

ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



14th January 2022

Dear Six Villages Community

Please find this week's notices below.

Year 9 Parents' Consultation – Thursday 27th January (4pm-7pm)

The booking system for appointments for the Year 9 parents' consultation is open until 12 noon on 24th January. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of discussing your child's progress with their subject teachers in this all important year where they are choosing their Key Stage 4 options.

If you have any difficulty making your child's appointments, please email ehl@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk for assistance.

Please note that this event will be held virtually and a reminder of how to join appointments will be issued separately.

Year 9 Options Information Evening – Wednesday 9th February, 6pm

We are delighted to invite Year 9 parents, carers and students to a virtual Options Information Evening. Please save the date. We will provide further information in due course.

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

We are currently planning the March pre-public examinations for Year 11, which will run w/c 7th March.

After School Maths Support Session

The maths department are starting a Period 6 session (2:40pm – 3:40pm) every Thursday to offer Maths support to any student that wants it. It could be support with their homework on Hegarty Maths or students can bring to the session a particular piece of work/revision or a topic that they want to revise. All sessions will be supported by a Maths teacher, and will be held in IT3. The first session is Thursday 20th January 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Moodie, Head of Maths on sme@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Face Coverings - Public Transport

I have received an email today from West Sussex County Council informing me that a number of students travelling on the 665 bus are not wearing face coverings and asking me to bring this to the attention of parents and carers. I would be grateful if you would remind your child, if they travel on public transport, that they must wear a face covering by law unless they are exempt.

The Importance of Breakfast

We have had a spate recently of students requiring a first aider as they are feeling unwell in their morning lessons. These students were found not to have had breakfast or even a drink and were consequently feeling dizzy and lethargic.

Some studies have linked eating breakfast to good health, including better memory and concentration. You may wish to share this with your child and encourage them to partake of breakfast in the morning, or at the very least a drink of water.

Adverse Weather

As we have had some frosty mornings recently, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of our emergency procedures for school closure in the event of adverse weather conditions.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, such as heavy snow, which can cause unsafe conditions, a decision regarding whether the academy can safely open can usually only be made on the morning. The safety of the site would be risk assessed and an update will be posted as early as possible on our website, communicated to parents and carers via email and posted on social media.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

Parking in Lime Avenue

I was very concerned to hear a report of an unpleasant incident in Lime Avenue this afternoon, where a parent who was parked inconsiderately and causing an obstruction was abusive to a resident of the road.

It is important to us that we maintain good relationships with our neighbours. May I therefore issue a plea that if you collect your child by car, you park considerately if you use Lime Avenue and avoid blocking drive ways for example, or that you use the car park at the rear of the academy (not the staff car park at the front), or that you arrange to meet your child, as I know a lot of parents do, a little further afield.

Please bear in mind that in the event of an emergency, an ambulance, police car or fire engine may need to be able to get through.

Ofsted ParentView

Ofsted's ParentView resets every September. I am incredibly proud of our academy and all our young people. If you have not had a moment so far this academic year to complete Ofsted ParentView, please take a couple of minutes now to follow this link to share your views: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/ (postcode is PO20 3UE if you haven't registered before). Your input is very valuable to us. Many thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully

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