



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



26th November 2021

Dear Six Villages Community

Please find below this week's notices.

Mental health and wellbeing

During these challenging times we know how important it is for our students to look after their mental health and wellbeing. Assemblies over the last week have focused on practical tools students can use in addition to the support we offer from staff at the academy. We have taught the students about two services which have been recommended by the NHS and have been created in response to managing mental health and wellbeing.

The first is the app 'Woebot' which was created by professors and doctors at Stanford University. It uses artificial intelligence to converse with the user and to offer support through cognitive behaviour therapy techniques. It has over 100 evidence-based lessons and intelligently tracks mood to support the user in improving and maintaining their mental health and wellbeing. The app can be downloaded and used for free. <https://woebothealth.com/>

The second is the text service 'Shout' which anyone can use for free. The user simply texts SHOUT to the number 85258 and they are then connected via text to a trained volunteer who will then work with them to chat about the issues they are having. They will then work together to make a plan for moving forward and ensure they are calm before ending the conversation. <https://giveusashout.org/>

Covid measures

Headteachers of West Sussex schools have received a communication from the Director of Education & Skills for West Sussex asking for the wearing of face coverings in communal areas to be reintroduced.

Therefore, from Monday, students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in corridors, in the canteen and in indoor social spaces when they are not eating. I would also reiterate the need for regular hand washing and carrying sanitiser if possible (sanitiser remains available around the site).

Further home kits have been distributed to students today. With the current rise in cases it's all the more important for students to test twice weekly. Please be reminded of the importance of reporting the results of these tests on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Year 12 Presentation Evening

We look forward to celebrating the successes of the Class of 2021 at their GCSE presentation evening on 2nd December. If your child left Year 11 last year and has not yet provided a RSVP to the invitation, please ask them to do so. We need to know numbers of students and guests for refreshments purposes.

Careers event

Following yesterday's careers and Sixth form provider event, please ensure that your child's application to their chosen provider for September 2022 has been completed. If you require assistance, please contact Mr Marsh on cmh@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Dance Club

Please note that dance club will resume from Tuesday, weekly after school in the Wyatt Studio. Students will begin rehearsals for the Dance House competition next week, which takes place at the Alexandria Theatre, Bognor Regis in March 2022. All years are welcome.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to those of you who have returned your data collection sheet. If you have not yet had an opportunity to review your sheet, please amend and return as soon as possible so that your child's record can be updated. If no changes are required, we still require the return of the sheet to confirm this.

Vacancy

We have a current vacancy for an Exams and Assessment Officer. Hours are 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday and 8am-3.30pm Fridays. Flexibility with hours is required during exam seasons. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let them know that further information is available on our Trust Careers Page <https://oatcareers.co.uk/>.

Key Dates

2 nd December	Year 12 Presentation Evening
6 th December	INSET day
8 th December	Christmas Concert
17 th December	Last day of term
4 th January	INSET day
5 th January 2022	First day of term for students

Christmas Raffle

We are running a Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Monday 13th December. If you would like tickets, they are available on Parent Pay at £1 each.



Yours faithfully

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