



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below:

### **Accurate Reporting of Absence**

Over the last few months there has been an increasing trend of parents and carers providing reasons for their child's absence from school which are not true, which is very disappointing. It has always been my aim to develop good working relationships with parents and carers, to work in partnership to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

We live in an era where social media and other online systems are at the forefront of our daily lives. Students are on social media – some of them before the appropriate age – and when a child is on holiday, or on a birthday outing, or shopping, or at a Harry Styles concert to name just a few, we hear about it. If you are taking your child out of school for a planned absence during term time, please be open and honest about it and complete the request for absence form in advance.

Attendance at school has been a national priority since the pandemic and the government introduced fines in the form of fixed penalty notices to tackle unlawful absence from school, to support this priority. There are 175 non-school days every year to take holidays and arrange other family events and I would urge you to avoid absence from school during term time.

### **PE Kit During Winter - Guidelines and Expectations**

As we are entering the colder months of the year, we want to ensure that students keep warm during PE lessons. Please read the guidelines and expectations below concerning wearing extra layers in PE lessons.

- Your child's PE kit must be the top layer of their clothing:
  - Upper body - PE top, PE jumper, PE hoodie, PE long sleeve.
  - Lower body - PE shorts, PE leggings, PE tracksuit bottoms.

#### **What is permitted?**

- Permitted upper body underlayers include: sports thermals, short sleeved t-shirts, black or blue long-sleeved t-shirts.
- Permitted body underlayers are sports thermal leggings/shorts
- Gloves are permitted, with a recommendation that gloves with grips are worn when participating in throwing and catching related activities outside/
- Snood/neck thermals and beanie hats are permitted.

#### **What is not permitted?**

- Coats, jackets and non-PE hoodies are not permitted
- School tights are not permitted. If students wear tights to school, then they must ensure they bring a pair of socks with them for PE lessons; if not, they will be provided with spare school long PE socks as an alternative.

Refusal to comply with the above guidelines will result in a department sanction and students have been made aware of this. Please discuss expectations with your child. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Dacombe, Head of PE, on [mde@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:mde@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk).

## Academy Concert – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

We look forward to next week's Winter Concert on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the Gate Theatre. If you have not responded to confirm your Year 7 child's attendance, please do so over the weekend [here](#).

### 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>

Concert tickets for audience members are available in Parent Pay, £3.00 for adults, £2.00 for children under 16, wishing to sit in a seat.

## 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
4 <sup>th</sup> December		Year 8 Boys Football 6-a-side @ FCC 6:00 collection		Girls Badminton @ FCC 5:45 collection
11 <sup>th</sup> 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.

Tyler H	Ruby D	Amy W	Gideon L	Lucy S-F
Emily H	Skye C	Elvy M	John T	Joshua H

## Tutee of the Week

7O	Ethan W	8O	Kian W	9O	Clemmie R	10O	Lily P	11O	Morgan G
7R	Aimee H-J	8R	Leland S	9R	Izabella A	10R	Molly E	11R	Alex B
7M	Zofia B	8M	Matilda-Anne H	9M	Caitlin N	10S	Ben R	11M	Lydia F
7S	Emilie P	8S	Paige G	9S	Alice M	10T	Joseph W	11S	Brooke E
7T	Julia S	8T	Louie L	9T	Maddy m			11T	Maxwell T

## Free School Meals – Christmas Holiday

Families with Free School Meal eligible children will be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming Christmas school holiday 2023. This will be a £15.00 voucher per FSM child, per week, which totals to £30.00 per FSM child for the Christmas school holiday period.

## Key dates this term

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Christmas dinner
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Christmas dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter concert, 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	GCSE presentation evening, 6pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term, usual finish time.

As we approach the last two weeks of term, it is important to keep standards high as student learning continues to the end of the last day of term. Therefore, please take a moment over the weekend to check your child's uniform and equipment to ensure they are lesson ready on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter  
Principal