



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

Year 11 – Mock Exams

Please encourage your Year 11 student to spend time over half-term revising for their upcoming mock exams. The timetable is below.



Year 11 Spring Mock Exams, Feb 26th – March 4th Week B/A

Spanish Speaking Mock Exams: Mon 19th and Fri 23rd February, 2024,

French Speaking Mock Exams: Wed 21st February 2024

	WB: Monday 26 th	WB: Tuesday 27 th	WB: Wednesday 28 th	WB: Thursday 29 th	WB: Friday 1 st	WA: Mon 4 th
AM Exam 08:45am	Biology Triple and Trilogy 1h 45mins 1h 15mins P1: Option A P2: Science	English Literature 1h 45mins P1: English and RS P2: Science	Physics Triple and Trilogy 1h 45mins 1h 15mins P1: Option B P2: English and PE	Maths 1: Calculator 1h 30mins P1: English and RS P2: Maths	Maths 2: Non-Calculator 1h 30mins P1: Option B P2: Option A	Design Technology 2h Interactive Media 1h 30mins GCSE PE Paper 2 1h 15mins P1: Science P2: Option B
P3	English and PSHE	Option C	Maths	Option A	Science	Option D
P4	PSHE and English	Option D	Option D	Option C	PE and English	English
PM Exam 12:50pm	GCSE PE Paper 1 1h 15mins Health Fitness, 1h30mins Computer Science, 1h 30mins P5: Option C	Chemistry Triple and Trilogy 1h 45mins 1h 15mins P5: Maths	Option D Exam, Blood Brothers Trip. Spanish and French Writing, 1h 15mins, Music Paper 1h 30mins Catering, 1h 30mins P5: Science	History, 1h 30mins Travel and Tourism, 1h 30mins (Stuart B, Toby B, Mateus C, Ryan J, Janis S) P5: English and PE	Geography, 1h 30mins Philosophy, 1h 45 mins Travel and Tourism, 1h 30mins (6 student clash, see other sessions) P5: Maths	Spanish and French Reading + Listening, 1h 15mins Music Paper 2, 1h 30mins Drama, 1h 30mins Travel and Tourism (Sienna G), 1h 30mins P5: English and PE

You may also like to review the Exam Information page on the website to familiarise yourself with JCQ regulations and [Information for Candidates](#). As with the November mocks, we will be conducting the February mock exams in line with exam regulations to ensure students are completely at ease with requirements and are able to focus solely on each individual exam when they sit the public exams.

Year 9 Options Meeting – 22nd February – Save the date.

We look forward to launching the Year 9 options process on 22nd February, in an online meeting at 6pm. On this day, the options hub will go live giving access to the subject videos which will support you and your child in choosing their options. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of joining this meeting.

Mobile phones

We currently have a trend of students using their phones during the school day (which is not allowed) and contacting their parents to arrange for them to come to school to pick them up. Rest assured, if your child is unwell and needs to go home, we will contact you. Please support the academy by not responding to any such messages. If you are concerned about your child, please contact Reception on 01243 546800 and we will arrange a welfare check on your child. There have been multiple instances recently of parents coming to collect their children unnecessarily. Please be aware that such removals from school will be unauthorised.

There are also a number of children who repeatedly call for a first aider unnecessarily and during specific lessons. We are currently conducting a review of first aid calls and will be following this up with individual families. Please talk to your child about emergency first aid and what would come under this umbrella.

Finally, I must remind parents and carers that phones used during the school day will be confiscated. Repeat offenders will be requested either to hand their phones in at the start of the day, or to leave them at home.

As always, please encourage resilience in your child. Every lesson counts.

Medication

A reminder that students are not allowed to carry medication on them at school. If your child needs to medicate during the school day using prescribed or non-prescribed medication, please ensure that you complete the relevant form, available on the website ([Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Medical Consent Forms](#)), and hand the medication in with the signed form to Reception. Many students are not overly familiar with dosage limitations and could inadvertently put themselves at harm by taking too many. We have a large team of first aiders, all trained in the supervision of medication taking. Please trust us to look after your child and their medication.

Footwear

Please use the half term break to ensure that your child has appropriate footwear. We have high expectations and the majority of our students wear their uniforms with pride.

Shoes should be plain black. There should not be Nike, Air Force One or any other logos visible on footwear.

Tutee of the Week

7O	Natasha M	8O	Kian W	9O	Charles S	10O	Millie C	11O	Tobilee M
7R	Will R	8R	Oliver K	9R	Shreyaa P	10R	Lillie B	11R	Josh H
7M	Mia C	8M	Edward S	9M	Jack E	10S	Lola T	11M	Lydia F
7S	Tallulah L	8S	Liam B	9S	Brooke S	10T	Maisie D	11S	Katerina C
7T	Poppy R	8T	Lucas T	9T	Joleon A			11T	Will G

Sparx Superstars

Congratulations to this week's superstars who have achieved the most XP points

Lily P	Max H	Olivia C	Shreyaa P	Scarlett A
Imogen C	Chae-Kaiden M	Lauren A	Joshua C	Alexis W

What children and young people need to know about Monkey

With Omegle finally shutting down in late 2023, the top spot among video chat services is up for grabs – and Monkey has its eyes set on the crown. Randomly matching its users for 15-second conversations, the platform's developers claim to have created a dynamic online space for people to make new connections and, potentially, even some new friends.

Despite these innocuous-sounding intentions, however, Monkey has been criticised for moderation which may not be comprehensive enough to defend against the obvious dangers that unregulated, random video calls pose to the younger element of the site's userbase. The National Online Safety guide tells trusted adults what they need to know about Monkey.

What are the risks?

- Age-inappropriate content
- Contact with strangers
- In-app spending
- Intrusions on privacy

Advice to parents and carers:

- Discuss the dangers with your child
- Report inappropriate content

- Restrict in-app purchasing
- Spot the signs: if you are concerned your child is spending too much time on Monkey or may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content, it is important to watch for potential indications that they have been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable, unable to concentrate, or failing to complete their homework or eat regular meals.

Key dates 2024

12 th -16 th February	Half term
22 nd February	Year 9 online 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

It has been a busy half term so I wish all families a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back on **Monday 19th February** at the usual time of 8.20am.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal