



COMMUNITY  
ACCEPT  
ENCOURAGE  
ACHIEVE



# Centre Academy East Anglia Newsletter

Summer Term July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Looking out of my office window on a glorious sunny day, I can hear nothing but laughter and excitement as the students are enjoying the fun activities. It fills me with such pride and I cannot contain the big smile on my face and my amazement of how incredible our students are.

The resilience, talent, professionalism and hard work of our school community has meant that we can leave the school year looking back at all the amazing achievements with great pride.

This year has seen some changes which have allowed us to develop as a school and continuously improve, for this I want to thank you all for your ongoing support.

We have some very exciting site developments which will occur over the summer holidays, which will improve our facilities even further.

The next academic year is filled with lots of events, and we look forward to welcoming the students back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

Thank you for your partnership during this academic year and may I wish you all a joyful and fun summer break, where some wonderful memories are made with your children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lisa Gilbert'.

Lisa Gilbert  
Head of School

# *GRADUATION and PRIZE DAY*

*On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025*









## Work Experience

We are always happy and proud to hear of our students' achievements outside of school as well as in school.

Recently one of our year 10 student, Abigail Robinson' has completed work experience and worked on her photography portfolio at an official book launch.

The launch was for the author Judith Rose, and Abigail was asked to be the official photographer for the event. It was reported that Abigail was very professional throughout the event and helped in many other ways such as stacking books, serving refreshments, chatting with guests, and even clearing up at the end of the event.

As an extension to her photographic portfolio, Abigail has also been experimenting with photographing water and waterways. This has been inspired by the family's frequent trips out on their boat.

We are proud to share with you just one of Abigails pictures.

Miss K Martin





## **Careers Provision – 2024 to 2025**

This year has seen a lot of activity within the careers provision for the older students, alongside their dedicated career's lessons.

In October the Year 10 students attended a Careers Fair at Suffolk New College. There were a variety of employment sectors for the students to visit and engage in activities or discuss what various jobs entailed. The day had so many areas to enjoy from shooting goals at the Ipswich Town area (yes, the students did manage to make me step up!) to changing tyres on a vehicle, working as part of a team. As well as being a fun day it provided so much information for our students, who are at the stage of planning their next steps.

During the year, as part of our connection with the Eastern Education Group of Colleges, we had two talks for our students over the year, where they received information and guidance about choosing options and information about courses which are provided by the groups. The Year 11's visited West Suffolk College and Suffolk One to have a look at the facilities and found both trips interesting and informative.

Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to visit Asda at Stowmarket to experience a workplace. This was an important trip, as whilst the students may not be considering a career in retail it gave them the chance to speak to Asda employees about their employment – many students realised during the question session that there is normally no eight-week summer holiday when you are working! After the trip to the store the students visited a café where they developed their life skills by ordering a drink ... and for some a portion of chips which I believe Mr Borrett also enjoyed!

One of our parent community, Mrs Donnelly, who works for Hays Recruitment, along with her colleague, Mrs Pettitt, have visited the school at regular intervals over the year to deliver sessions to Years 9,10 and 11. These sessions covered areas such as job opportunities, CV writing, mock interviews, alongside a wealth of other relevant and interesting information. We are very grateful to them for the time they have given to CAEA. We always welcome parent involvement so if you would like to come and speak to our students about your career, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Unfortunately, the Year 10 work experience day planned for June had to be cancelled at the last minute, but we are hoping to carry this trip out in the Autumn term.

At CAEA we are continuously looking at improving our careers provision for our students, as this is an important area for them as they consider their next step choices. At the end of the term a student evaluation was carried out and this helped us to see what they enjoyed and other areas they would like to be included – as always, the student and parental voice is an important part of our school community.

I hope you all have an amazing summer break, and I look forward to seeing the students for the Autumn term.

Miss Coleman

## Art Trip – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

On the 1st of May, Art students from Caribbean, Atlantic, Coral and Pacific groups visited the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts at the UEA in Norwich to experience a number of exhibitions, installations and interactive workshops.

The groups were given the opportunity to explore the current exhibition, 'Can the Seas survive Us?' which centred around how different artists explored the concept of the sea, it's meaning and importance, historically and today using alternative media practices. After lunch, the groups explored the impressive permanent collection that included diverse work by many famous artists, before concluding the visit by walking part of the sculpture park within the beautiful grounds.

Finally, as a bonus to the trip, the group participated in the 'Pixel Project' [Art x Games] which is a partnership between the Sainsbury Centre learning team and City College Norwich Games Design and Development department. This was a public 'playtest' where the groups were able to try out the various game demos and feedback/meet the games developers and hear about how they have incorporated objects from the Sainsbury Centre collection into playable video games.



