



Olive AP Academy Suffolk - Newsletter

Summer Term 2021-22

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Headteacher's Update

Thank you to all families and pupils for all their work and efforts over the past academic year. It has been a very busy year, much has happened, especially in the various achievements of our pupils. We have seen many of our pupils become master chefs and bakers, confident artists developing, experts on Greek mythology emerging and we have read a range of new books.

I am very pleased that pupils finally managed to have the experience of days out of the academy including visits to colleges, Colchester Zoo and Jimmy's Farm. These things should be part of the school and learning experience.

As part of our ongoing work with Suffolk County Council, many families have received consultations for new school places, or new provisions for next year. We know for some pupils this news arriving so late in the year is a very challenging thing. We wish to support pupils and families as much as we can through this process, and I am always available to speak with you if required.

To all of our pupils who will not be returning next year, I know that all staff at Olive will be sad to see you go. We also hope and wish you a great start in your new schools. For all those pupils who are with us next year, we continue to plan our new curriculum, which will include offsite activities. We are planning Forest School provision and for older pupils, Outdoor and Adventure lessons.

A reminder that our last day of term is **Tuesday 19th July** and pupils return for the Autumn term on **Monday 5th September 2022**.

In the meantime, I wish all families an enjoyable summer and our best wishes for September.

Alastair Burnett
Headteacher

A Reminder of Key Dates for Your Diary

End of Summer Term:

Tuesday 19th July 2022

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Autumn Term 2022/23

Thursday 1st September - Friday 16th December 2022

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September 2022

First Day for Pupils: Monday 5th September 2022

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Autumn Half-Term Break

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022

Pupils Return: Monday 31st October 2022

Full details of term dates for the 2022/23 academic year
can be found on the academy website

Farewell to Staff

End of Summer Term:

At the end of this term we say farewell to colleagues who are moving
onto new ventures:

Ms Howard - Learning Support Assistant

Ms Taylor - Art Teacher

Mr Wayne-Morris - Interim Deputy Headteacher

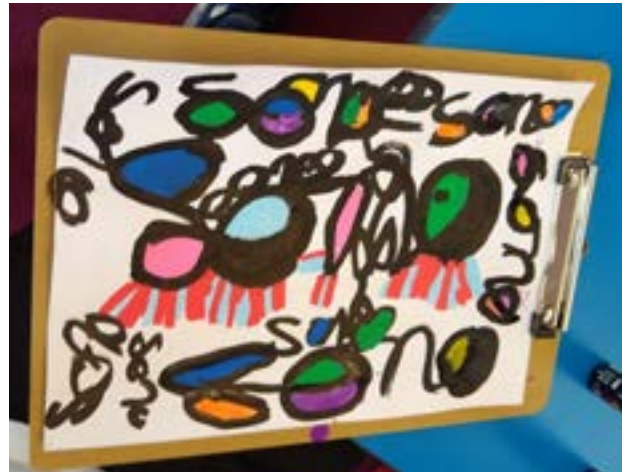


JUBILANT PROJECT with the Food Museum and artists Nikki Goldup and Keith Hopewell

A group of 8 pupils had a fantastic visit to the Food Museum in Stowmarket to view costumes from the film 'Black Panther' and to meet Elma Glasgow, one of the exhibition's founders from Aspire Black Suffolk CIC. They were very lucky to have this VIP visit to the exhibition as it hasn't officially opened!

Over the last 1/2 term the group have been working with local artists Nikki Goldup and Keith Hopewell to develop their own t-shirt-based costumes based on superheroes and superpowers. In the sessions, they have learned practical skills using textiles, drawing, spray painting and printing onto t-shirts.

The finished costumes will be exhibited in the museum as part of a children's festival, linking six local schools with museums and arts centres across Stowmarket.



YEAR 10 VISIT TO HADLEIGH

On Midsummer's day, a group of Year 10 and Year 11 pupils visited Hadleigh for an environment walk.

During the walk, we had a chance to see how arable farming had both positive and negative effects on the local environment, how an ancient sand quarry has been transformed into an award-winning nature reserve, how an ancient bridge enhances local water management, and how local stone and cement along side stone imported from other parts of the UK were used to build the local church.

After a successful morning's work, pupils and staff were rewarded with coffee and cake in a local café.

