

WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th – Friday 29th March 2019



Dear Parents,

We are sure that you, like us, are very much aware of the increasing reports in the press and elsewhere concerning the growing threats posed by social media. As you will know, it was for this reason that CAEA has long had a very specific set of rules governing the use of mobile phones at school, and these have constantly been reinforced by discussions with all students during assemblies and class meetings.

Within this framework, we are encountering a problem: some of our students are violating the cardinal rule that they must hand in their mobile phones to the office immediately upon their arrival. In some instances, the excuse is that "I forgot" or in others it is "I left it at home." For the more sophisticated audience, others apparently have two phones, only one of which is handed in.

We believe that it is important for our children to have access to a phone, primarily to ensure parents that they have arrived at school or for other fundamental communications issues. However, some of our children appear increasingly to be using their phones for entertainment during school hours and when they should be focused on learning—and not based on the internet.

We would appreciate a word of support from all parents to their children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kim Salthouse
Rollo
Head of School

Dr Duncan
Principal

Friday 5th April 2019
Easter Service – 2.15pm
School Finishes 3.00pm

The infographic is set against a purple background. At the top, it says "THEY MAY STOP hanging around with FRIENDS OR LOSE INTEREST IN SCHOOL OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES." with icons of a person and a group of people. In the center, a purple circle contains the text "Some warning signs that a young person might be being BULLIED OR CYBERBULLIED". To the left, it says "Suddenly RECEIVE LOTS of TEXT MESSAGES" with a smartphone icon. To the right, it says "UNHAPPY AFTER they have been on the COMPUTER or CHECKED their PHONE MESSAGES" with an icon of a person sitting at a desk with a laptop.

NOTICES

Students Who Travel by Taxi

Please could parents ensure that their child's taxi is informed if a child is to be absent from school and does not need to be collected by the taxi. It has come to light on a number of occasions that taxis have arrived at the school at the end of the day to collect students to return home. We have had to explain that the child has been collected for medical appointments/or sent home unwell.

Thank you.

School Diaries

Please could all parents check with their children that they have their school diaries. These should have homework assignments written in. Teachers are also checking these diaries to ensure that all parents and students are aware of the demands being made on the children. The diaries are especially helpful in facilitating communication between class tutors and parents.

Sunday boarding arrangements

Please can Parents let Mr Thompson know in advance, either by email at athompson@centreacademy.net, or by phone or text message on 07555 416172. This is so that we have numbers for food on Sunday evening and numbers for pick up from Stowmarket train station. Boarders should either arrive at Centre Academy no earlier than 7pm if coming directly or be picked up from Stowmarket train station.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Boarding House Telephone Numbers:

Mr Thompson can be contacted on the following mobile number during the week, Monday from 8.00 am to Friday 3.00pm. Please can any arrangements for Sunday evening boarding be made in advance prior to 3.00pm on the Friday. The Care Staff do not stay on site at the weekend and will be out of contact during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr Thompson - 07555 416 172

Gentle Reminders:

- ✚ If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Mrs Beadman. Medication will need to be in its original packet along with the relevant paperwork. The item must be clearly labelled with the student's name and the instructions of administration.
- ✚ Students must not be sent to school if they have a fever/sickness or are feeling ill. Students should be fever/sickness free for 48 hours before returning to school to protect other students from contact with potentially contagious illnesses. Parents will be contacted by the medical staff on duty if a child shows symptoms of illness while in school.
- ✚ Could all students bring stationery in to school for their lessons, e.g. pens/pencils and crayons.
- ✚ Please check and sign homework diaries every week; the diaries are a very important tool to communicate with teachers and parents.
- ✚ All female students are to wear either trousers or skirts with thick tights when participating in drama lessons or drama activities after school.
- ✚ During the summer please ensure your child has sun cream, a sun hat and appropriate glasses with them; all items should be marked with the child's name.