



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below:

INSET day – reminder

The academy is closed to students on Friday 24th November, for an INSET day.

Academy Concert – Thursday 7th December

As you are aware we are looking forward to showcasing this term's work in our upcoming academy Winter Concert on Thursday 7th December at 6pm in the Gate Theatre.

Year 7 students

Please confirm your child's attendance on this date as the Year 7 cohort will play their instruments together as part of this event. To confirm attendance for Year 7 please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Fk2rqjSnhD>

There is also a QR code to access this is if this is easier.

Years 8-11:

Any students who are performing any solo or group pieces in Years 8-11 should complete this form please:

<https://forms.office.com/e/rpH5nBR3Lh>

QR codes are available on the website, if preferred. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Munt on dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Sports Fixtures coming up

Please find below the details of fixtures after half term, with times for collection back at Six Villages:

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 th November		Year 8 Boys Football Play-Off (TBC) 5:30 collection Year 11 Netball (A) vs BCC 5:15 collection	Year 9 Netball @ BL 5:30 collection	Year 8-11 X-C @ BL 4:30 collection
27 th November	Sports Hall Athletics @ BL 5:30 collection	Year 7 Boys Football 6-a-side @ FCC 6:00 collection		
4 th December		Year 8 Boys Football 6-a-side @ FCC 6:00 collection		Girls Badminton @ FCC 5:45 collection
11 th December		Year 9 Boys Football 6-a-side @ FCC 6:00 collection		Boys Badminton @ FCC 5:45 collection

Sparx Superstars

Congratulations to this week's Sparx superstars who have reached a new XP level.

Finnley L	Ohona R	Kieran T	Ben Winter	Oliver M
Ruby-Louise T	Rhianna P	Daisy R	Layla C	Monte T

Tutee of the Week

7O	Mya B	8O	Evie B	9O	Megan F	10O	Lyla W	11O	Sienna G
7R	Chloe P	8R	Tilly T	9R	Luke B	10R	Josef A	11R	Maksymilian P
7M	Rose M	8M	Daniela H	9M	Annabella M-B	10S	Rimini N	11M	Kayla C
7S	Daniel E	8S	James D	9S	Michael L	10T	Jayden L	11S	Marianne F
7T	Evelyn T-B	8T	Kalilah B	9T	Farah B			11T	Logan M

Christmas Raffle

If you have not yet had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, these are available on Parent Pay at £1 each until 4th December. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th December. Proceeds will go towards a much-needed minibus.

What parents and carers need to know about Smart TVs

Smart TVs have become more affordable in recent years, making them readily available to consumers. These more advanced systems offer numerous features beyond those of a normal television set – chiefly, the ability to access the internet and interface with popular streaming services without the need for a set-top box or other intermediary device.

This increased functionality, however, also brings additional threats to privacy, security and more – as you'd perhaps expect from any device capable of going online. As TV is such a cornerstone of our home lives, these dangers can be uniquely difficult to manage. The major risks are detailed below and advice on helping children to enjoy TV ... stress free.



- Age inappropriate content
- Increased screen time
- Unconvincing security
- Collection of data on users' viewing habits and targeted advertising
- TV used for web browsing, social media and live streaming could enable unknown users to contact your child; they could even potentially obtain contact information including home address

Advice for parents and carers

- Make TV family time, establish healthy TV boundaries including time limits on daily viewing and ensuring only age-appropriate content is watched
- Set up parental controls to filter viewing and restrict in-app purchasing
- Create child profiles with age appropriate settings
- Consider where in the home the TV should be placed to ensure maximum safety

Key dates this term

24 th November	INSET day
28 th November	Year 7 Christmas dinner
29 th November	Year 8 Christmas dinner
30 th November	Year 9 Christmas dinner
5 th December	Year 10 Christmas dinner
6 th December	Year 11 Christmas dinner
7 th December	Winter concert, 6pm
12 th December	GCSE presentation evening, 7pm

Yours sincerely

Paul Slaughter
Principal

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself, from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet-enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs; from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Cathy Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 13 years in the industry. Previously the editor of Techradar she regularly writes for a range of technology journals, editors and consumers.



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