



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we end the third week of full opening of the academy to all students, I have to begin by sharing how well students have resumed school routines and it is a joy to see students flourishing in lessons. Please find this week's notices below.

Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grade Presentation – Tuesday 30th March, 7.30pm (virtual)

I have now received information from exam bodies regarding how the academy will assess grades. I am very keen to share this information with you as soon as possible and have therefore arranged to present this to you on Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm. As well as hearing the exam body information and the measures in place to ensure a fair and transparent process, you will have an opportunity at this virtual meeting to ask more global questions about how the academy will assess your child. To join the presentation, click [here](#) or access via the website. This meeting will prepare you for parents' consultation appointments the following day.

Year 11 Parents' Consultation (virtual)

A reminder that the postponed January parents' consultation has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 31st March**, 4pm-7pm. If you have not already booked your appointments, please do so this weekend. A reminder on how to join the appointments (same way as for January's tutor event) will be sent out on Tuesday.

Period 6 and after school clubs on Wednesday 31st March

Period 6 and after school clubs will not take place on Wednesday 31st March due to the Year 11 parents' consultation.

Year 8 and 9 camps

The DfE continue to advise against any educational trips currently and this will be reviewed after Easter. I believe it is likely that there will be restrictions on residential trips for the remainder of this academic year. We will wait for the updated DfE guidance, review our options and then contact those of you for whom we are currently holding deposits.

Buses

Please remind your child to sit with their year group when travelling on the school buses and of the need to wear masks for the entirety of their journey.

Easter meal vouchers

The County Council is providing a £30 voucher for each eligible child for the two-week break. It follows the County Council scheme which ran over the Christmas and February school holidays, taking the total value of supermarket vouchers distributed to free school meal-eligible families by the Council to £1.2m.

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

Following the success of the recent asymptomatic mass testing programme, and the commencement of home testing, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation with the testing programme.

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For the small minority of students who have not yet been tested at school due to a lack of parental consent, should you now be of a mind to have your child tested, following the recent Covid asymptomatic confirmed cases at the academy, please do get in touch with us. We can arrange for your child to be tested on site, before beginning home testing. We remain happy to support with this as it is essential to help limit the transmission of the virus and keep students, staff and the wider school community safe.

The government has confirmed that testing at home should continue throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Therefore, we have already begun the distribution of further test kits to students.

The DfE has asked headteachers to remind families of the following:

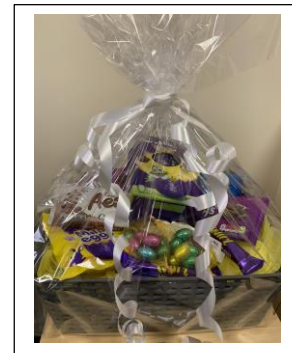
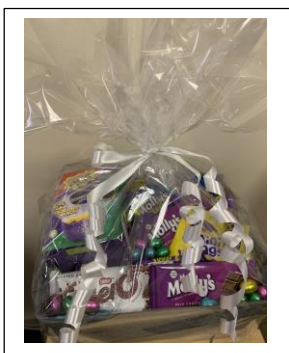
- to test twice a week at home, 3-5 days apart
- to report results online as positive, negative or void www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. This information is critical in helping the government to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country.
- to continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- to test before returning to school for the summer term, ideally the night before (18th April) to ensure no positive cases come into school on Monday 19th April.
- to remind families and households that they can also access home test kits for adults <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

The above refers to asymptomatic testing. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

With regards to contact tracing over the Easter holidays, if your child tests positive through LFT testing or shows symptoms within 48 hours of being at school and tests positive through a PCR test, please email osva_covid@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk to enable the academy to identify close proximity contacts and advise the relevant individuals to self-isolate as a precautionary measure.

Easter raffle

It is our hope that the Year 11 prom will be able to proceed on 2nd July as planned, within the government guidelines, and we are very keen to support year 11 with their fundraising. The pandemic has been exceptionally challenging for all students (and families), but I would suggest even more worrying for exam year groups. If you possibly can, please support our Easter raffle. Tickets are £1 each and the proceeds will go towards the Year 11 prom which will be held at the academy. The photo below shows just some of the prizes on offer. Raffle tickets are available on Parent Pay. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April and winners notified of their prizes.



Finally, as we approach the last week of term, a reminder that Thursday 1st April is a normal, full learning day and all students are expected to attend.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal