



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Six Villages Community

Please find below this week's notices.

## Free School Meals

For those families in receipt of free school meals, you will receive two £20 vouchers on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December which can be used from next weekend onwards. We are releasing the vouchers for the two weeks together because with the Bank Holidays, some shops may not be open all week and this will ensure you can buy all you need.

## STEM

We are excited to share that year 8 are participating in #AWSGetIT — a STEM education program and app-design competition from @Amazon Web Services to inspire young people, specifically girls, to take up a career in technology!

For more information about AWS GetIT, visit: <https://aws.amazon.com/campaigns/aws-get-it/#AWS#GetintoIT>

## Year 10 and 11 revision

The English Department are offering students the chance to purchase essential revision cards and books at discounted prices. If you think these useful for your child's independent study at home, please purchase via Parent Pay by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022. The list of available items is below.

Code	Title	ParentPay price	Year group
ACHCUB42	GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry - Power & Conflict: Revision Essentials Bundle	£6.10	10, 11
ACHF41	GCSE English: AQA Power & Conflict Poetry Anthology - Revision Question Cards	£3.55	10, 11
ENACUB41	GCSE English Language AQA: Revision Essentials Bundle	£8.15	10, 11
ETCCCUB42	GCSE English Literature A Christmas Carol: Revision Essentials Bundle	£6.10	10, 11
ETFCC41	GCSE English - A Christmas Carol Revision Question Cards	£3.55	10, 11
ETFM41	GCSE English Shakespeare - Macbeth Revision Question Cards	£3.55	11
ETMCUB42	GCSE English Literature Macbeth: Revision Essentials Bundle	£6.10	11

## Year 11 Summer 2022 exams

The latest DfE guidance states the following:

### ***"Assessments in secondary schools and colleges***

*It is the government's intention that GCSE, A level and other exams will go ahead in summer 2022. Exams and assessments for vocational and technical qualifications will take place, in line with the latest guidelines, throughout the next academic year."* Click [here](#) to view the full guidance.

We are therefore anticipating that Summer 2022 exams will go ahead as planned. Following the first set of mock exams in November, students have received feedback from subject teachers on what to work on and how to improve their grades. Please encourage your child to spend some time reviewing/revising their subjects, to continue to work towards the next set of formal assessments starting in February 2022. In view of National Plan B, the DfE has issued guidance entitled 'what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges'..

### **Year 8 and 9 HPV Vaccinations**

The vaccinations are taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The e-consent system will be open over the Christmas period closing the week before school reopens. Please complete the consent form to record either that you wish your child to be vaccinated or that you do not provide consent.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

A reminder that all students, who usually participate in the lateral flow testing programme, will have their LFT on the first day of term (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January). In line with guidance, students who we have on record as having had Covid in the 90 days leading to the test day will not be called for a LFT.

### **My Sisters' House**

In January, we will be collecting tins/non-perishable food for the Food Bank and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, moisturiser) for My Sisters House. My Sisters' House is a local charity providing support for women in difficulty or crisis. They would also be appreciative of any unwanted gifts that they could raffle off to raise much needed funds. The students will be collecting in their tutor groups and there will be a prize for the group who collects the most.

### **Christmas Raffle**

A huge thank you to all those who supported the raffle. £648 was raised for the Eco School fund. The lucky winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Moffat (staff)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brooke Y10
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan Y7
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Y9
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jenna Y9
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Y9
7 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Y10
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Y9
9 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Y8
10 <sup>th</sup>	Amelie Y8
11 <sup>th</sup>	Toby Y8
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Y7

### **Support through Winter, Christmas and the Festive Holidays**

While Christmas is a time of celebration, we know that the festive season, the end of term and the start of a new year can also be a difficult time. This is especially so after another tough year for us all, the impact of Covid-19 on those who have lost loved-ones or have been affected in other ways, and the news of the Omicron variant.

We are committed to continuing to support you and our entire community during the holidays, especially while you might not be seeing friends and colleagues as you would do when in school. The support below may be of interest to you.

If you are feeling worried or lonely, reach out and speak to someone close to you. Let them know how you're feeling, there is always someone who wants to listen and talk to you. Sometimes just sharing that thing on your mind can instantly ease some of your worry, you might find a solution to your problem is easier to find by simply sharing it.

If you think someone you know might be feeling this way, get in touch with them. A simple message or call to say 'Hello, how are you feeling?' can make all the difference.

There is a huge amount of guidance and resources available on a range of subjects for young people, parents, carers and school staff. Professional help and support with your mental health and wellbeing continues to be available over the school holidays and beyond for those who need it.

You can find lots of information, support and links to further help online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/YourMindMatters)

Getting out and about can also be a great way to keep fit and boost your emotional wellbeing. Visit the [Experience West Sussex](http://Experience West Sussex) website for some great West Sussex walks, cycle rides, things to do and places to explore.

I wish you all a happy festive period and every good wish for 2022 and look forward to welcoming students back on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

Yours faithfully



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