



Dear Parents/Carers,

26th January 2024

Another week has gone by very quickly and I wanted to give praise to Year 11 who have been doing their English speaking assessments and practical exams this week. They have once again been brilliant, and we are so proud of how hard they are working, and how they are supporting each other.

We also had a Drama trip that went to The Barbican yesterday, they had a really excellent time, and our staff were approached by members of the public who were really impressed with their behaviour and kindness to each other, which made us very proud.

I have a message below from Mr Watkinson -

I am really excited to announce our second Mental Health Support evening for parents on Wednesday 7th of February between 6-7pm in our Main hall. This will be run by Mr Watkinson our Wellbeing lead and Ms Neale our Trauma informed practitioner as well as a number of other staff.

The evening will look at how we can repair and rebuild relationships and how this can support young people's Mental Health.

We are also excited to have Open Mind a local charity who offer listening support and mental health advice for those over 16. They will also be offering a drop in session in school the next day if you would like to talk about any worries you have.

Jack Watkinson (He/Him)

Designated Safeguarding/CIC and Mental Health Lead

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Finally any families who have children who receive free school meals will have meal vouchers for both the February half term and the Easter Holidays sent at the same time. This will be £45 per child- £15 per week. They will be sent at February half term by email and must be redeemed by 12th April. This means there will not be more vouchers sent at Easter.

If you think your child could be eligible for Free School Meals please do look at this link here to apply <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

This would also make your child eligible for the Pupil Premium which would mean that we could also support with contributions to school uniform costs and school trips.

With best wishes for the weekend and the week ahead.

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