

Welcome back!

- This is a very important term for students in all year groups with preparation for SATs, GCSEs, AS and A levels, as well as a lot of coursework, practical and oral examinations to be completed. The “**County Courier**” will continue to be sent home **every Friday** to keep all sections of our school community informed of all dates, deadlines and events.
- We welcome **Mrs Robson** and **Mr Shabbaya** who have joined us to cover maternity leaves in science and our **new residential site supervisor, Mr Hamlin**.

School Reorganisation

Parents are reminded of the meeting at **6.30 pm on Monday 8th January at Westley Middle School**. This meeting, organised by parents, will give an opportunity for clarification and consultation before County Councillors meet on 16th January.

Parents' evenings

We have today posted letters to all parents with children in year nine. Similar letters to all year ten parents will be posted next Friday. Where applicable, students (or parents) should

hand in the appointments' pro formas to reception. The dates of the evenings are:

Year 9: Thursday 25th January
Year 10: Thursday 1st February

With the proformas to be returned by:

Year 9: Friday 12th January
Year 10: Friday 19th January

Severe Weather Conditions

Although the weather remains mild, obviously January and February are the most likely months for snow.

In the event of a school closure because of bad weather, the following arrangements will apply:

- a) **Early closure during the day:** this would be a very unusual occurrence and would normally only happen if the bus contractors asked to run the buses early because there was a fear of worsening weather conditions. We would assume that students sent home early would be able to get into their home or that of a friend/neighbour/relative. If this gives any problem please let your child's Year Head know.
- b) **Early morning closure for the whole day:** all should base their actions on the assumption that the school **is open** unless they hear

otherwise from BBC Radio Suffolk (FM 104.6) or SGR Radio (FM 96.4). If a decision has been taken to close the school it will be relayed on these radio stations by 7.30 am at the latest. There will always be someone at school to handle queries and receive students who didn't hear the closure message. Radio Suffolk will give out information at 10 minutes past the hour and 20 minutes to the hour and SGR will broadcast their information on the hour and half hour. The two stations will also try to keep their websites updated ie. www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk; www.musicradio.com.

- c) Our network manager will post details on the school website as early as he can.

Fixtures

11.01.07

U16 boys' basketball v St Benedict's (h)

Year Group News

Year 11

- The **written practice examinations** start on **Wednesday 10th January** and last until **Thursday 18th January**.
- **Friday 12th January** is the **coursework deadline** for Mathematics, Business Studies, French, Geography, Electronics, Graphics and Resistant Materials.

Charity 2006: a postscript

Thank you to all members of our school, their families and the local community who enabled us to raise that magnificent sum in excess of £12,000 to help the chosen charities.