



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope my end of term letter finds you safe and well and looking forward to the Easter break. Please find this week's notices below.

Year 11 – English, Maths and Science

Year 11 have been set English, Maths and Science tasks to complete during the Easter break. Please be advised that these tasks must be completed as they will contribute towards the teacher assessed grades that we are required to submit next term. Please discuss the importance of these tasks with your child.

Year 9 and 10 Teenage Booster Vaccinations

You may have seen the email we circulated yesterday at the request of the NHS Immunisation team. I would like to just clarify that the academy continues to liaise with the team to secure a date for the boosters to be given to students on site and they have assured us that rescheduling every school is a priority. Please don't feel that you must take up the offer of the one-off clinic in Brighton. We will be able to offer the vaccinations in school eventually.

Uniform and Equipment

Now that shops are opening more widely, may I urge you to use the Easter break to top up your child's equipment and check they have the correct uniform for the summer term. Since returning to school on 8th March, the academy has been very supportive with incorrect uniform and where students have not had adequate equipment. From the start of the summer term, our expectation will be for all students to adhere to the full uniform policy and to ensure they have the standard equipment with them every day. A reminder of uniform and equipment can be found on the website: <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/key-info/uniform>.

Jewellery

May I draw your attention also to this extract from the uniform and dress code requirements regarding jewellery:

No jewellery is permitted except:

- one wrist watch
- one plain gold or silver stud in each earlobe.

Rings, bracelets, chains, necklaces, charity bands, bangles, beads and anklets are not permitted. Piercings in the upper ear, tragus are prohibited, as are bars and earrings that stretch the earlobes. Piercings in any other part of the head or face (i.e. nose, lip, tongue, and eyebrow) are also not permitted. Recent piercings, covered by tape or plasters, will not be permitted and must be removed before attending timetabled lessons. With this in mind, parents are advised, if they are considering additional piercings for their children, to do so over the summer holiday period, allowing time for the piercing to establish so that jewellery can be removed for school.

Coats

With the weather improving, there is no longer a need for students to wear coats inside. **Blazers remain compulsory** and should be worn. Jumpers should not be required after the Easter break.

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Hair

A reminder that it is our policy to expect any student's hair to be of a reasonable, natural length and appearance. No extreme haircuts, unnatural colours or obviously dyed hair are permitted.

Summer Term – break and lunch

As in previous years, we will be opening the field for the summer term and students will be able to enjoy social time in the wonderful green space that we are very fortunate to have. Please be assured that students will be allocated bubbled zones with clear separations between year group bubbles. All measures established to keep our community safe remain in place. Indoor areas will revert back to only being in use at break and lunch time on wet weather days.

NHS Test and Trace

Further to the information shared last week, please be reminded of the following guidance:

- Please inform the academy of a positive Covid 19 case (osva_covid@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) if either symptoms or a positive home LFD test occur within 2 days of your child being at school. Where this is the case, the academy is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.
- Where symptoms or a positive home LFD test occur more than 2 days since the person was last at their education setting, this does not need to be reported to the academy and contact tracing by the education setting is not required. Where this is the case, staff, students, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Students should continue to test themselves twice weekly at home during the Easter holiday using the testing kits that we provided at school. In particular, I would ask that they test themselves, as per last week's letter, the night before return to school to ensure no positive cases come into school on the first day of term.
- Please follow the government guidelines on how to register tests.
- Additional testing kits have now been distributed to each year group (except those who opted out of the testing programme).

Eco School

The academy has always had a keen interest in promoting environmental awareness and learning. We are now developing this by working towards the Eco School Bronze Award, an internationally recognised award. For a number of years, the staff at Six Villages have collected batteries and other items and we are now extending collections to include the student body.

As part of the Big Battery Hunt, a nationwide battery recycling initiative, we will be collecting batteries from each tutor group. Please send in any used batteries you have with your child. There will be collection boxes in your child's tutor base. All batteries can be recycled but we will mainly be collecting AAA, AA, C and D.

Easter raffle

A huge thank you to those of you who kindly supported our Easter raffle which has raised £503 for the Year 11 prom. Names of winners are included in the end of term newsletter.

Newsletter

Please enjoy reading our latest newsletter which can be found [here](#).

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, relaxing and peaceful Easter break. Whilst it is important not to become complacent with the slight relaxing of the Covid restrictions, I do hope you are all able to have a break and have fun. I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 19th April.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal