

THE COUNTY COURIER



The weekly information sheet from County Upper School

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A few reminders

As the cold, dark weather approaches, a few reminders:

- Parents and other visitors should not park in the **turning circle** between 8.30 and 9.00 am and 3.35 and 4.10 pm.
- Students can wear additional items of clothing under their shirts. These must be **white** if they are visible. Coats, but not sweatshirts or similar tops, can be worn to, from and around school but they must always be removed in classrooms.
- Parents of **asthmatic children** are encouraged to ensure that their children have the appropriate inhaler/medication at all times. The school is happy to keep spare, named inhalers on reception if this is helpful and parents who have previously left inhalers with us are welcome to check that they are still in date.
- Mr McWilliam's direct line is **01284 763638**.

Work Experience

Mrs Bailey, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Jolly and all the staff wish year eleven a successful, productive work experience fortnight.

Year Group News

Year 9 and 10

- Parents should receive through the post an invitation to a discussion with your child and a member of the year tutor team for the period commencing

1st November. Parents are strongly urged to attend wherever possible.

- Parents will receive this term's interim assessment, via their child, on **Wednesday 31st October**.

Year 11

- The post 16 education evening is on **Thursday 22nd November at 7.00 pm**.

America tour

We wish our musicians a successful tour of the USA as they leave to represent Suffolk in Washington and Virginia as part of the celebrations of the four hundredth anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

Fixtures

30.10.07	U15 football v Claydon (h)
31.10.07	Western Area Cross Country at Chantry Park
	U14/U15 netball v Stowmarket (h)
01.11.07	U15 mixed hockey v KEUS (a)

"The Accolade"

The October edition of "The Accolade" will be sent home on Wednesday 31st October.

Data Protection and Fair Processing

We have been advised that all parents should be sent the DCSF's new notice which supersedes the one issued earlier this term. The guidance is in three "layers", layer one is to be sent with the other two appearing on schools' websites. These will be available on our website after half term. Layer one is reproduced overleaf.

Bury St Edmunds County Upper School processes personal data about its pupils and is a “data controller” in respect of this for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. It processes this data to:

- support its pupils’ teaching and learning;
- monitor and report on their progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well the school as a whole is doing.

This data includes contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information.

This data may only be used or passed on for specific purposes allowed by law. From time to time the school is required to pass on some of this data to local authorities, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and to agencies that are prescribed by law, such as the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), Ofsted, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), the Department of Health (DH), Primary Care Trusts (PCT) and organisations that require access to data in the Learner Registration System as part of the MIAP (Managing Information Across Partners) programme and Connexions. All these are data controllers in respect of the data they receive, and are subject to the same legal constraints in how they deal with the data.

The Fair Processing Notice has been prepared at a time of change with the restructuring of the Department for Education and Skills and the Department of Trade and Industry into three new Departments: the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulator Reform (DBERR). It may be that, [during the period covered by this FPN], steps will be taken to enable the DCSF to match individual pupil information with higher and further education attainment data held by the DIUS.

Pupils, as data subjects, have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right to be given access to personal data held about them by any data controller. The presumption is that by the age of 12 a child has sufficient maturity to understand their rights and to make an access request themselves if they wish. A parent would normally be expected to make a request on a child’s behalf if the child is younger.

If you wish to access your personal data, or that of your child, then please contact the relevant organisation in writing:

- the school at **Beeton’s Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP32 6RF, (www.countyupper.suffolk.sch.uk)**;
- the County Council’s Data Protection Officer at Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX (via the Freedom of Information Helpline on 01473 264618);
- the QCA’s Data Protection Officer at QCA, 83 Piccadilly, London, W1J 8QA (www.qca.org.uk);
- Ofsted’s Data Protection Officer at Alexandra House, 33 Kingsway, London WC2B 6SE (www.ofsted.gov.uk);
- LSC’s Data Protection Officer at Cheylesmore House, Quinton Road, Coventry, Warwickshire CV1 2WT (www.lsc.gov.uk);
- the Suffolk PCT’s Information Governance Manager, Suffolk Primary Care Trust, Bartlet Hospital Annexe, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 7LT (or by e-mail to: foi@suffolkpct.nhs.uk).
- the DH’s Data Protection Officer at Skipton House, 80 London Road, London SE1 6LH (www.dh.gov.uk);
- the DCSF’s Data Protection Officer at Caxton House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NA (www.dcsf.gov.uk)

Your attention is drawn to (Layer 2) of this Fair Processing Notice, which gives supplementary information about the processing of pupil data by the organisations mentioned above, and to the Full Notice (Layer 3) which gives greater details of how the pupil data is processed and the rights of parents and pupils. Either can be obtained by contacting the school at **Beeton’s Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP32 6RF, (www.countyupper.suffolk.sch.uk)**.