One pupil described the visit *"I never thought looking at a map then visiting the area in real life would be so interesting. Can we do another one?"*

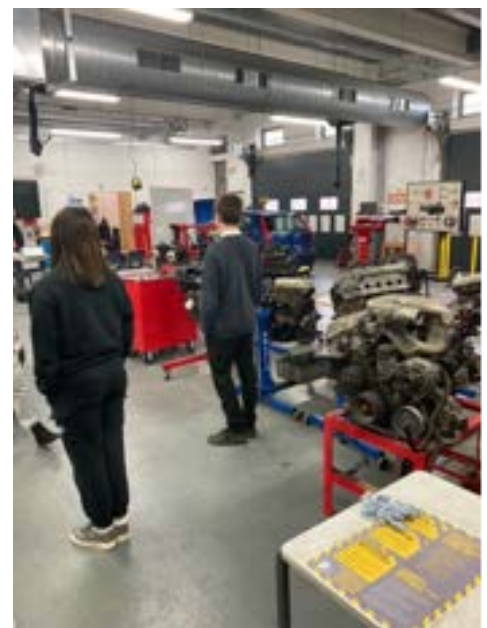


YEAR 11 COLLEGE VISITS

In May, OA Suffolk Year 11 pupils visited local colleges to contextualise the work they have been doing in their 'Careers and Employability' lessons since September. They visited a wide variety of relevant post-16 programmes and had the opportunity to discuss their aspirations with college tutors, students, and even ex-OA Suffolk pupils. It was an enormously successful visit.

One pupil, who echoed the sentiments of all the others, said *"Now that I've seen what they do in the college course I'm applying for, I'm more determined than ever to do well in my exams this summer"*. Another said *"As soon as I mentioned my interest in catering to the tutor, he immediately fixed-up a taster session for me. This is really exciting"*.

We are currently building on our links with local colleges to ensure that our pupils receive the most inspiring and aspirational pathways to the next stages in their education.



ELM CLASS VISIT TO JIMMY'S FARM

Elm Class had a wonderful visit to Jimmy's Farm this half-term. The class went around the whole park and fed the goats, cows and donkeys and enjoyed a yummy ice cream, fed a pelican with a fish, went to the park, and followed the nature trail to discover the pigs in the wood.

Jake- *'My favorite animals were the Meerkats because they put me in the Yellow Zone. I loved the bouncy pillows, they were fun'*

Tommy- *'I liked having ice cream, it was cold. I thought the donkeys were funny, they kept making me laugh. The biscuit for a snack was nice.'*

Liam- *'I liked the goats because they were so lovely and good. The parks were good.'*

Ms. Hale- *'The cows with the humps were so cute, I wanted to take one home! The pupils looked like they were having fun and were well behaved and polite. We should go back again.'*

Ms. Chubb- *'I enjoyed watching all the class be brave and feed the animals. The donkeys were hilarious!'*

Well done Elm, **you are a credit to Olive Academy, we are very proud of you all.'**



GROWING IN CONFIDENCE WITH EVERY TIER

Over the past 3 weeks one of our KS3 pupils has completed taster sessions in the construction workshop.

The pupil expressed an interest in brickwork and has been completing 2 hour sessions (6 hours in total) to build a 2 brick wide pier. He has learned about the basics of Health & Safety, tools and equipment and how to mix mortar. The pupil has shown a natural ability which enables him to level bricks by eye, rather than needing to check every brick with a boat level. He uses his tools efficiently, safely and keeps a clean work space. The tower, has this week reached 20 courses high and holds the Olive AP Suffolk record for the tallest structure built in the construction workshop. The pupil is calm, focused and dedicated to completing his brickwork to a high standard, this includes pointing and achieving uniform joints.

Well done! The next step is a ½ brick wall with a 90 degree return corner.



READY STEADY COOK

The teaching kitchen is in constant use at Olive Academy Suffolk. It has really inspired some of our older pupils as they look towards their future learning.

Mr Burnett challenged Will, one of our Year 9 aspiring chefs, to a Ready Steady Cook - cook off which was judged by members of staff and it was a close competition.

We have been working with our Year 9 pupils on their career pathways and have arranged a college visit next week for Will so he can explore the Hospitality and Catering courses on offer and has a taster session arranged in the college teaching kitchens.



LEARNING THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

At Olive AP Academy Suffolk, there has been a major refurbishment taking place. The East Building has seen our pupils (Joe and Leo) undertake training in Health & Safety (including Manual Handling), Basic Construction Principles, Preparing Walls for Painting, Plastering and most importantly, tidying away at the end of each day. Joe and Leo have been supporting staff to clear the building of clutter and waste, repair damage to walls and refurbish the classrooms throughout. Leo and Joe have shifted 4 tons of waste sand, removed plaster and plasterboard, repaired Dry Walls and skimmed with Plaster, applied undercoat to woodwork, coated walls with PVA Wash and then applied fresh and clean emulsion to all walls throughout the building.

Joe and Leo have been likened to a pair of very young apprentices, they have listened, they have followed instructions and they have demonstrated acquisition of skills that will transfer into real work in the future. The most pleasing element of the past weeks has been seeing Joe and Leo grow as a team. They have a great work ethic, they look out for one another and discuss the plan for the day ahead just like a professional decorating crew.

We are extremely proud of Joe and Leo's achievements, we know that both have what it takes to make it in the construction industry and hope that throughout the summer break they get opportunities to practice their skills.



Summer Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

Government-funded free school meal vouchers will continue to be provided to eligible families during the forthcoming summer holidays. Children who are in receipt of means-tested free school meals will be provided with a supermarket voucher for each week of the summer holidays, after the Government confirmed funding would be made available.

As with previous holiday periods vouchers for eligible parents and carer's will be issued over the next week by your chosen method either:

- redeemable vouchers directly from Edenred, or
- paper copies of the voucher by post from the Academy



Summer Holiday Activities

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activity Food Programme is a £200 million country wide programme funded by the Department for Education. The programme aims to provide activities and food for children eligible for benefit related Free School Meals during the holidays. Activities are available across Suffolk that provide fun filled days for kids, lots of physical activity, enrichment, and some delicious and nutritious food!

Places will be free of charge for children and young people who are age 4 -16 (reception-year 11) and are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

For more details see the Suffolk website:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=Zj4vWQtEbvA&msclkid=a52a69cfb4bc11ecbc14245ba9382142>

Return of Uniform

We would welcome the return of any items of uniform which are no longer needed and are in good condition - these can be dropped into the Main Reception, West Building.



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



The Source (thesource.me.uk)

The long summer holidays stretch out in front of you and sometimes it is difficult to find activities for the children to engage in. Suffolk County Council's **The Source** website (thesource.me.uk) is full of information for children and young people including leisure activities, links to emotional health and wellbeing, careers advice and local offers for young people.



Suffolk Young People's Health Project (**also known as 4YP**) is a local charity, which provides and coordinates services that improve the social, emotional, and physical health and wellbeing of young people in Suffolk, aged 12-25.

Through advice, guidance and practical support they help young people develop the skills and knowledge to lead healthier, happier, safer and more resilient lifestyles. They give young people the confidence to make better informed choices and enable them to reach their full potential.

Some of the services 4YP offer are:

- **Drop-in Service** – advice, guidance and support at their centre in Ipswich, between 10am – 5pm each weekday. They have Youth Workers and volunteers who are there to give advice and listen.
- **Counselling** – a counselling service provides emotional support and you can access short-term counselling (6-8 weeks).
- **Groups and Activities** – 4YP run various day and evening groups sessions to enable you to chill out, have fun, chat and make friends.
- **Ask the 4YP Expert** – this is a confidential, live online 1-1 chat service offering information and advice for young people in Suffolk, and is online every Monday – Wednesday, 5-7pm.
- **Facilities at 4YP** – the drop-in centre in Ipswich has a shower, laundry, kitchen, computers and a supply of clothes (kindly donated) including outfits suitable for job interviews.

Visit the 4YP website for more information <https://4yp.org.uk/>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES cont.

Food Banks

Ipswich

Findipswich.org.uk

01473 833351

Find Families In Need

P.O Box 1029 Ipswich IP1 9XJ

Support for emergency shelters and food for those in need.

Haverhill

Reachhaverhill.org.uk

01440 268003

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Leiston Rd, Haverhill, CB9 8JL

Drop-in centre giving money advice, food distribution, starter packs for setting up home and financial assistance through donation projects.

Bury St Edmunds

Gatehouse.org.uk

01284 754967

Food bank vouchers are available from CAB, Job centre, Social Services, Children's centres, support workers and more.

Also provide a complete home-store service for those on benefits or with low income.

Stowmarket

Livingit.org.uk

01449 774000

Community church offering emergency food parcels for 1-3 days

Open Monday – Friday 9am to 1pm



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES cont.



Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous online counselling and emotional wellbeing support to young people in Suffolk, aged 11-18 years (up to 19th birthday).

The Kooth service is available 365 days a year, from 12 noon until 10 pm weekdays and from 6 pm until 10 pm weekends, and offers young people:

- Virtual drop-ins and chat sessions with qualified counsellors, therapists and support workers
- Peer-to-peer support
- Live moderated forums with other young Kooth members, and
- A wide range of self-help articles

Young people can seek support or advice from Kooth, on the go through their mobile device, about any topic they wish. This could be help coping with exam stress or bullying, seeking help for an eating disorder, dealing with suicidal thoughts or handling sexual abuse.

Visit: www.kooth.com

Other websites

- New Emotional Wellbeing Gateway – information and support to help you and your family stay mentally well.
<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/health.page?healthchannel=1>
- Childline - information about mental health and a free helpline 0800 1111



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

THE HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY AND
FOOD FUND
PROGRAMME

MUSICAL MASTERPIECES

Step back in the footsteps of Suffolk's most famous musician this summer with a week of world-beat music and art activities at The Red House, Aldeburgh. Join for 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 days, you will have the chance to explore the site where musical masterpieces were created, and through fun games, music and art activities will achieve an Arts Award Qualification to take home. Food will be provided by the Snape Hallings catering team and with The Red House Gardens and Snape Hallings marshes on the doorstep, it will be an inspiring, outdoors summer.

TO BOOK TICKETS:

Please visit brittenpearsarts.org/events/summer-activities for children 1000 tickets and 5000 seats available for booking. Tickets are available from 10am on the day of the event.

 Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th August

ALDEBURGH

 Times: 10.30am - 3.00pm



 Suitable for: 14 - 15 year olds

BRITTENPEARS
ARTS

 Tickets: £35 (Lunch is included)

THRILLS AND GRILLS

The Food Museum is excited about its summer activity programme. Come for a half day of cooking with professional chef and cooking tutor, Jake Barwood, followed by a half day of activities led by friendly and experienced leaders. Challenge yourself to try activities you may not have tried before. Making full use of the wood fired bread oven, open the pit and outside cooking area, work together to prepare tasty food from scratch. Working with the Learning Team, you will have the chance to participate in fun and creative Great awards.

TO BOOK TICKETS:

Email learning@foodmuseum.org.uk

FREE PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS BY FREE SCHOOL PUPILS AND SCHOOL PUPILS. VISIT www.foodmuseum.org.uk

 Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August: 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st

STOWMARKET

 Times: 9.45am - 4.00pm

FOOD
MUSEUM

 Suitable for: 7-12 year olds

 Tickets: £35 (Lunch is included)

THYME ON YOUR HANDS

Come to The Long Shop Museum in Leiston, and get back to nature. Create your own bird feeder, bug hotel, and herb planter. Enjoy a healthy cooked lunch and have fun in the garden and galleries. Learn about the importance of birds, bugs and plants, and how they live and work together in the ecosystem. Take home the things you've made, and grow your own herbs and encourage wildlife into your garden.

TO BOOK TICKETS:

Email info@longshopmuseum.co.uk

FREE PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS BY FREE SCHOOL PUPILS. VISIT www.longshopmuseum.co.uk

 Wednesday 27th July, Wednesday 3rd August, Wednesday 10th August, Wednesday 17th August and Wednesday 24th August

 Times: 10.30am - 3.00pm

LEISTON

 Suitable for: 7-11 year olds

THE
LONG SHOP
MUSEUM

 Tickets: £35 (Lunch is included)

HORSING ABOUT

Join the National Horseracing Museum for a day of fun, food and physicality! Learn how to prepare and cook healthy lunch and snacks on site. Enjoy lots of outdoor activities and games like relay puzzles, circuit training and dodgoball as well as the chance to try out the racing simulator. You will have the opportunity to learn the importance of physical activity to keep fit and healthy just like racehorses! You can even meet the real racehorses who live there and explore the fabulous heritage site. A day not to be missed!

TO BOOK TICKETS:


Email events@nhrm.co.uk

FREE PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKINGS BY FREE SCHOOL PUPILS. VISIT www.nhrm.co.uk

 Wednesdays & Thursdays: 27th & 28th July and 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th and 24th & 25th August

 Times: 10.00am - 4.00pm

NEWMARKET

 Suitable for: 9-11 year olds

NHRM
NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM

 Tickets: £35 (Lunch is included)

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