Overall, it was a great day for the students who were able to explore, discover and interact with a variety of creative works from an impressive range of artists.



A big thank you goes to Miss Norris for driving the minibus.



Mr Lloyd

## ENERGY from WASTE School Trip

*Siberian, Flores, Baltic, Coral, Atlantic and Pacific*

*25 and 26 June 2025*

Whilst this trip did not have high hopes: 'What? We're going to the dump?!' – I think it was better than expected for most of us! There was a combination of a presentation about the plant, as well as a tour and activities. More than ever it's so important young people know about the impact of their waste and the different options we have. This site was built to prevent landfill, and gain energy by burning non-recyclables which powers over 50,000 homes. Impressive stuff! I think we all had a strange fascination seeing the giant claws pick up 4 tonne of rubbish at a time, like a giant skills tester at an arcade. Looking into the furnace of 1000 degrees was pretty impressive too. The staff were so impressed with the attitude of your children, that one staff member at the site now wants to go BACK into teaching. That's some high praise!



The second group also visited Alder Carr Farm for their picnic lunch, to have a look at some local produce and purchase a delicious local ice cream. There was some humorous conversation around the goats and pigs at the farm, and it was good fun to see the students enjoying life outside school.

*Mrs Brown, Mr Borrett, Ms Thomas, Ms Coleman, Ms Martin and Ms Schears*





## Pizza Express and Ipswich Waterfront

*Biscay and Red Sea 2 May*

It was a beautiful sunny day when we set off from the Ipswich Marina. First stop was to make our very own Pizzas at Pizza Express. Some talent was shown in throwing the dough to make it circular along with some careful sauce and cheese spreading. We hope that some parents have enjoyed some of their pizza making talent?! We enjoyed eating them at the waterfront and practising our excellent people skills when purchasing an ice cream at the local shop. The shop keeper was very pleased with their please and thank you's. There was a three-team race to complete a scavenger hunt – some great observation was demonstrated, as it wasn't easy. We were very lucky to hop aboard a small navy vessel at the end. The captain gave us all a brief tour, right from the top deck to the engine room. I think we were all impressed in the officers that live aboard such a small space.

The students behaviour was exemplary and we hope the students enjoyed it as much as our adults.



*Mrs Brown, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Seligman and Mrs Johnson*

## TEXTILES

Textiles have had another busy term and lots of fun has been had by all students.

Students have designed a mask or a Scrappy doll and some have done both. They started by drawing a picture, cut out the patterns and transferred it over to fabric.

This time they did both machine and hand sewing, and also made some mad hair using old wool.

It's amazing watching their confidence grow.

Yet again all items have been made with rags in keeping up my recycling, eco theme.

Mrs M Appleby





## RSL Music's Summer Showcase Recap

The sky was crystal-clear. The grass, freshly cut. And the sun? Glorious! It felt like nature itself had RSVP'd "yes" to the Year 13 RSL Music Summer Showcase.

The outdoor stage, built by staff and students, became the heartbeat of the day, drawing a crowd that clapped, cheered and sang along. It was more than a show. It was a celebration of everything our students have worked for.

While the stage sizzled with talent, the school grounds buzzed with excitement. Because this year's showcase wasn't just about the music, it was a full-on festival experience.



From lawn games to Lego showdowns, there was something for everyone. The Lego Competition was split between the Juniors and Seniors. The theme: Transport. From ships of the sea to ships of the sky, the creativity was electric and even a miniature version of our past school production in the form of a Horse and Cart made an appearance!

From soulful solos to laugh-out-loud impressions, this year's Summer Showcase was packed with talent, courage - and a whole lot of fun. There was a brilliant blend of entertainment that

truly reflected our students' personalities and passions.

And just when we thought it couldn't get any better... the newly created staff band took to the stage for the grand finale, a rapturous rendition of Queen's Radio Ga Ga.

What's a summer showcase without something delicious to sink your teeth into? This year's event served up serious flavour with a fabulous Pizza Parlour and Ice Cream on continuous supply; no one went hungry.

And let's not forget the Merch Stands, jam-packed with goodies, handmade items, and a massive raffle that saw everything from stationary to hampers fly off the tables.

The Summer Showcase wasn't just about the spotlight and stage, it was about making a difference. Our Year 13 RSL Students, Rowan and Alfie, chose to support *Raise The Roof*, a campaign dedicated to restoring and preserving Brettenham Church, a much-loved local landmark with deep roots in our school's community.

