



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to write to you at the end of the first week of term and to share what a fantastic start our students have made to the new academic year. Welcome back! I hope all families were able to enjoy some down time together. I would like to express a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 families; we look forward to getting to know you. As with each academic year, this first letter is somewhat of a bumper letter, but please do read through this carefully as there are a lot of important updates as well as key dates to note.

I would like to begin by updating you on staff leavers and starters. At the end of term, we said good-bye to Miss O'Neill, Technology teacher and to Mr Power, English teacher and we wish them every success in their new roles. This week we have welcomed the following teachers: Miss La (maths), Mr Lewis (technology), Mr Munro (Humanities), Miss Carter (PE) and Miss Wickham (English), and Miss Knight (teaching assistant).

During August, we were thrilled to celebrate the exam successes of the Class of 2024. They certainly did us proud! If you have not already had sight of our press release, it can be found on the website. We wish the whole cohort every success on their chosen pathways and look forward to welcoming them back to the GCSE Presentation Evening in December.

Onto this year, we will be trialling a new format for parents' consultations by offering a blended event. Students will finish at **1.10pm** on these days and our school buses will be arranged for the earlier finish time. There will be an online parents' consultation session during the afternoon followed by a late afternoon face to face event. It is my hope that the online event will be convenient to those of you whose work commitments make it difficult to come to school and that those of you who prefer a face to face consultation will be equally catered for. By running the two types of consultation, we will also be able to offer more appointments overall which should have a positive impact on waiting lists for appointments. Further information on these events with timings will be shared as the year progresses, but I wanted to make you aware of the 1.10pm early finish for students on these days, which are listed below.

#### Parent Consultations – students to finish at 1.10pm

Year 7 Parents' Consultation	- Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 8 Parents' Consultation	- Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 9 Parents' Consultation	- Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 10 Parents' Consultation	- Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 11 Parents' Consultation	- Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January

#### **Open Evening – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – early finish**

As usual, students will finish school at the end of period 4 on this day. This means that they finish at **1.10pm**. The bus companies have confirmed that they will come to school to collect students at 1.10pm. This does not apply to the public bus, only our school buses. The usual 2.50pm buses will not run on this day. If your child usually gets the public bus, please make arrangements for your child to get home or check the bus timetable for alternative times the bus passes through Westergate.

As with last year, the early finish allows staff time to set up classrooms ready for the start of open evening at 5pm and will give students a break and time to eat prior to returning to school to help at **4.30pm**. Our students play an important part at open evening, taking on the role of tour guides taking families around the academy or helping in departments. We are always delighted to have so many of our students helping at this event and would like to thank you for supporting this annual event. If your child would like to attend, please confirm your consent to this on Parent Pay. A letter will be issued to students summarising timings next week.

## Key dates for 2024-25

Please take a few moments to review the key dates below and transfer those relevant to your child to your diaries. Some of our events, such as parents' consultations, are of great importance and I would ask that you save the dates now to ensure availability when the time comes. Please also review the general events below which apply to multiple year groups.

### Year 7

I hope your children have enjoyed their first few days as Six Villages students and are getting to know the layout of the academy. Your child should have brought home a Parent Pay letter and a Satchel One login letter this week. If not, you may wish to check your child's school bag! Once you have registered on Parent Pay, those of you who would like your child to have a locker can pay for this and a locker will then be allocated to them. Satchel One is highly important as a home/school communication relating to homework, rewards, behaviour points, attendance and notices. Please register and enable notifications to ensure that you are in the loop regarding your child's education.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September to the Year 7 family learning project and afternoon tea event at 4pm. Year 7 events for this academic year are as follows, with those parents need to attend in italics:

<i>Year 7 Project and Afternoon tea</i>	-	<i>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm</i>
<i>Year 7 Settling in tutor meetings</i>	-	<i>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 3.15pm-6.15pm (information to follow)</i>
Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco	-	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Year 7 & 8 Valentine's Disco	-	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Year 7 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</i>

### Year 8

Year 8 have made a good start to term, no longer the youngest in the school! Following on from the success of last year's discos, we will be inviting your children to these again. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco	-	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Year 7 & 8 Valentine's Disco	-	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Year 8 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April (parents to attend)</i>
Year 8 HPV Vaccine	-	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June (information to follow)

### Year 9

There are many opportunities for Year 9 planned this year relating to careers leading up to choosing their Options. Students will have individual career interviews and in the spring term we will be launching the Options process in preparation for Key Stage 4 GCSE courses starting September 2025. Events to be aware of are noted below and those parents need to attend are in italics:

Year 9 Creative Careers Expo	-	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Year 9 Army career and skills day	-	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 9 Career Interviews	-	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
<i>Year 9 Options Evening &amp; Fair</i>	-	<i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (parents to attend)</i>
<i>Year 9 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March (parents to attend)</i>
Year 9 DofE Practice Expedition	-	15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> March (Sat-Sun)
Year 9 teenage booster vaccination	-	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Year 9 DofE Expedition	-	10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May (Sat-Sun)

### Year 10

This week marks the start of GCSE courses and with this in mind, please save the date of 3<sup>rd</sup> October to ensure you can attend the Year 10 Information evening and Futures Fair. This is a key event. May I also highlight the Work Experience Week that Year 10 will have in July, preceded by a launch meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January. A summary of dates for Year 10 are as follows:

<i>Year 10 Information evening &amp; Futures fair</i>	-	<i>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 6pm-7pm (parents to attend)</i>
Year 10 Army career and skills day	-	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>Year 10 Work Experience Launch</i>	-	<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm-7pm (parents to attend)</i>

Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition	-	Weekend 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 10 DofE Expedition	-	Weekend 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 10 mock exams	-	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<i>Year 10 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June (parents to attend)</i>
Year 10 Work Experience Week	-	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June-Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July

## Year 11

I know I don't need to emphasise the importance of this final year of secondary education. We are holding an information evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> October which it is vital that all parents and carers attend. A lot of key information relating to exams, revision and everything else you need to know to be able to support your child during this key year of their education will be shared. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

<i>Year 11 information evening, mock preparation &amp; Futures fair</i>	-	<i>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 6pm-7pm (parents to attend)</i>
Year 11 November mock exams	-	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
<i>Year 11 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January (parents to attend)</i>
Year 11 February mock exams	-	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 11 GCSE season begins	-	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 11 Exam Contingency Day	-	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June (students must be available on this day)
Year 11 Prom	-	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 11 GCSE Results Day	-	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August

## General events

School photos* Y7/9/11	-	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Flu vaccine (all years)	-	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October (information will be provided)
Green careers week	-	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Winter concert	-	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 6pm
Y12 GCSE Presentation Evening	-	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 6pm (invitations to follow)
Y11 Group photo*	-	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January, 2pm
National Apprenticeship Week	-	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Careers Fair	-	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
National careers week	-	w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9 teenage booster vaccination	-	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Year 8 HPV Vaccine	-	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Drama Production	-	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June & Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	-	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July

*\*please note your child can only be photographed if you have completed the 2024-25 photography and video consent form providing consent for this*

## **Photography and Video Consent Links – Reminder to Year 8-11 parents and carers**

A number of Year 8-11 parents and carers still need to complete the consent form for this academic year. Please can you prioritise this over the coming weekend – it only takes a few minutes. As explained previously, Ormiston Academies Trust now require us to obtain consent annually. If you do not wish to provide consent for the photographing and videoing of your child, this is your prerogative, however, we still need you to complete the form to that effect.

[Year 8 photography and consent form 2024-25](#)

[Year 9 photography and consent form 2024-25](#)

[Year 10 photography and consent form 2024-25](#)

[Year 11 photography and consent form 2024-25](#)

## Communication

In the event that you need to contact the academy, may I respectfully ask you to follow the guidance below.

Pastoral matters: Contact your child's tutor in the first instance. A full list of contacts is available on the website.

If necessary after this, please contact your child's director of learning:

Year 7 Miss Trembath/Mrs Barber ([dth@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:dth@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) or [ebr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:ebr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk))

Year 8 Mrs McHale ([jme@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:jme@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk))

Year 9 Mrs May ([lmy@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:lmy@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk))

Year 10 Mr Munt ([dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk))

Year 11 Ms Molineaux-Inglis ([emx@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:emx@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk))

Subject related queries: Contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance; if necessary after this, please contact the relevant Head of Department.  
A full list of contact details is available on the website <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/our-academy/our-staff>.

Safeguarding matters: Contact our safeguarding team: [osva\\_safeguarding@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_safeguarding@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk).

Attendance: If your child is absent at any time, it is imperative that a reason for absence is provided before the start of the school day on every day of absence. This can be done via 01243 546854, where a message can be left at any time, or by email ([osva\\_attendance@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_attendance@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)).

Reception: Reception is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday-Thursday, and 8am-3.30pm on Fridays. The reception line can be very busy so if you call at peak times and go through to voicemail, please leave a message which will be passed on to the relevant member of staff. We encourage parents and carers to use direct dial numbers which not only connects you more swiftly to the member of staff you wish to speak to, but also reduces the volume of calls to reception. A full telephone list is available on the website. [Contact-list.pdf \(ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk\)](#). Please bear in mind that subject teachers and directors of learning have busy teaching timetables and are unlikely to be available for calls during the school day.

I would be very grateful if you would contact the relevant pastoral or subject member of staff in the first instance; regrettably it is not possible for all matters to escalate immediately to me as Principal. My teaching and pastoral teams are also the most informed about your children and their day to day activities and will be able to quickly resolve any query you may have.

## Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons for the autumn term will start towards the end of September. For students who had lessons in Summer 2024 or who have requested instrumental lessons for this term, invoices for lessons are on Parent Pay.

Please follow the link for further details on instrumental lessons and application form, for any student who would like to start lessons this term <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/key-info/extracurricular/music-tuition>.

## School Photographs

The school photographer will be on site on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photos of Year 7, 9 and 11 students. Year 11 photo taken. Details on how to purchase your child's photo, should you wish to, will be provided. Purchases are online only.

