

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Bravery

The summer term has already progressed at pace and this week has seen the steady stream of public exams, with pupils completing, art, photography and language speaking exams with more due next week. We wish our Year 11 and 13 pupils the very best of luck over the coming months and are confident that all their hard work and application over many years will ensure they are able to achieve successful outcomes. Alongside these exams the rest of the school community continues to engage positively in their lessons and co-curricular activities with the summer program of clubs now up and running.

Updates this week are as follows:

1. New uniform update – We have noted, and are grateful for, parents and carers responses to our information about our uniform changes, and their implementation, which we shared last week. We are carefully considering this feedback and will write you again before half-term with our confirmed plans. This will include clear explanations as to why we are making the changes, results from the previous survey and how we consulted more broadly. In addition, it will include images of some of the new exciting items we are launching.
2. Start of public exams – As mentioned public exams for GCSE and A-Level students have now begun. If your child/ren are in another year group please remind them to be quiet around the exam rooms as it is vital they are able to concentrate fully and perform their best at this important time.
3. Anglian Learning Parent/Carer code of conduct– A reminder that this can be accessed here: [Parent-Carer-and-Visitor-Code-of-Conduct.pdf \(anglianlearning.org\)](#) and we would appreciate all parents and carers taking a chance to read this which is now in effect across our Trust.
4. Non-uniform day – Advance notice that on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for the Ukraine disasters emergency fund. Parents will also be able to make donations using the Parentmail payment system should they wish to.
5. Governor opportunity at an Anglian Learning School – A final reminder that there is now an exciting governor opportunity that has arisen at Wimbish to help shape the direction of the Academy moving forward in the next chapter of its journey. The best way for you to see what the school has to offer is to arrange a visit. Anglian Learning's Head of Governance, Dr Kerrie Jones, will be happy to answer any initial questions you may have. If you are ready to apply, please contact [kjones@anglianlearning.org](mailto:kjones@anglianlearning.org) for an application.
6. Pupil achievements – A massive congratulations to Hannah P, in Year 12. She was awarded the regional cadet of the year for the East of England by St John Ambulance. This is in addition to being the district cadet of the year for Essex last year and currently acting as the Lord Lieutenant's cadet. Fantastic recognition for all the time and work she puts in to helping others across the wider community.

This completes the updates this week. On Wednesday we heard the shocking and sobering news of an incident in a school in Wales. No school or community should ever have to witness events such as those. Our thoughts at Joyce Frankland are with all of those affected in Ammanford. A far safer form of bravery will be on display as our pupils embark on learning challenges and public exams in the coming weeks and months. Even for those pupils who are yet to embrace a particular academic challenge this term the most important thing is having the courage to get started.

In the words of the great novelist Stephen King, "You can, you should and if you're brave enough to start, you will."

Have a great weekend,

Duncan Roberts

Principal