Through music, creativity, and an afternoon of joyful connection, we raised an amazing £270! A huge THANK YOU to all who donated, participated, and cheered on!



### On another musical note...

As if the fantastic success of the Summer Showcase wasn't enough, we have now cast and begun rehearsals for our next school production – a musical take on a spooktacular classic – *The Addams Family*!

The story? Wednesday has fallen in love, but with someone...normal A nice guy called Lucas Beineke. Between him, his parents and the iconic Addams that we all know and find amusing, secrets are made, dinners are planned, and surprises are revealed! But can love triumph over everything? You will have to wait with bated breath.

More details will follow in the Autumn Term, but in the meantime please help our fantastic cast by getting stuck in with their line learning over the summer holidays! This will be a show not to miss!

Mrs Groombridge



# Photographs taken in School

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we continue to celebrate our students' achievements and capture special moments during school events, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring the safety and privacy of all children.

Specifically, we ask that you refrain from sharing any photos or videos of school activities on social media platforms where other people's children can be identified.

## Why is this important?

1. **Consent:** Sharing images without prior consent from children and their families can pose risks. Some families may not want their child's photo to be publicly available.
2. **Misuse:** Photos and videos shared online can be modified, misused, or taken out of context. This could inadvertently place children at risk.
3. **Child Protection:** Identifying children through images may expose them to potential grooming or abuse.

## How can you help?

1. **Be Mindful:** Before posting any school-related content, consider whether it includes other children and whether their privacy might be compromised.
2. **Educate:** Talk to your child about the importance of privacy and respecting others' boundaries.
3. **Set an Example:** By being cautious with your own social media posts, you contribute to a safer online environment for all.

---

## Student Attendance

We would like to take a moment to emphasize the critical role that **regular attendance** plays in your child's education. **Consistent attendance** is not just a matter of compliance; it significantly impacts your child's academic progress and overall success.

Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Academic Achievement:** Research consistently shows that students with **high attendance rates** tend to perform better academically. Missing even a single day of school can disrupt the learning process and hinder your child's understanding of crucial concepts.
2. **Life Chances:** Education opens doors and shapes future opportunities. By attending school consistently, your child is better positioned to achieve good grades, graduate successfully, and pursue higher education or career paths.
3. **School Policies:** Our school adheres to **Department for Education guidelines** regarding attendance. These guidelines stress that children should attend school regularly unless there are exceptional circumstances. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child's consistent presence. The Attendance Policy can be viewed on the school website.
4. **Communication:** If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons, please notify us promptly. You can call the school office or email us at [absent@centreacademy.uk](mailto:absent@centreacademy.uk). Early communication helps us track attendance and address any concerns.
5. **Action Plan:** Should attendance become a concern, we will work closely with you to develop an **action plan**. Our goal is to support your child's attendance and create a positive learning environment.

Remember, everyday matters. Each lesson contributes to your child's growth and development. Let's work together to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform is available from 'Inces of Stowmarket'.

Please note, students may still wear their old uniform until a new uniform is required.

Logo School Uniform is provided by 'Inces of Stowmarket'. The uniform can be ordered online, or you can visit the shop in Stowmarket, please see below for shop details. As well as our logo school uniform, you may also be able to order plain items such as trousers, skirts, or alternatively you can buy from local stores. Other ordering information including sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available online.

<https://www.inces.co.uk/c/schoolwear>

Inces, 25 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1AH

01449 612 664

[gordonince@btconnect.com](mailto:gordonince@btconnect.com)

Please see below for a complete school uniform list which is requested.

School Uniform	Logo Uniform supplied by 'Inces'	
	Size	Cost
Grey Trousers/Skirts		
Grey Shorts (Optional)		
*Sky Blue Polo Shirt <b>(with school logo)</b>	Up to age 13:	£10.00
	Adult Sizes:	£12.50 (2XL £14.50)
*Navy V Neck Sweatshirt <b>(with school logo)</b>	Up to age 13:	£18.00
	Adult Sizes:	£19.00 (2XL £22.50)
Grey or Black Socks (for trousers)		
Black or Nude tights (for skirts)		
Navy/White Summer Dresses (non-compulsory) Juniors only)		
Black Shoes and Wellington Boots		
Coat (weather dependent)		
Equipped Pencil Case		
<b>Sports Uniform</b>		
Navy PE Shorts		
Navy Tracksuit Bottoms		
*Navy Fleece <b>(with school logo)</b>	Up to age 13:	£20.00
	Adult Sizes:	£24.00
*Emerald Green Polo Shirt <b>(with school logo)</b>	Up to age 13:	£10.00
	Adult Sizes:	£12.50 (2XL £14.50)
Plain Navy Football/Rugby Socks	Size 1-3:	£4.25
	Size 3-6:	£5.00
	Size 6-12:	£5.00
Trainers		
Football Boots (plastic or moulded studs)		
Mouthguard		
Shin Pads		
* - relates to all uniform with the school logo		

