

PARENT/CARER NOTICES

Spring 1 Monday 9th February 2026

Upcoming Events

Monday 9th to Friday 13th February – Year 11 Mock Exams week 1 of 2
Wednesday 11th February – Year 10 Drama Showcase Performance
Wednesday 11th February – Parent/Carer Forum 2
Thursday 12th February – World Challenge Valentine Disco – Year 7 and 8
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February – HALF TERM
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February – Year 11 Mock Exams week 2 of 2
Thursday 26th February – Year 12 and 13 Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th March – EHCP Review Evening 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 11th March – Year 9 Barbican Music Trip
Wednesday 11th March – Ski Trip Information Evening
Thursday 12th March – Yr 11 and Yr 13 Information and Support Evening 5.15pm to 6pm
Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th March – D of E Silver Practice Expedition
Friday 13th March – Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform
Monday 16th March – Year 12 Practical Food Exams
Thursday 19th March – Year 9 Practical Pathway Evening
Friday 20th March – GCSE PE Moderation
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March – Year 11 Music Performance Exams
Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March – Drama Evening Performance
Wednesday 25th March – Year 11 Prefect Trip
Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March – Year 11 Post 16 Interviews
Friday 27th March – House Cup Winner Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April – Ski Trip to Italy
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - EASTER BREAK
Monday 13th April – Students Return

Safeguarding Information

Parent Webinars on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation (Iverson Trust)

The Iverson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

General Notices

Barriers to Education Roadshow Event

Last week, we held our collaborative event with Suffolk's Psychology and Therapeutic services, the Barriers to Education Roadshow. The focus of the event was on supporting your child at home if they are displaying difficulties with attending school. The resources from the event are attached as they may be beneficial to other parents/carers who were unable to attend the event. *Miss McGahan*

Uniform Expectations

I would like to thank parents and carers who have supported our uniform policy and the recent updates. I thought that it would be useful to clarify our expectations and to provide some further guidance about some of the items and recent adaptations. The updated policy will replace all others on our website and provides detail on items of clothing which have become more of a common issue:

- Flared leggings with a stretchy thin material that are too revealing and not appropriate for a professional setting.
- Sweaters and jumpers that are not similar to our MCA branded V-neck jumper.
- Two stud earrings in each ear as a maximum and one nose stud.
- No visible jewellery apart from a watch.

Please re-read the policy and expectations if you have any concerns or questions. We need to be consistent in ensuring that all students have the correct uniform. Like nearly all schools in the country and many organisation with a dress code- we need to ensure that we have a fair and objective approach. Addressing uniform expectations can feel like a negative interaction but it is necessary that we do so.

Miss Powell has put together a document with links to retailers that provide non-branded items that align with our policy. 'Non-MCA branded' items are an important affordable part of our uniform. The number of 'MCA branded' has been recently reviewed and reduced with the rationale to lower uniform costs.

We have spare uniform supplies available in the House Support Hub if there is an accident or short-term issue that we can help with. Ties are available to borrow from Student Reception.

We have a reasonable expectation that all missing or incorrect uniform issues are resolved before Period 1 so that we can focus on learning activities for the remainder of the day. A Social Detention will be issued to students who have not resolved an issue and if there are no extenuating circumstances that we are aware of. We will also issue a detention to students who forget or have a second uniform issue in the same week. It is important that parents/carers let us know if a longer-term loan of a uniform item is required. We will always try to help and resolve issues if there has been an issue at home. *Thankyou, Mr Oxley*

Main Band After School on Mondays

Unfortunately, next week there will not be any band on Monday or Wednesday due to Staff Training events on those dates. We will resume after Half Term. *Miss Sayer*

Autonomous shuttle project: Adastra - Suffolk County Council

Our Year 11 Lead Prefects were asked by Suffolk County Council Transport team to take part in a trial run of their new driverless electric vehicles. The vehicles were featured on BBC Radio Suffolk on Friday 6th February and our Prefects were instrumental in discussing how these shuttles may affect young people in the West Suffolk Area. *Mr Goodenough*



To find out more about the programme please visit this link: <https://share.google/c2ES4ZQhWBFRg9R7b>

Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students

The Careers Team will be holding a Work Experience Cafe for Year 10's who need more information, help or support with their Work Experience Placements. Mr Goodenough and Mrs Seaney will be in the dining room on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February at lunch time. No appointment is necessary, students can bring their lunch and just pop along and see them. *Mr Goodenough and Miss Seaney*

Sports Fixture Results

U14 **Co-Ed National Cup** basketball- First round: **MCA** 91 - 73 Cliff Park Ormiston Academy
Star performers: *Emil Skorek and Sean Doyle*

Another outstanding performance by the U14 basketball team which gave them a win that was thoroughly deserved seeing them advance to round 2 of the U14 Co-Ed National cup.





U14 basketball: **MCA** 28 - 8 Thurston

Star performers: Oliver Da Costa and George Richardson

Overall, it was a fun game of basketball with the boys scoring some really good baskets coming away with a thoroughly deserved win.



U13 basketball: **MCA** 24 - 10 Breckland, **MCA** 30 - 6 Ixworth

Star performers: Paavan Balrey and Daniel Young

Overall, it was an excellent performance from Mildenhall College Academy, with the students representing the school superbly both on and off the court. The results were well deserved and reflected the hard work, talent, and positive attitude of everyone involved.

Upcoming fixtures

Tuesday: Cheerleading leadership event at the Jubilee Centre
U15 boys handball: MCA vs Newmarket and Sybil Andrews **H**

Wednesday: U15 boys handball: MCA cluster tournament **H**
U14 football: MCA vs Northgate **H**

Thursday: U14 girls futsal: Suffolk finals **A** @ Suffolk New College
U12 football: MCA vs Thurston **H**

