

## PARENT/CARER NOTICES

**Summer 1 Monday 12th May 2025**

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Immunisation Catch Up Session  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 UCAS/Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Bronze D of E Expedition  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Leavers Day  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 UCAS Trip  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 and 12 End of Year Exams  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – ATT PD Day – Academy closed to students  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am to 11am – SEND Transition Coffee Morning  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 Work Experience Week  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – MCA6 Midsummer Ball  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Yr11/12 Induction Trip  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last Day of Term  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August – GCSE Results Day and enrolment at MCA6  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – PD Days  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Students Return

### General Notices

#### Mental Health Awareness Week 12-18th May

This year the theme is 'Community'. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose. In one form or another, our academy has served the local community for over 40 years. Here at MCA, we pride ourselves on a strong ethos of community and instilling into our young people a sense of belonging and contributing positively to our community. Information and support can be found on our websites [Mental Health & Wellbeing page](#) and our [Early Help Portal](#).

This Mental Health Awareness Week is all about celebrating community, and how it supports our mental health and wellbeing. Communities connect, support, and give us a sense of belonging and purpose. From local to global, online to in-person, we all need community. What's yours?

Please also see the attachments included in this week's notices.

Thank you for being a part of our community! #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek  
#ThisIsMyCommunity. *Best wishes, Miss Wright*

### Save the Date – Year 11 Prom

This year the prom will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Eriswell Lodge. The event will cost £20 and Year 11's are working hard to get an invite to the event. The prom will start at 6.30p.m. and finish at 10p.m. *Thankyou, Miss Muttock*

### VE80 DAY

It was fantastic to see students wearing their cadet uniforms on VE Day and helping us all to remember the sacrifice made by so many.



A group of students and staff went to the Mildenhall War Memorial to join the community in remembrance and the Academy took part in the two-minute silence. We will remember them. *Mr Oxley*

### Timetable Changes

As you may be aware, Mr Aves is no longer working at the Academy, resulting in some necessary timetable changes. These changes have been made to ensure that students are taught by MCA teachers for the remainder of the year, rather than external cover teachers. Where classes have been affected, they will still receive at least one Music lesson per fortnight. In some cases, to facilitate these timetable changes, a change has been made so that the students will be taught by a subject specialist in a different subject. Please be assured that we are committed to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum at MCA and all students will receive their full curriculum entitlement for Music from September. *Miss Powling*

### Leaving a Lesson to Use the Toilet

As you are probably aware, we only allow students to go to the toilet in lessons if they have a toilet pass or if they have an urgent need to go. Students are encouraged to use break time and lesson transitions appropriately so that we can maximise learning time and prevent disruption to lessons. When students need to leave a lesson- they will now be provided with an orange lanyard so that we can quickly ascertain that a student has been in a lesson and has permission to be on the corridors. We will now log on the student/parent portal when a child requests to leave a lesson to use the toilet. This will be marked as a positive event as, unfortunately, the system does not allow us to record such events as a neutral 'no score' event. At the end of each week we will extract the data and wipe it from the system. SLT and Pastoral teams will keep a track of the requests using another system and we will see if there is a pattern over time. Please be aware that you will be able to see the requests to use the toilet on your MCAS system within each week. We thought that this would be useful for parents and carers. If you have any questions about this change, please contact Mrs Willingham.

### Activities Unlimited

Activities Unlimited are an organisation who support young people with SEND and their families. They offer a short breaks service and days out as well as personal budgets which parent/carers can apply for to cover the cost of taking their young person out for a specific activity. Activities Unlimited visited our last SEND coffee morning and parents found this very useful. The link to their website is below for any parents are interested in finding out how this organisation can support families and young people further.

## [Activities Unlimited - Suffolk SEND Local Offer](#)

### World Challenge

The world challenge group are in the process of organising their next event which is a bingo night on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The event is at MCA6 and will take place from 6.30 – 8.00. Entry and tickets are £5 with additional books and snacks available on the night. Tickets can be purchased via SCOPAY. *Thank you, Miss Muttock*

### Uniform Donations

The Academy is once again requesting items of clean, good quality uniform that we can gift to students who need it. Donations of blazers, ties, PE House T Shirts and PE Academy Fleece are required. Please can you drop off such items to main reception or ask your child to give them to student reception please. *Mr Goodenough*

## PE Fixtures and Events

### **Results w/c 06/05/25: U13 Boys Basketball**

On Wednesday 7th May the U13 basketball team participated in the West Suffolk final against Kegs. This was a highly anticipated fixture, with some of the boys playing together outside of school from both schools. MCA came out deserved winners, with the final score being 45-30 to MCA. A great victory that was thoroughly deserved by all. As this was the West Suffolk, we will now wait to see if there will be a Suffolk basketball final for the boys to compete in. Congratulations boys! *Star Performers: Riley Warren, Zac Sargent, Sean Doyle*

