?

Explore is a great club to make new friends, have lots of fun and explore the Christian faith
Everyone in year 7 & 8 welcome
Bring your lunch from 1 20 pm

**MONDAY LUNCHTIMES
ROOM A125**

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connecting young people

Holocaust Memorial Day Thursday 27 January 2022



Twelve of our students sang and represented the school at the Holocaust Memorial Service at Abbey Gardens yesterday. Logan Williamson was interviewed by Suffolk Radio and ITN News. They were all a credit to the school.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students, who after some gruelling trials, have been selected to represent Suffolk at the Anglian Championships on February 5th. Good luck to you all!



Orla Taylor, Jess O'Brien, Tom Taylor, Archie Taylor and Sam Blackwell.

Football

Our U16 boys football team are through to the last 8 of the Suffolk County Cup following a thumping 14-0 victory over Hartismere. Ryan Cole helped himself to 5 goals, Ethan Hynes grabbed a hat trick and Liam Stutters scored twice with the other goals shared around in an exceptional team performance. George Talbot and Harvey Norton were stand out performers for the team who now face a strong St Albans side for a place in the semi-finals.

Covid Updates

• Mask wearing

As a follow up to communications sent yesterday, the school has moved with the national position regarding the use of face coverings. Students and staff are **no longer required to wear face coverings whilst on the school site.**

The school continues to respect individual decisions to wear face coverings and permit both students and staff to wear face coverings around the site, and in classrooms if this makes them feel more comfortable. Additionally, students may be asked to wear a mask in the classroom by some teachers so they should continue to bring masks into school in case this request is made of them.

• PE kit

Now that the prevalence of Covid is reported to be on a downward trajectory, students must not wear PE kit to school on PE days any longer. We are reverting to the normal routine of changing into PE kit in the changing rooms, where we also have air filters fitted.

The school recognises that all members of its community have had to respond to many changes regarding the tightening and relaxing of rules and wish to thank you for your continued warm support. Further, we understand that such changes can cause anxieties, and have endeavoured to take decisions that allow for personal choice of students and staff. If you are at all worried about these changes, do reach out and contact us as we would be happy to talk this through with you further.

'Yojo' - Careers App

Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Engagement Hub team are pleased to announce the launch of their new and improved careers and apprenticeships app called 'Yojo'.

The Yojo app provides support to young people in Suffolk aged 14 to 25 who are looking for career information, apprenticeship or traineeship opportunities, and tips for finding work.

www.yojoapp.co.uk



Safeguarding

Stop Abuse Together: A new government resource to help keep children and young people safer from sexual abuse.

Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if concerned.

The new Stop Abuse Together website (stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk) can help parents and carers learn to spot the signs, have regular conversations with their child which can help keep them safer, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

Talking to your child about online sexual harassment. This guidance for parents and carers is based on the voices of children and young people and gives tips to adults about how they can support children to stay safer online. [The guide for parents and carers can be found via this link.](#)

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Reluctant Reader Tip 8: Let your children see you reading for pleasure, and talk about what you read and how you choose books. Seeing role models modelling reading is one of the biggest influences on young people reading. A lack of these role models is considered to be one of the reasons why there is a drop off in reading for boys. Make sure your reluctant boys see a male role model: dad/ step-dad/ older brother/ family friend reading around them and being passionate about what they are reading.

Thought for the Week

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.”

Margaret Mead

All past issues of this Newsletter are available [on our website.](#)



Suffolk and North East Essex

Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

Please do not contact the centre

If you have queries please go to
www.sneevaccine.org.uk

or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961

Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



Anselm Community Centre
63 Anselm Avenue
Bury St Edmunds
IP32 6JZ

Monday 31st January
1.00pm – 7.00pm

Pfizer available
First & second dose 12 years plus
Booster dose 16 years plus

Please check vaccination eligibility against latest government guidelines
www.sneevaccine.org.uk/what-you-need-to-know/faqs/

Demand may be high so queues are expected. We are doing our best to reduce the waiting time and would like to thank you for your patience.

