



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

Unauthorised absence from school – important update

The government continues to hold attendance as an absolute priority in schools. With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example, 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: £160, per parent, per child paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160** per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and any further offences within 3 years

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will **not** be issued.

The case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to: **"failure to safeguard a child's education"**

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 weeks period. Unauthorised absence can be a G code (holiday during term time), a U code (unauthorised lateness to school after registers have closed) or O code (failure to provide a reason for absence, absence for a reason that the Principal cannot authorise)

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

Please note that headteachers have been directed by the Government not to authorise any absence from school unless there is an 'exceptional circumstance'.

Year 8 Parents' Consultation

We were delighted to welcome parents to school yesterday afternoon for the annual Year 8 parent consultation. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to attend. Although I wasn't able to speak to everyone, I did manage a hello to many of you and it was lovely to see you.

Year 10 Exams – 29th April-8th May

A final reminder that Year 10 mock exams begin on Monday. Please check your child has all the equipment they need including a scientific calculator and a clear pencil case. Students may take a bottle of water into their exams, but any label must be removed. Click [Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Exam Information](#) to view exam regulations. Revision resources are available on Satchel One.

Year 11 Public Examinations

Likewise, Year 11 exams are fast approaching with the first exam of the main season on 3rd May. Please ensure you have a copy of your child's exam entries (I've always found it useful to stick a copy on the fridge) to ensure your child is prepared for their exam and has the correct equipment for each one.

Mr Case has delivered a further assembly today on exam regulations and expectations and all students have previously been given a copy of the Information for Candidates sheet, issued by the Joint Council for Qualifications, to ensure they are fully informed on exam regulations. Please discuss these with your child; any breach of exam regulations would likely lead to disqualification so it is very important that students adhere to all guidelines, particularly involving mobile phones, air pods and any other unauthorised items which must not enter the exam room.

It is especially important that students attend every exam and arrive on time, even if they feel unwell. After five years of working towards these qualifications, it would be a real shame for the final exam not to be sat. If you think you will have any difficulty getting your child to school for their exam, please contact Mr Case as a matter of urgency on jce@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Year 11 students have worked very hard to prepare for their exams and we wish them every success.

Tutee of the Week

7O	Eva H	8O	Amber R	9O	Finlay H	10O	Heidi K	11O	Archie W
7R	Imogen K	8R	Lola S	9R	Ethan C	10R	Karl H	11R	Rhys D
7M	Maisie K	8M	Isabella S	9M	Chloe S	10S	Rose-Marie M	11M	Fin L
7S	Leon W	8S	Lilly HS	9S	Holly O	10T	Clara D	11S	Oscar S
7T	Jenson S	8T	Maggie B	9T	Josie R			11T	Theodore K

Sparx Superstars – for those who have achieved the most XP points this week

William G	Eric L	Lucy S	Ethan W	Brandon B
Jaydon W	Joshua C	Imogen K	Kane H	Ella K

Dance House 2024

My congratulations to the dance squad who performed so brilliantly at Worthing Pavilion earlier this week. I was so proud of them and look forward to next year! A lot of hard work went into the preparation for their performance and I would also like to thank the staff who worked with our dancers.

Year 8 First Aid Training – Little LifeSavers

Yesterday, the year 8 cohort all received first aid training, learning life-saving skills including CPR. I was very impressed with the serious approach they took to this training; well done Year 8!

The training was delivered by the Little LifeSavers charity. The charity was formed in 2016 providing basic life support skills training to schools throughout West Sussex, which has now spread to groups across the UK.

As with all charities, they depend greatly on donations to continue their important work. If you feel moved to donate, please follow this link [TotalGiving™ - Donate to Charity](#).

One of students, Max, has been working with the charity and brought this charity to my attention. Max's video is truly inspiring and can be viewed [here](#).

Physical Education Clubs and Fixtures

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Football (all years)	Cricket (all years)	Rounders (all years)	Badminton/Pickleball (all years)
Dance (Commercial/ Street)	Dance (Lyrical/ Contemporary)		Tennis (all years)
			Sports Leaders Award (Applicates only) Wyatt Studio
<i>FIXTURES AND EVENTS –SEE SATCHEL FOR DATES AND TEAM SELECTION</i>			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y7-9 Cricket Fixtures	Y7-10 Rounders fixtures		
	Y7-10 Tennis fixtures		

Notice from Sussex Police

Sussex Police have notified us about a WhatsApp group that is somehow appearing on children's phones without consent, and then spreading malicious messages on self-harm, sexual violence and racism. The group is called 'everyone you know x' and it has been reported that children as young as 9 have been added to the group and viewed these messages. It mentioned that children are vulnerable to being added to the groups because privacy controls are set to 'off' by default and so can be added without consent.

I would strongly advise you to check the privacy control settings on your child's phone and to monitor the groups your child is joining.

West Sussex Music Service

Singing lessons have started this term. If your child is interested in solo or group singing lessons, please visit the website [West Sussex Music - Learn to play or sing](#) or contact Mr Munt on dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Self-Harm Learning Networks – Free workshops for parents and carers

West Sussex Mind are running workshops for parents and carers in a safe and supportive environment; they will share what works for them and improve understanding and skills to prevent and respond to self-harm. Scan the QR code or follow the links to book a place; the workshops are as follows:

[Free Self-Harm and Neurodiversity/ASD Online Workshop for parents and carer Tickets, Tue 7 May 2024 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#) This workshop aims to give you a better understanding of contributing factors, identify what support may be needed, understand and identify early warning signs, increase your knowledge of strategies and approaches and know where to access support.

[Self-harm and Eating Disorders for Parents /Carers Tickets, Tue 23 Apr 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#) Self-harm is very common alongside an eating disorder. This session will consider three common questions: Why is the young person with an eating disorder self-harming, how can I best respond to these behaviours, and how can I manage my own feelings and others feelings when supporting them?



One quick question

I would be very grateful for a moment of your time to click on [this survey](#) to answer one question.

Key dates 2024

29 th April-8 th May	Year 10 mock exams
3 rd May	Year 11 Travel and Tourism exam (actual)
6 th May	Bank Holiday
9 th May	Main GCSE exam season begins
16 th May	Year 7 Parents' Consultation
27 th May-31 st May	Half term
13 th June	Year 10 Parents' Consultation
19 th June	Governor Day – Parent drop in 3pm
21 st June	Year 11 Prom
26 th -27 th June	Summer drama production
1 st -5 th July	Year 10 work experience week
3 rd July	Countywide Transition Day
3 rd July, 6.30pm	Year 6 parents and carers meeting
12 th July	Sports Day
19 th July	Last day of summer term
22 nd August	Year 11 GCSE Results Day

2024-2025

2 nd September	INSET day
3 rd September	INSET day
4 th September	First day of term – Year 7 and Year 11
5 th September	All years in school

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal