



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



25th March 2022

Dear Six Villages Community

I have to begin this letter commending your children for their hard work and excellent attitude to learning this term. As we come to the end of another busy term, I have been reflecting on the amazing opportunities that have been on offer over the last few months. We have been delighted to be able to offer trips to students now that Covid measures have eased; our enrichment programme is back in full swing, sporting fixtures have resumed also and life at Six Villages is good! It was a pleasure to be able to open up our field at break times recently and watch students having fun and getting fresh air, eating their lunches at our many picnic tables and enjoying school life.

I would like to thank you very much on behalf of everyone at Six Villages for your on-going support. Your children are a credit to you. I often walk visitors from the Trust and others around the academy during lessons and it is a pleasure to show off our phenomenal students engaged in calm, purposeful learning, able to articulate what they are learning and showing themselves to be great ambassadors for Six Villages.

Please find below this week's notices:

Year 7 Parents' Consultation – 5th May 2022

I am delighted to invite you to your child's parents' consultation on 5th May. This is a virtual event, and an opportunity to have a conversation with each subject teacher about your child's progress so far. The booking system for appointments with your child's subject teachers is open and closes on 2nd May. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of making every effort to attend these brief meetings with your child's teachers. If you have any issues booking appointments, please email ehl@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk. The 'how to' guide for joining the video call meetings is attached.

Year 9 Options

The final tweaks are being made to the Year 9 option blocks and confirmation of students' options subjects for Year 10 will be issued early next term. Where it has not been possible to run a subject due to low uptake, or where a subject is oversubscribed, students and parents are being contacted. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

Year 11

Prom

A letter inviting your children to their Prom has been emailed to you separately. We look forward to seeing Year 11 in their prom outfits celebrating the end of the learning journey and all that they have achieved.

Easter Revision

You will already be aware of the Easter revision sessions taken place during the break. If your child is attending and you have not already completed the form to confirm this, please do so via this link <https://forms.office.com/r/OCbfr8FbRZ>. I would like to thank my very dedicated team of staff who are giving up their free time over the Easter break to support Year 11 revision.

Summer Exam Season

The exam timetable can be found on the website under 'Exam Information'. Please note that students are expected to attend full until their final exam. On sessions or days when they don't have an exam they will be required to attend revision. Period 6 classes will continue to run from 25th April. The schedule of dates and subjects will be issued during the Easter break.

Samba Band

If your child is interested in joining the Samba band, the group meets after school on Thursdays. Please see the attached poster. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Munt on dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

Uniform and Equipment

As always, the school holiday is an ideal opportunity to check your child's uniform and equipment. If you are uncertain about our uniform expectations, please visit the full description on the website <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/key-info/uniform>.

In summary, I would like to make you aware of some of the uniform infractions we are currently working to address and would be grateful for your support with:

- ties are not optional; they must be worn!
- blazers must be worn; school jumpers are optional (and more than likely not needed after the Easter break)
- shirts must be tucked in
- lycra skirts are not permitted; our uniform Banner skirts should not be rolled up. Your children will be asked to wear trousers if they persist in incorrectly wearing the uniform skirt.
- tights with large holes are not permitted. I am aware of the current trend to deliberately put holes into tights. Students continuing to do this after the Easter break will be asked to wear socks and parents will be contacted.

The vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride and are great ambassadors for the academy. A small minority are letting the academy down in this respect. I am therefore making a plea for your assistance with ensuring your child is dressed in full, smart uniform after the Easter break. If your child tells you 'everyone wears it like this', this actually isn't true! I'm a firm believer of 'Dress Smart to Think Smart' and thank you in advance for your help with this.

Dates for the diary

11/04-22/04	Easter holiday
25/04/22	First day of summer term
02/05/22	Bank Holiday
03/05-09/05/22	Year 10 Mock Exams
05/05/22	Year 7 Parents' Consultation
30/05-03/06/22	Half term (including bank holidays 2 nd and 3 rd June)
27/06/22	INSET day
29/06 & 30/06/22	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Performances
21/07/22	INSET day

Vacancies

We are already preparing for September and beginning our recruitment. We will be increasing staff in core subjects (English, Maths and Science). Our adverts will be posted on social media for teaching and non-teaching posts. If you know anyone who may be interested in the posts, please share the adverts with them. Applications are via our Trust Careers page, link available on the advert.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming your children back at the start of the summer term on Monday 25th April.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal

Ofsted Parent View – Your help is needed!

If you have not already provided your views of the academy, please help the academy by doing so (postcode is PO20 3UE if you are not already registered). It only takes a few minutes to answer 15 questions and is invaluable to the academy.

So far only 4% of parents have provided their views. Please help me to help your children. Click <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to proceed. Thank you!

Principal: Mr Paul Slaughter

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