



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

Shripney Road and Lidsey Road

We have been advised that Shripney Road and Lidsey road will be having two-way traffic lights at multiple locations from The Robin Hood to the Prince of Wales public house as BT work on lining up the new houses by the Woodgate level crossing to its network. This will be from 22nd January to 10th February, so please do leave extra time for your journey to school.

Maths Equipment

A very high number of our students across all years do not have the maths equipment that they need in order to do their learning in maths and science. Please can you ensure that your child has a protractor, ruler, pair of compasses, pencil and pen. Thank you.

Year 11 Parents' Consultation

Thank you to all those of you who came to Year 11's parent consultation yesterday.

Year 10 Work Experience Launch online meeting – Thursday 25th January, 6pm

A reminder of the online work experience launch meeting on Thursday at 6pm for all Year 10 families. Please click [here](#) to join the meeting. This will be a very informative meeting outlining the steps you and your child need to take to secure their work experience placement. Work experience week is in July.

Year 9 Parents' Consultation – 1st February in the Gate theatre

The appointment booking system for this event opens today at 4pm and closes at 12pm on Monday 29th January. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of you coming to school on 1st February to meet with your child's subject teachers. With the Option Choices process beginning in the near future, conversations with subject teachers about key stage 4 options are very important, to enable you and your child to discuss at home the subjects they may choose for their GCSE courses.

Year 7 and Year 8 Valentine Disco

The Year 11 Prom team and Miss White are delighted to invite Year 7 and 8 students to a Valentine's disco on **Thursday 8th February**, 6pm to 8pm in the Gate Theatre. Payment of £3.50 per child is to be made via Parent Pay by 6th February. There will be a sweet treat stand (cash only) and there will be prizes for the best dressed (red for love).

Outgrown/pre-loved uniform

Our stock of spare pre-loved uniform is running low. If you have any spare or outgrown uniform at home which you no longer need, we would love to receive it to help restock our pre loved uniform shop. We would appreciate trousers, skirts, blazers and jumpers in particular. It may be that you even have a spare tie in the top of the wardrobe. At Six Villages it is our aim to try and support our students and families as much as possible with uniform.

Tutee of the Week

7O	Tommy B	8O	Amber R	9O	Emilie-Brooke J	10O	Lily P	11O	Edward H
7R	Thomas L	8R	Lola S	9R	Ethan C	10R	Lucinda O	11R	Alex B
7M	Mila D	8M	Maddison L	9M	Tabitha S	10S	Joshua B	11M	Janis S
7S	Freya T	8S	Bradley R	9S	Thomas W	10T	Isabel T	11S	Ollie B
7T	Ami P	8T	Sophie G	9T	Elle J			11T	Ella-Marie A

Sparx Superstars

Congratulations to this week's superstars for achieving the highest amount of XP points this week.

Finley A	Eric L	Ellie T	Oscar M	Peach B
Lexie J	Rihanna B	Toby B	Lily T	Olivia C

Spring Term Fixtures

Week commencing	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
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

What children and young people need to know about Smartphone Safety

This week's National Online Safety bulletin advises us that according to Ofcom, 69% of under-18s use a smartphone as their main method of going online. Additionally, 49% of children use them for online gaming – putting smartphones only behind consoles (59%) as the device of choice for playing games on. Most people won't require such statistical evidence, however, to acknowledge the huge importance of phones to young people.

Given that Santa's recent visit is likely to have bestowed smartphones on an even greater number of young people, it's a particularly opportune moment to ensure that children are able to use their handsets responsibly – and, above all, safely. From passcodes to parental controls, and from screen time to scams, you are advised to consider the following:

- Let your child know they should never share their password or passcode
- Check they are only using age-appropriate apps
- Remove the temptation to use their phones during the night by removing them from your children before bedtime
- To talk to a trusted adult if they have concerns about anything they see or do or any messages they receive on their phones
- To stay alert, people often walk with their heads down looking at their phones and can forget to check for obstacles around them.
- Set limits on the amount of screen time allowed in a day.
- Switch off geolocation so people they are interacting with can't see where they live

Key dates 2024

25 th January	Year 10 Work Experience Launch, 6pm (online meet link is on the website)
1 st February	Year 9 Parents' Consultation, 3.15pm-6.15pm
7 th February	Year 8 Immunisations
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

Ofsted Parent View and Parent Forum

I'd like to thank those parents and carers who completed the questionnaire following my further plea last week. It is clear from the responses received so far to the survey that many of you are not aware that our curriculum information is available on the website. I am sorry that this has not been adequately advertised. The link to this information is:

The survey also shows that some of you feel less informed on the wider development provision for our students. To update you on these aspects and more, I will be holding a Parents Forum on **Monday 4th March at 6pm** here in the **Gate Theatre**.

I would appreciate many more of you completing the survey to enable me to ascertain what other areas of your child's education need to be included in the agenda at Parent Forum. I really do value your views so please save the Parent Forum date and can I make a plea to please share your view [here](#). 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Slaughter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Slaughter
Principal