



**Mildenhall College**  
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Parents



# In The Know

Welcome to this edition of Parents in the Know, your half termly update which supports parents and carers and keeps you up to date with local developments in education and the community.

## Important Dates:

**Thursday 3rd January 2019**

Students Return

**Thursday 10th January 2019**

Year 11 Parents Evening

**W/C Monday 14th January 2019**

Year 11 Speaking and Listening Exams

**Tuesday 15th January 2019**

Year 13 Parents Evening

**Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th January 2019**

Year 11 Sixth Form Interview Evenings

**Tuesday 29th January 2019**

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Thursday 7th February 2019**

Year 8 Parents Evening

**Friday 15th February 2019**

Last Day of Half Term

## Trips and Visits

The academy runs several trips and visits over the course of the academic year. Some of these trips are extremely popular and unfortunately we cannot always accommodate the demand for places. Trips may also be targeted for key students because of their individual needs and therefore will be by invite only. The academy is committed to running a variety of trips which meets the needs of all students. We apologise if your child has not been successful on gaining a place on a trip but hope you understand the process that we follow.

## Free School Meals

The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently receiving or who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. Also included are children from 'Service' families and those who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, including those who have been adopted. Students should have the opportunity to achieve well regardless of their economic or social situation. This money helps us to support these students to succeed.

Online applications for free school meals can be made here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## Parents Evenings

A huge thank you to all parents and careers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening on 4th December. It was a really positive evening and it is important to keep in touch and update you about your child's progress so far this year. Please remember to check GO4Schools regularly to get on-going information about your child's progress, behaviour and attendance.

## E-Safety

Here are some top tips for helping keeping your child safe whilst online.

### Talk about safety

Do you know where to go for help, where to find safety advice and how to use safety tools on your favourite apps and games?

What could you do if you saw a friend online needed some help or support?

### Discuss digital lives and wellbeing

How does the internet/technology make your life better?

What could you do if being online is making you feel worse rather than better?

### Talk about respect

What could you do if someone online is making you or someone you know feel worried or upset?

Can people say/do whatever they want online? Why/why not?

Should you have any concerns about internet safety please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

## Safeguarding Within the Academy

We take the safeguarding of our students very seriously within the academy. Should you have a concern please contact a member of staff. Our designated safeguarding team are as follows:

### Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss L McSloy

### Alternate Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs H McMullan, Miss R Woods, Mr M Blenkin, Mr E Lewis, Miss B Muttock  
Mr P Birch and Mrs K Sanders-Pope.