



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below:

Open Evening

I would like to start by issuing a huge thank you to the students who support yesterday's Open Evening and to you, parents and carers, for supporting with transporting your children to and from school to enable them to take part. 33.4% of our student body came to help as tour guides, department helpers or speakers in the gate theatre. We received many, many compliments about our students and I could not have been more proud of them.

United Against Bullying

We are thrilled to have been invited to take part in a major national anti-bullying campaign run by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, called United Against Bullying. This will be an ongoing project throughout this year and is designed to prevent and reduce bullying and to improve student wellbeing.

This is a really important area for us as a school, and sits perfectly alongside our values of kindness, respect and responsibility across our school community.

The first part of the programme involves us undertaking a student survey which should take about 15 minutes and which seeks to find out what students' experience is of bullying, and also to capture a sense of how they feel about school. We'll run another survey later in the year with the same questions to gauge the impact of the changes that we make as part of the project.

The survey is anonymous and your child's answers will not be seen by anybody else, unless your child asks their teacher to help them to complete it. The survey doesn't identify individual students, but allows us to identify patterns and trends across the school.

If you are happy for your child to take part in this really important project and to complete the initial survey and the follow-up later in the year, please complete this [digital consent form](#) by the end of **Monday 25th September**. ***We would like as many participants as possible in this project; please note that your child can only take part if you complete the consent form.***

Instrumental Lessons

New instrumental lessons for drums, piano, guitar/bass and keyboard for this term will begin in October. Mr Munt has provided lesson and enrolment information to all students on Satchel One over the last few weeks. If your child is interested in instrumental lessons in school please refer to the information on Satchel One, which will direct you to a short online registration form. Alternatively, visit the Music Tuition page in the Enrichment section on the Academy's website here: <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/key-info/extracurricular/music-tuition> If you have already expressed an interest in lessons or are an existing student, you will have received a payment reminder via ParentPay. In order to be included on the timetable this term, lesson payments are due no later than Sunday, 24th September.

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Tutee of the Week

70	Jack S	80	Ollie H	90	Matthew T	100	Erin D	110	Tobilee M
7R	Barney R	8R	Sophie W	9R	Jiya P	10R	Charlie C	11R	Summer L
7M	Reuben W	8M	Freya B	9M	Maiara C	10S	Poppy C	11M	Chelsea C-M
7S	Sasha N	8S	Kira D	9S	Lucy H	10T	Martha E	11S	Katerina C
7T	Kai L	8T	Eva J	9T	Brooke-Lily K			11T	Chloe T

66A Bus

The bus company has asked for students who catch this bus avoid paying with £20 notes please as they are increasingly unable to provide the change for them. Most children using this bus have bus passes, but if your child is a paying customer, please endeavour to provide small denominations to them.

Poetry Live 2024

Year 10 students have been invited to go to Poetry Live 2024. Details of this very valuable educational experience have been shared with students in English lessons. To enrol your child, please log in to Parent Pay. If you have any questions about it, please contact Miss Leo, Acting Head of English, on dlo@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

What Parents and Carers need to know about WhatsApp

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service’s well-documented hazards. Please refer to the attached poster, also pasted opposite.

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum

WSPCF is an independent charity for parent carers. Parent carers include all those who care for a child aged 0 -25 with SEND, for whom they have parental responsibility. Some may not realise they are a parent carer and might not be aware of what is out there for them and their child. WSPCF support parent carers by providing information, signposting, and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their children and young people.



Further information about WSPCF including how they started, what they do, and their current events can be found on their website West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Information | Training (wspcf.org.uk). Please see the attached flier for further information.

Yours sincerely

Paul Slaughter
Principal