# CAEA Equipment Provision

At CAEA, we promote our students to be as independent and organised as possible, however, we appreciate that students may find this challenging for a variety of reasons. We therefore place measures to support with this, such as providing school bag checklists to pupils, so they can manage their routine with confidence. We also have posters displayed around the school and in all tutor rooms to encourage responsibility for equipment, much like the one shown below!

Students are welcome to bring in stationery from home and are encouraged to bring a pencil case which they can carry with them. If your child brings any stationery from home, please can you ensure that scissors are plastic and in line with those provided by the school. Please be assured that the school has scissors available for all students, as well as stationery resources for those who may need them. Specialist scissors are also available from the Occupational Therapist if students are struggling to use the ones available in class.



*Example of scissors available in school*



*Example of specialist scissors available*



Thank you very much for your cooperation!



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

DATES	ACTIVITY
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Staff Training Days
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Term Commences
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School finishes at 2.00pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Term Commences
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	School finishes at 2.00pm Term Ends
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Christmas Holiday

### AUTUMN TERM EVENTS 2026

DATES	ACTIVITY
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Staff Training Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 10.00 – 11.00am	Admissions – Parent Open Morning
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Photographer – Whole School/Tutor Group/House Photos only
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – 4.30 – 5.30pm	Parent Forum
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 1.00 – All welcome	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 6.00 – 8.00pm – All welcome	Bonfire Night
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 4.30 – 6.30pm	Parent Evening – All Classes (Tutor's only)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 1.00-pm – All welcome	Carol Service

# **IMPORTANT**

## **TIMINGS TO THE SCHOOL DAY**

Students can arrive at school from **8.30am** onwards.

### **Timetable for the School Day**

<b>Monday to Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
08.45am – 09.00am	Tutor Time	08.45am – 09.00am	Tutor Time
09.00am – 09.45am	Lesson 1	09.00am – 09.45am	Lesson 1
09.45am – 10.30am	Lesson 2	09.45am – 10.30am	Lesson 2
10.30am – 11.15am	Lesson 3	10.30am – 11.15am	Lesson 3
11.15am – 11.35am	Break Time	11.15am – 11.35am	Break Time
11.35am – 12.15pm	Lesson 4	11.35am – 12.15pm	Lesson 4
12.15pm – 13.00pm	Lesson 5	12.15pm – 13.00pm	Lesson 5
13.00pm – 14.00pm	Lunch Time	13.00pm – 14.00pm	Lunch Time
14.00pm – 14.45pm	Lesson 6	14.00pm – 15.00pm	Lesson 6
14.45pm – 15.30pm	Lesson 7	(14.30pm – 15.00pm) - Assembly	



## General Information

### START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please remember that students are not to be dropped off at the school before 8.30 am. Prior to that staff are not in their places and we cannot therefore ensure the students security.

### UNIFORM

Please remember that all uniform and casual clothes must have the student's name in.

### OUTDOOR CLOTHING

During the cold months please could all students have winter clothing: wellies, coats, hats and gloves.

During the summer months, please could students have a hat and sun cream.

School Phone Number: 01449 736404

Out of hours emergency

school mobile number 07555 641 724

email: [admin@centreacademy.uk](mailto:admin@centreacademy.uk)

Student absence: [absent@centreacademy.uk](mailto:absent@centreacademy.uk)

## Medical Information

- ✓ If your child requires any medication, please ensure that this is handed into the office or Miss Bonner. 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.
- ✓ If the illness is more than 5 school days, we may require a Doctor's Certificate.

## Absence

Please could all medical appointments/absences be reported before 9.00 am to the school office.

Please contact the school each day your child is absent; contact by email is fine. Student absence: [absent@centreacademy.uk](mailto:absent@centreacademy.uk)

## Policies and other Important Information

All our policies and other important information is available on the website.

If you require any other information that is not displayed, please do not hesitate to contact the Office Manager.

### Photographs/Video's taken in school

As we continue to celebrate our students' achievements and capture special moments during school events, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring the safety and privacy of all children. Specifically, we ask that you refrain from sharing any photos or videos of school activities on social media platforms where other people's children can be identified.