



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



17th September 2021

Dear Six Villages Community

Open Evening – Tuesday 21st September – early finish reminder

A reminder that students finish at 1pm on Tuesday to allow for Open Evening preparations. The school buses have been asked to collect students at 1pm. The 66 bus, which is a public bus, will not collect earlier than the normal 2.50pm pick up, so parents of students travelling on this bus are asked to please make alternative arrangements for their child's transport home.

Tour Guides at Open Evening

We require a high number of tour guides to show prospective families around the academy, across all year groups. Departments also require student helpers. Please encourage your child to come along on the evening (at 4.30pm) to help.

Students who are willing to help need to return a completed permission slip providing consent from a parent or carer to be on site during the evening. All student helpers will need to be collected promptly at 8pm. Students also need to be smartly dressed in full academy uniform including their blazer.

Rapid asymptomatic testing in secondary schools – September 2021

The lateral flow testing that secondary schools were asked by the government to undertake is now complete and students have been issued with home testing kits. The guidance is for twice weekly testing and results are to be reported to <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

I have been very impressed by the maturity and excellent conduct of students throughout the testing process over the last couple of weeks.

Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons on drum kit, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and piano will be starting week beginning 20th September. There are a number of spaces available for new students who would like to start this term. Please click [here](#) by Monday 20th September to guarantee your child's spot.

Autumn Clubs

Please find attached the enrichment activities and sports clubs on offer to students at lunch time and after school. I am delighted that following the lengthy absence of sports fixtures due to Covid 19, fixtures will be starting soon. Watch this space!

Flu Vaccinations Years 7-11

We are in the processing of issuing a letter from the NHS Immunisation Service regarding the school based influenza nasal spray vaccination programme. Parents and carers are asked within the letter to complete the online consent form.

If you do not wish for your child to have the flu vaccination, please complete the online consent form indicating this.

Year 9 and 10 Author Visit

On Thursday 23rd September we will be welcoming author Kathryn Evans to the academy. She will speak to year 9 and 10 students about her latest book Beauty Sleep followed by a workshop for a group of year 9 students. Kathryn's books will be available to buy on the day and students will get the opportunity to have them signed. 'More of Me' will be available for £6 and 'Beauty Sleep' for £7.

Congestion at the School Gate

Can I please ask parents to say good bye to their children and to then stand back from the green pedestrian gate by reception. Currently we are experiencing congestion and would appreciate help with this. As we move into the third week of term, hopefully the vast majority of students are able to say good-bye to their parent a little further away from the gate.

Parking in Lime Avenue

We have received complaints this week from some residents of Lime Avenue, particularly at the end of the day. May I ask parents to please park considerately and avoid parking on bends, blocking driveways or parking partly on the curb. Safety is paramount in this residential area. Parents are welcome to use the car park at the rear of the academy. Many students habitually meet their parents slightly further afield at an agreed place which helps avoid congestion.

It's hard to believe that two weeks of term have already passed. As I walk through the corridors periodically through each day, I never fail to be impressed by the dedication to their learning that our students show. They are a credit to the academy. I am hopeful that many of them will sign up to support at open evening next week, as they are such wonderful ambassadors of Six Villages.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal

