



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



22nd October 2021

Dear Six Villages Community

It has been a very busy and productive half term and I have been very impressed with how students have commenced this academic year.

Year 11 PPE Exams

Students have been issued their individual exam timetables today which outline the date and time of each exam, the exam subject and paper. Please have a look at your child's timetable with them. Regarding equipment, it is imperative that students come to their exams with the correct equipment (black pens only) in a see-through pencil case. Clear water bottles are allowed. Mobile phones will be collected on arrival at the exam hall. Smart watches are not allowed. Please review the attached information for candidates leaflet which provides a reminder of exam regulations.

Change of lunch break time during exams

As usual, lunch break for all year groups will be at 12pm instead of the usual 1pm during the exam period of the first two weeks after half term. This is to enable the Year 11 pre public exams to start earlier, ensuring students finish their exams in time to catch the bus home.

Free School Meals

Free school meals vouchers will be emailed to families on Monday, £20 for the week.

Year 10 Work Experience

During the first week of July 2022 we will be running Work Experience for our Year 10 students. Would you or the place in which you work be interested in offering a week long placement to any of our students? We would like to hear from you whether you run your own business or work for another employer. If you are able to help, please contact Mr Marsh, our Careers Lead, at cmh@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

More information about this will be shared with Year 10 parents during the information evening on 3rd November.

Lateral Flow Testing

With the increase in cases nationally, I have received a communication from the DfE which asks headteachers to remind parents and carers of the importance of continuing twice weekly testing over half term.

May I issue a plea for all students to do a lateral flow test on Sunday 31st October to ensure no positive cases (which could be asymptomatic) come into school after half term.

Latin in Year 7 – The Twilight Curriculum

The English Department is delighted to be able to offer students in Year 7 the opportunity to study Latin. In addition to strengthening English language skills and facilitating language acquisition, the Cambridge Latin course also exposes students to ancient history.

In the first part of the course, students will be transported to Pompeii in A.D. 79 – just before the eruption of the volcano, Vesuvius. Alongside the study of Latin, students will learn what it was to live at this time – through the life of one merchant, Caecilius, and his family.

Year 7 students are invited to join the Latin group. Lessons will run on Tuesdays in Eng 4, between 14.40-15.40pm.

We must make clear that this will be a timetabled class, not a club. Therefore, attendance is expected in the same way as attendance at classes running during the normal school day. It is important, then, that students joining the class have a genuine interest in, and commitment to, the subject.

If you would like your child to join the Tuesday Latin group, please email Mr Stubbs on sss@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk by 5th November 2021.

Canteen - Adding funds to your child's account

Please note that when you add funds to your child's canteen account, it does not show up in their account until 24 hours later. Please bear this in mind to ensure your child has sufficient funds to purchase their food and drink. We only have one machine at the academy which can be used by students to add funds. It would be very helpful if funds could be added online whenever possible to avoid congestion at the machine in school.

Library newsletter

Please find attached the November Six Villages library newsletter from our senior librarian, Farrin. Well done Farrin!

Uniform Expectations

Please use half term as a good opportunity to review our uniform list to ensure your child's uniform complies with our expectations which can be found on our website <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/key-info/uniform>.

May I also remind parents of the following guidelines relating to make-up, nails, jewellery and hair:

Make-Up: Make up of any kind is prohibited for students in Year 7 and 8. For students in Year 9-11, make-up must be natural and subtle.

False nails, acrylics or coloured nail varnish must not be worn. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make-up or nail varnish before they attend lessons. Students wearing false nails or acrylics will not be permitted to attend timetabled lessons until they are removed.

Jewellery: No jewellery is permitted except for one wrist watch and 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.

Hair: 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. A good guide for parents is to consider whether your child could naturally grow, during childhood, the colour of hair one might plan to dye it. We do not permit patterns, tramlines or lines shaved into the head. The minimum grade for hair length shaven head is grade 1. The only hair accessories are to be of a natural appearance, for example a simple hair slide only, with no embellishments e.g. flowers.

Key Dates – Autumn 2

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| 1 st -5 th November | Week one of Year 11 PPE exams |
| 3 rd November | Year 10 Information Evening, 6pm |
| 8 th -12 th November | Week two of Year 11 PPE exams |
| 23 rd November | Year 10 'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Trip |
| 2 nd December | Year 12 Presentation Evening |
| 6 th December | INSET day |
| 8 th December | Christmas Concert |
| 17 th December | Last day of term |

I wish you all a safe and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 1st November** at 8.20am.

Yours faithfully



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