

July, 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of another fantastic year at Flegg High Ormiston Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come — and how exciting the future continues to be for our academy.

This time last year, I wrote to you about ambition, change and the future of Flegg. One year on, I am incredibly proud to say that this is now being seen every day across the academy. Flegg is an academy full of energy, pride and purpose. Students are working hard, showing kindness, and aiming high in everything they do.

Our journey is clear — we are building a **World Class academy** where every child can succeed.

This year has been full of moments that show exactly what Flegg is about. Our students have embraced opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Over the past half term we are proud of our students with some of the activities including:

- **Year 8 Camp**, where students showed resilience, teamwork and independence in our annual camp
- **Create Showcase**, celebrating the high standard of creativity in Art, Dance, Drama, Catering and Textiles
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award**, where students challenged themselves and achieved something special on expedition
- **Enrichment Week**, with projects, trips, activities and visiting speakers that bring learning to life
- A wide range of **trips and experiences**, building confidence and broadening horizons
- A brilliant **Year 11 Prom**, celebrating the end of their journey
- Our **Senior Year students completing their exams** with calmness, focus and determination

These experiences help our students grow into confident, capable young people — ready for whatever comes next.

What makes Flegg truly special is our community.

Across the year, we have seen:

- Strong relationships between students, staff and families
- Students taking pride in their academy and their learning
- A calm and focused environment where learning comes first
- A growing sense of belonging, where every child is known and supported

This is what allows students to thrive — not just academically, but as people.

As we look forward to September and beyond, we are more ambitious than ever.

We will continue to:

- Set **high expectations** for every student
- Provide **excellent teaching and learning**
- Create **opportunities beyond the classroom**
- Build confidence, resilience and independence

Alongside this, we will continue to strengthen how we work together. Our move to **Arbor** will support clearer communication with families, and our approach to **mobile phone use** will help students stay focused during the school day. These are simple but important steps that support the calm, purposeful, collaborative environment we are building.

Thank you for your continued support this year. The progress we have made at Flegg is only possible because of the strong partnership between home and our academy.

Together, we are building something very special.

The future is not just bright — it is **confident, ambitious and full of opportunity**.

I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming students back on 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Gilbert-Barnham

Senior Principal

Flegg High Ormiston Academy

KEY REMINDERS

Communication



Arbor: Everything You Need in One Place

When we return in September, Arbor will become our single point of contact for parents and carers. It will replace Go4Schools, ScoPay and SchoolCloud, all of which will cease to be used by the academy.

We are really excited about the move to Arbor and the company's ongoing commitment to improving communication and information sharing between the academy and families. For example, they are planning to release a new app in Spring 2027 that will allow parents with children at different schools to switch between accounts without having to log out and back in.

As we continue to develop our use of Arbor, we will keep you informed of any new features and improvements. From September, Arbor will provide you with crucial, live, up-to-date information about your child, including:

- ✓ Their **Timetable**
- ✓ What **Prep/Extended Learning** has been set
- ✓ Their **Attendance**
- ✓ How many **Heart Points** they have earned along with and a record of any **behaviour events**
- ✓ **Assessments** results and information about the progress they are making across all subject areas
- ✓ **Academy reports**, in line with our **Academic Review Days** in November and July, as well as the ability to book appointments for these and other parents' evenings

Arbor is also now the home for academy payments. You will be able to add money to your child's Arbor Meals account, allowing them to purchase food and drinks in the academy. A guide explaining how to do this will be shared with you at the end of August. Separate payment functions for trips and School Shop items will also be available from September.

To help ensure communication between the academy and home is as clear and effective as possible, please check that you can access Arbor through either the Parent Portal and/or the Parent App. If you are using the app, please also ensure that notifications are switched on.

The majority of academy communications will be sent through in-app notifications, with text messages reserved for urgent communications. Emails will replace paper letters, and if you do not have the app installed, in-app notifications will automatically be sent to you by email.

Timetables and timings of the Academy Day

- On our return, **Wednesday 2nd September** students will be involved in a **Student Training Day** within their PL focused on equipping them with the skills and information to make the year ahead a success.
- Students will be given their **timetable** during this day though they already know the subjects (and for Key Stage 4 their options) that will be on it.
- For **Create subjects** (particularly catering, dance and drama) **communication will be given to ensure that students know any ingredients or kit** that will be required for each day. This will be updated throughout the year as they rotate across subjects.
- Please be aware of the timings of the academy day.
 - 8.00am – Breakfast Club
 - 8.25am – Doors open for students to make their way to PL rooms**
 - 8.30am – Morning Personalised Learning**
– Students need to be in their PL rooms by this time – Attendance Marked
 - 8.50am – Period 1
 - 9.50am – Period 2
 - 10.50am – Break
 - 11.10am – Period 3
 - 12.10pm – Period 4
 - 1.10pm – Lunch
 - 1.45pm – Afternoon Personalised Learning
 - 2.00pm – Period 5
 - 3.00pm – End of Academic Day
 - 3.45pm – End of Enrichment sessions and Period 6 sessions (some events may run longer).

Academy Term Dates for 2026-27

- These are available on our website for the upcoming academic year. [Flegg High Ormiston Academy](https://www.flegghighormistonacademy.co.uk)

Attendance Matters

We would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school **each day** and arrives ready to learn. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping students achieve their full potential.

Students who maintain attendance of **95% or above (Band 1)** benefit from significantly more learning time across the school year. Research consistently shows a strong link between high attendance and academic success, particularly at GCSE level. Every lesson matters, and even small amounts of missed learning can accumulate over time, making it harder for students to keep up with coursework, revision and key topics.

A student with 95% attendance misses approximately two weeks of learning across the academic year, while lower attendance can result in the loss of many weeks of valuable teaching. Importantly, students with **95–100% attendance (Band 1) are almost twice as likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes (grades 9–5) compared with students whose attendance falls between 90–95%**. High attendance not only improves academic attainment but also supports students to develop positive routines, stronger relationships and greater confidence in their learning.

As the summer holidays progress, **a few children may experience worries about returning to school**. This is a normal response to change, particularly for students who are moving to a new year group, changing schools, or who have experienced challenges during the previous academic year. To support families, we have attached guidance from **Clinical Psychologist Dr Nihara Krause**, which offers **three practical tips to help parents support their child in managing any concerns about returning to school after the holidays**. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read the guidance and discuss it with their child. Taking simple steps to prepare emotionally for the new school year can help children return feeling confident, resilient and ready to learn.

For our **Year 6 families**, who are preparing for the transition to secondary school, we also recommend the following short video resource:

Starting Secondary School – Advice for Parents and Students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05-mSfidRPC>

We are grateful for the commitment shown by our families in prioritising both attendance and wellbeing. By working together, we can help every child develop the habits, resilience and confidence needed to thrive at school and achieve their very best. Thank you for helping to ensure every student has the strongest possible start to the new academic year.

Academy Uniform

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

- For some, it may have been several months since you have given any thought at all to purchasing new uniform. Therefore, we thought it may be helpful to remind you that our main uniform stockists are 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 also 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 September and look forward to getting all students back into their lessons working hard and thinking hard. We will have spare uniforms 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

Dates for your Diary	Event
Wed 2 nd Sept	First day of term
Tue 8 th Sept 3pm-5pm	Year 7 Parental Kick Start Drop-ins
Tue 8 th Sept 4pm-5pm	Year 11 Step into Senior Year Evening
Wed 16 th Sept	Individual photos
Thur 8 th Oct 5pm-7pm	Year 6 Open Evening
Thur 5 th Nov 3.30pm-7pm	Academic Review Evening for all year groups & Careers Fair
Sat 21 st & Sun 22 nd Nov	Christmas Market
Wed 9 th Dec 2pm-3pm	SEND Parental Drop-in
Thur 10 th Dec 3.30pm-7pm	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wed 16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 18 th Dec 6.30pm start	Christmas Showcase
Fri 18 th Dec	Celebration Assemblies
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of term
Tue 5 th Jan	First day of term
W/C 8 th Feb	Flegg Musical
Thur 11 th Feb 3.30pm-7pm	Year 9 Parents Evening
Mon 22 nd Feb	Staff Training Day
Thur 25 th Feb 3.30pm-7pm	Year 7 & 8 Parents Evening
Fri 5 th Mar	World Book Day
Thur 11 th Mar 2pm-3pm	SEND Parental Drop-in
Sat 14 th Mar	Easter Fayre
Thur 18 th Mar 3.30pm-7pm	Year 10 Parents Evening
Fri 19 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 24 th Mar 3.30pm-7pm	Year 11 Preparing for Exams Evening
Thur 25 th Mar	Last Day of Term
Mon 12 th Apr	First Day of Term
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Fri 28 th May	Last Day of Term
Mon 7 th Jun	First Day of Term
W/C 21 st Jun	Enrichment Week & Work Experience Week
Thur 24 th Jun	Prom at Parkhill Hotel, Oulton
Mon 28 th & Tue 29 th Jun	Year 6 Transition Days
Tue 29 th Jun 4.30pm-6.30pm	Transition Evening for families
Mon 28 th & Tue 29 th Jun	Step into Senior Year Days
Thur 1 st Jul 3.30pm-7pm	Academic Review Evening for all year groups
Thur 8 th Jul	Flegg Stars & Create Showcase
Fri 16 th Jul	Last Day of Term
For the full year term dates please see our website	

Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility Applications

- From September 2026, Free School Meals are being expanded to include all households in receipt of Universal Credit, regardless of income. Due to this change, and because individual family circumstances can change over time, it is always worth checking whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium.
- If you think your child may now be eligible, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. In addition to providing free school meals where eligible, successful applications may also enable the academy to receive additional Pupil Premium funding, which helps us provide extra support and opportunities for students.
- You can check your eligibility through the Norfolk County Council website:
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Safeguarding Support

Over the summer holidays, safeguarding remains a top priority for families and communities. Children and young people may face increased risks, especially around water, online activities, and food insecurity. It's important to reinforce water safety—check out the [RNLI's water safety advice](#) and leaflets to help keep children safe at the beach or near the broads. With more time spent online, parents should review [ThinkUKnow's online safety tips](#) to support safe internet use. For families needing extra support, local foodbanks are available—find your nearest one via the [Trussell Trust foodbank locator](#). Staying informed and connected can help ensure a safe and supportive summer for all.

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/>

Summer Activities

- Big Norfolk Holiday Fun program is live [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#)
- East Norfolk Sixth Form are offering a range of Summer Events <https://events.eastnorfolk.ac.uk/>
- Norwich Community Sports Foundation Holiday Fun [Norwich City Community Sports Foundation | EveryMove](#)



Parent or carer? Need advice or support?

There's lots of services to help in Norfolk and they're joining together in what's called Norfolk family hubs.

Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs or www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs to find out more, including information on:

- Parenting
- Health and wellbeing
- Pregnancy
- Money and work
- Learning
- Days out and activities.

From the minute you know you're having a baby, right up to your child's 19th birthday (25 if your child has special educational needs), Norfolk family hubs are here to help.

Norfolk.gov.uk Just One Norfolk







Join us on Facebook

Great Yarmouth Family Hubs

This is a group to share information, events and activities for families in Great Yarmouth.

If you are offering an event or activity, or you are aware of anything going on in your local area, please request to post onto this group too.