## Year 11

Please find attached a letter from Miss Jones, Assistant Principal, regarding study sessions.

## Physical Education Clubs 2024-25

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL YEARS NETBALL	ALL YEARS FOOTBALL	ALL YEARS BASKETBALL	ALL YEARS BADMINTON/PICKLEBALL
ALL YEARS RUGBY			
DANCE			
<i>FIXTURES AND EVENTS –SEE SATCHEL FOR DATES AND TEAM SELECTION</i>			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y7-9 FOOTBALL FIXTURES	Y7-9 NETBALL FIXTURES	Y7-9 RUGBY FIXTURES	
		Y10 – NETBALL FIXTURES	

## Enrichment Programme Autumn 1 2024

- Lunch
- After school  
2.50pm-3.50pm

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- Private lessons
- Morning Clubs  
7:30am-8:15am



OAT Competitions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
  	<b>Wordle Club</b> (by invitation) Hive <b>EBR</b>	<b>Drum Kit lessons</b> Sign up – See DMT/SRS	<b>Wordle Club</b> (by invitation) Hive <b>EBR</b>	<b>Band Practice</b> Sign up – see DMT/STR	<b>Guitar/Bass Lessons</b> Sign up – see DMT/STR
	<b>Boxercise Club</b> Wyatt Studio <b>KWN</b>	<b>Sparx Club</b> IT 2 <b>LMY</b>	<b>Clean &amp; Green</b> Reception <b>GAD</b>	<b>Challenge Maths</b> MA5 <b>CFE</b>	<b>Keyboard club</b> Music Suite <b>DMT</b>
	<b>Philosophy Club</b> Hum4 <b>CMH</b>	<b>Italian Club</b> MFL 1 <b>RGI</b>	<b>Kung Fu</b> Wyatt Studio	<b>Extra Computer Science (KS4)</b> IT 1 <b>MWN</b>	<b>Librarian Training</b> invite only (librarians) Library <b>EBH</b>
 1-28 June	<b>HellCats</b> <b>Cheerleading Club</b> Wyatt Studio	<b>Chess Club</b> Ma5 <b>CFE</b>	<b>'Voices Together'</b> singing group (no requirement to be able to read music) Music Suite <b>DMT</b>	<b>Violin enrichment</b> Music Suite <b>DMT</b>	<b>All Sorts – Pride Club</b> Hums 2 <b>RRL</b>
   <b>ORMISTON'S GOT TALENT</b>	<b>Y9 – DoFE (Applicates Only)</b> Library <b>LOR</b>	<b>Violin Enrichment</b> Music Suite <b>DMT</b>	<b>Lego/Robotics</b> Tech 2 <b>MWN</b>	<b>Cornet enrichment</b> Music Suite <b>DMT</b>	<b>Wordle Club</b> (by invitation) Hive <b>EBR</b>
		<b>Bouldering Club</b> Sports Hall <b>LOR</b>	<b>Book Craft</b> Library <b>EBH</b>	<b>Chichester Lit Quiz</b> years 7&8 invite only. (From October half term) Library <b>EBH</b>	<b>Y10 – DoFE (Applicates Only)</b> Library <b>LOR</b>
		<b>Wordle Club</b> Hive <b>EBR</b>	<b>Inclusion homework Support</b> Hive <b>LME</b>	<b>Wordle Club</b> Hive <b>EBR</b>	
		<b>Film Club</b> Eng1 <b>DLO</b>	<b>Art Club</b> Art 1 <b>NGN</b>	<b>Newspaper Club</b> Eng 4 <b>KWM</b>	
		<b>Band Practice</b> Sign up – see DMT/STR		<b>Young Writer's Association</b> Library <b>DLO</b>	
		<b>Inclusion homework support</b> Hive <b>SWD</b>		<b>Inclusion homework support</b> Hive <b>MCE</b>	
				<b>Photography Club</b> Art 2 <b>AGR</b>	
			<b>D&amp;T Making Club</b> Tech 1 <b>MLS</b>		

## A reminder of term dates for 2024-25

<b>Autumn term 2024</b>	<b>Half term:</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>Last day of term:</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Winter break 2024-25</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
<b>Spring term 2025</b>	<b>First day of term:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Half term:</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Last day of term:</b> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Easter break 2025</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April Bank Holidays: 18 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Summer term 2025</b>	<b>First day of term:</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Bank Holiday: Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Half term:</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday) to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Last day of term:</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July INSET days Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

**Remaining INSET Days 2024-2025**

29<sup>th</sup> November

24<sup>th</sup> February

21<sup>st</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> July

In light of our exam results success and the richness of all the educational provision and activities planned within the academy for this academic year, we are excited about the coming year and it is my hope that every child, with your encouragement and support, will strive to be the very best of themselves in their learning and in their overall conduct. Attendance, which is a national priority, will continue to be an academy priority also. Students will continue to be reminded to uphold our core values to be ambitious, to value community, to show respect, to persevere, to take responsibility and to demonstrate kindness.

I very much look forward to meeting you all again during our curriculum and other events.

Yours sincerely

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

Paul Slaughter  
**Principal**