

December 2025

Dear parent/carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term and look towards the festive season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the support, kindness and encouragement you have shown throughout the year. December always brings with it a special sense of togetherness, and it has been wonderful to see our students and staff celebrating this time of year with such enthusiasm — from Christmas Fayres and themed events to the many moments of joy captured around the academy, both in and out of lessons and through our newly introduced guilds programme. Our guilds have provided a short opportunity for students to explore beyond the curriculum and engage in short learning sequences in a wide range of areas (including some very different and interesting areas).

This year has been one of genuine pride for everyone at Flegg High Ormiston Academy. Across all year groups, our students have demonstrated resilience, imagination and ambition in everything they do. Whether through academic progress, artistic talent, sporting success or contributions to school life, they embody the spirit of *Aspire, Create and Innovate* in countless ways. Their achievements, both in and beyond the classroom, are a testament to their determination and the unwavering dedication of our staff and families.

Our student leadership team, the **Union of Flegg Students**, has also played a significant role in shaping the direction of the academy over the past twelve months. Their insight, initiative and commitment to their peers have influenced real and meaningful change. They have created a legacy of teamwork, compassion and forward-thinking ideas. They have set a powerful example for others to follow, and we are immensely proud of all they have achieved.

Our partnerships within the community have continued to flourish too. Students have taken part in local initiatives, charity events and collaborative projects that have strengthened our connection to the wider area. These experiences remind us that education is not only about learning — it is about belonging, contributing and growing together.

As we move into the new year, our priority is to strengthen our students' ability to think hard and work with determination. By encouraging them to tackle complex ideas, persevere through challenges and push the limits of their understanding, we will continue to equip them with the mindset and habits they need for future success.

The term will finish on **Friday 19th December at 3.00pm**, and we look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday 6th January**, with Personalised Learning groups beginning at 8.30am

In January, we will continue sharing highlights of student achievements through our many events and showcases, celebrating the extraordinary talents and efforts of our young people.

As always, if you require support or guidance regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to reach out to the college teams. We are always here to help.

May I take this opportunity to wish every family a peaceful, joyful and well-deserved Christmas break. Thank you for being such an integral part of our Flegg community.

Warmest Christmas wishes,



Simon Gilbert-Barnham

Senior Principal

Flegg High Ormiston Academy

Dates for your Diary	Event
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner for Year 7 & 8
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner for Year 9, 10 & 11
Wed 17 th & Thur 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Days
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 5 th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Students Return 8.30am
Thursday 15 th January	GCSE Presentation Evening
Thursday 5 th February	Year 7 & 8 Parents Evening (3pm-7pm)
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 24 th February	Students Return 8.30am
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Saturday 14 th March	Easter Fayre (10am-4pm)
Thursday 19 th March	Year 9 & 10 Parents Evening (3pm-7pm)
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 11 Preparing for Exams Evening (3pm-7pm)
Fri 27 th March – Fri 10 th April	Easter Holidays
For the full year term dates please see our website	

KEY REMINDERS

Holiday Activities

- The Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun program offers opportunities for young people to engage in a wide range of activities.
- To find out the full list of what is on search for **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun** - [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Activities](#)



Enrichment @ Flegg

- Our full enrichment offer is available on our website including an outline of all the different ways we have planned to extend opportunities both in and out of the classroom. This includes information on our enrichment activities, societies, college clash and guilds. We will continue to update this with the increasing offer and have included our current enrichment clubs and activities on offer in the Autumn term.

Communication



Use and Importance of Go4Schools

- It provides you with crucial live up to date data and information on your child including:
 - ✓ What **extended learning** they have been set
 - ✓ What their **attendance** is
 - ✓ How many **Heart points** they have earned and a record of any **behaviour events**
 - ✓ How they have done in **assessments** and how they are making progress in all subject areas
- It is the tool that creates, stores and issues **half termly progress snap shots and reports throughout the year**

Academy Uniform:

For a full list of uniform please see our website <https://fleggormistonacademy.co.uk>

- Our main uniform stockists is Harrisons, located in Gorleston, although uniform may be purchased from alternative outlets. They have a wide range of sizes available in both trousers and skirts and will also stock the Flegg tie and optional Flegg 'V' neck jumper with the logo. It is important that the skirts worn are the correct style (22" four drop pleat skirt) and the trousers are navy, full-length tailored trousers. Shoes must be smart plain black. Boots, trainers and canvas shoes are not accepted. Makeup should be natural without the addition of false eyelashes and nails should also be natural without the addition of varnish, gel or acrylics.
- Hair should be of natural colour and style. Students can wear a watch and a single stud earring in each ear, but aside from this, we do not permit any other jewellery, clear retainers and/or the covering of piercings with medical tape. Any items worn which do not meet our uniform expectations will be confiscated and available for collection at the end of the day. Please also be aware that certain piercings take several weeks to heal, so please keep this in mind if allowing your child to obtain one over the holidays. All students will still be asked to remove these, regardless of where they are in the healing process.
- Upon our return, students not correctly attired or not meeting our uniform expectations will be placed into our Reflection Room and will not return to lessons until the issues have been fully resolved. I should stress that this is absolutely the last thing we want as an academy, as we are keen to return in January and look forward to getting all students back into their lessons working hard and thinking hard. We will have spare uniform available for students to borrow to support this but cannot guarantee that all sizes and fits will be available.
- If you have any questions relating to uniform please feel free to contact the academy and we will be happy to help.

Equipment:

We are keen to start the term well, making the most of every learning opportunity. Over the holidays, please could we ask that you purchase the items on our equipment list below and encourage your children to look after them carefully. These are essential items which are needed for lessons, assessments and examinations, we are training our students to be well-prepared, exam ready and organised. If there are any issues or concerns with this, then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

- Pens – Black or Blue
- Ruler, rubber, pencils and pencil sharpener
- Scientific calculator – Casio FX85 ClassWiz series
- PE/dance kit (The new kit is stocked at Harrisons)
- Scissors, highlighters and a glue stick are not essential, but advantageous
- Pink Pens for self/peer assessment – students will be provided this by the academy

Pupil Premium Eligibility Applications

If you believe you might be eligible it is an easy check and one that is well worth doing. Not only does this provide your child with Free School Dinners from our fabulous cafe it also currently incorporates the Norfolk Voucher Scheme for families during holiday time and provides valuable resource to the academy to support the interventions and opportunities we have in place for children (including our enrichment programme).

- Norfolk County Council will review the voucher system as we move forward and further information can be found on their website.

- We know circumstances change. If yours does, then please do check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. This can be done through the Norfolk County Council website.
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Mental Wellbeing and Kooth

Many parents and carers of children and young people are worried or concerned about their child's mental wellbeing. It can be difficult to know where to turn, or what services are available to support your child. Kooth is an online platform to help young people with their mental health and wellbeing.

It's a welcoming space for your child to safely explore their feelings. They can anonymously talk to other people their own age on moderated discussion forums, and chat to mental health professionals via messaging.

They're a British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy-accredited digital mental health service, and provide free services through the NHS.

Their team of professionals are trained to offer clinically-safe advice while lending a supportive ear for whatever your child's facing.

More information for parents is available at: <https://explore.kooth.com/families/>