



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



5th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy new year! I hope you were all able to have a break from usual routines over the Christmas break and were able to spend quality time as families. I am delighted to report that students have made a promising start to term. Please find this week's notices below.

Spring 2024 Instrumental Lessons

Payment for Spring 2024 instrumental lessons on piano, keyboard, guitar and bass is now overdue for those students who wish to continue this term. Payment is made through parent pay. Timetables will be produced early next week. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Tranter, Arts Technician on str@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Year 11 parents' consultation – Thursday 11th January – face to face

A final reminder that next week's parents' consultation takes place on site in the Gate theatre. If you have not made your appointments, please contact Miss Ryder on rrr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk who will be very happy to assist you. We look forward to welcoming you to Six Villages on Thursday.

Year 11 period 6

Please find below the schedule of period 6 sessions which start on 9th January. These focus on English and Maths and coursework subjects, targeting those students who need support to achieve their full potential. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Jones, Assistant Principal, on cjs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

W/C	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	
Monday							H a l f t e r m
Tuesday	Science - All students AND Targeted coursework subjects						
Wednesday	English - Targeted students AND Targeted coursework subjects						
Thursday	Maths - Targeted students AND Targeted coursework subjects. Period 7 Drama.						
Friday	Further maths (invitation only) AND Targeted coursework subjects						

Year 11 group photo

We will be continuing our tradition of inviting Yellow to school to photograph Year 11 as a year group, which will be available for families to purchase if they wish. This will be on Monday 13th January. If you do not wish for your child to be in the photo, please confirm this to osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk by Friday 10th January.

Year 8 HPV immunisations

Students will be bringing home a leaflet about these next week, outlining how to provide consent. The Immunisation team will be on site on 7th February.

Year 9 Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio & Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations in Schools

We will shortly be receiving paper copies of the parent consent information letter which will be distributed to year 9 students. This provides you with instructions on how to submit a consent form online. This is in addition to the electronic copy you will receive. The immunisations are in March.

Year 9 Parents' Consultation – Save the date

This event will take place on site in the Gate Theatre. Information about booking appointments will be issued in the near future. In the meantime, please save 1st February in your diaries.

Year 9 Options – change of date

The Year 9 options evening will now take place on 22nd February, 6pm, online via Teams. Please make a note of the date in your diary as a lot of important information and deadlines will be shared.

Spring Term Fixtures

Week commencing	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8 th January		U14s – Girls Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm	U14s – Boys Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm
15 th January	YEAR 7 – Girl's Football Return to school - 5:45pm		U14s – Boys Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm
22 nd January	U14s – Girl's Football Return to school 6pm		U16s – Boys Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm
29 th January			U16s – Boys Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm
5 th February	YEAR 9 – Girl's Football. Return to school - 6pm		U16s – Boys Basketball Return to school – 5:45pm

Sparx Superstars

These will resume next week.

Tutee of the Week

7O	Layla B	8O	Kayden F	9O	Molly S	10O	Kian S	11O	Stuart B
7R	Holly M	8R	Kyle B	9R	Izabella A	10R	Jamie J	11R	Amelia P
7M	Honey C	8M	Daniela H	9M	Charlie B	10S	Rose-Marie M	11M	Jimmy P
7S	Fletcher H	8S	Declan B	9S	Mia H	10T	Connor C	11S	Ruby-Louise T
7T	Taylor M	8T	Kyle B	9T	Leon H			11T	Max T

Top tips for managing screen time

Young people can find it difficult to set their devices aside. You may be quite shocked to hear that people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during the average day, according to statistics. National Online Security share the following tips:

- Managing a child's screen time can have positive impacts on their cognitive development
- Reducing screen time can encourage the whole family to spend more quality time together and live in the moment
- Encourage your child to get out and about, to get fresh air and take a break from their screen
- Challenge your child and your family to take time off from screens and find other things to do, maybe start with half a day, and build up to a full day or even an entire weekend
- Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed, perhaps at the table or in the living room
- As a family, agree specific windows when it is okay to use devices
- Encourage staying off phones, consoles and tablets before bedtime. Reading or just getting comfy in bed can give a much more restful night.
- Set up an overnight charging station for devices away from bedrooms to avoid late-night scrolling.

'A Journey through the NHS' event

The next Brighton and Sussex Medical school event is on Wednesday 17th January (3.15-4.45) at Felpham Community College. This is for year 11 students interested in medicine and covers 'A Journey through the NHS'.

Key dates 2024

11 th January	Year 11 Parents' Consultation, at the academy, 3.15pm-6.15pm
15 th January	Year 11 group photo
17 th January	Tea/coffee and chat with the governors, 2.50pm, all parents and carers welcome
25 th January	Year 10 Work Experience Launch, 6pm
1 st February	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, 4pm-7pm
7 th February	Vaccinations
12 th -16 th February	Half term
22 nd February	Year 9 Options Evening, 6pm
26 th February-1 st March	Year 11 mock week
7 th March	Futures Fair (careers)
28 th March	Last day of spring term

A reminder of the drop in for a cup of tea or coffee with the governors on Wednesday 17th January at 3.00pm; governors are very keen to meet you and hear your views so please do pop in if you possibly can.

Finally, please take a couple of minutes to complete the Ofsted parent view questionnaire by following this link [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#). You will be asked to register if you are not already registered. Our postcode is PO20 3UE. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. This is really important to us.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal