



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin by wishing you all a happy and healthy new year. I hope you were able to enjoy some family festive time. We were delighted to welcome students back on Monday. This term has lots of extra events and trips planned and I would encourage you to review the key dates listed at the end of my letter to make sure you have a note in your diaries of everything that is happening in your child's year group.

Please find this week's notices below.

Year 11

- Thank you very much for taking the time to join either the online parents' consultation or the face to face event yesterday. I am very encouraged by the record attendance at parents' consultation. If you didn't have a moment to complete the feedback form, please can you either click on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/5dp2Q5P1MB> or scan the QR code opposite.
- The mock exam schedule was also issued yesterday. If you did not have a moment to collect a copy, please see below. These exams will all be conducted in line with JCQ regulations as the November mocks were to ensure students are completely au fait with procedures by the time they sit the public examinations from early May.



Year 11 Spring Mock Exams

Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2025 (Week A)

Subjects not included will complete in class assessments in the weeks before and after the mock exam window.

	Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th
AM Exam 8:50am start	Biology 2 Triple 1h15mins Trilogy 1h15mins	Chemistry 2 Triple 1h15mins Trilogy 1h15mins	English Lang 1h45mins	English Lit 1h45mins	Physics 2 Triple 1h15mins No Physics exam for Trilogy students.
Period 3	History, DT, Geography, Art and Photography	History, Art, PE, IT and Philosophy	Maths	Business, Drama, Music, French and Spanish	History, DT, Geography, Art and Photography
PM Exam 12:45pm start	Maths Non Calc 1h30mins	Maths Calc 1h30mins	French and Spanish Reading and Writing TBC	History Paper 3 1h45mins Geography 1h30mins	Computer Science 1h30mins

Year 10 - Work Experience Launch - Thursday 30th January 6pm-6.30pm

We will be launching our Year 10 work experience programme on Thursday January 30th. This will take part via an online Team meeting and will last no more than half an hour, from 6pm until 6.30pm. We ask for all students and parents to join us so that you are aware of the application process and what opportunities there are out there for them. The link to the meeting will be available on the website and will be shared in advance.

Work experience week takes place from 30th June – 4th July and we expect all Year 10 students to be off site for the week. By launching early in the year, we aim to have all students set up with placements the month before the experience begins. Many students find this week massively useful in establishing what they do or do not want to do, and in helping them make choices about their Post 16 course during Year 11.

Year 9 Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 22nd January, all year 9 students will experience a mock interview with an employer from out of school. The interview will take 10 minutes and they will be asked to speak about their hobbies and interests, how a friend would describe them, something they are proud of doing and how they have solved a problem. They then get feedback on how they have done with advice and tips on how to present to employers in the future. Students will have time with tutors to prepare for this and the question sheets will be put on Satchel One so they can practise at home.

This is an excellent confidence building activity and really helped students who took part in the activity last year. It will also help them to consider their options moving forward.

This half-term's fixtures

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
13 th January 2024	Year 7 Basketball Tournament @ TRS Collection time: 5:15pm		
20 th January 2024	U14 Boys Basketball (A) FCC Collection time: 4:45 pm	Year 7 Basketball Tournament TBC	
27 th January 2024	U14 Boys Basketball (H) SPH Collection time: 4:30 pm	Cross-country (Year 7/8) @ BL Collection time: 5:30 pm	Year 7 Rugby (H) CFS Collection time: 4:30 pm Year 10 Netball (A) TRS Collection time: 4:45 pm
3 rd February 2024	Year 9 Football (A) BL Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 7 Girls Football (H) FCC Collection time: 4:30 pm	Year 8 Netball Tournament @ TRS Collection time: 5:00 pm	Sports Hall Athletics Final @ BL Collection time: 5:30 pm
10 th February 2024	Year 9 Football Year 7 Girls Football (A) TRS Collection time: 4:45 pm	Year 9 Netball (A) TSR Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 10 Football (H) CFS Collection time: 4:30 pm	Year 7 Rugby (H) SPH Collection time: 4:30 pm Year 10 Netball (H) BCC Collection time: 4:30 pm

Details of teams and timings are also posted on Satchel.

OSVA Times

The link to the first edition of the school newspaper was issued earlier this week. Unfortunately, the size of the document was too great to attach to email. If you haven't yet had a chance to read this fantastic publication, click [Ormiston Six Villages Academy - OSVA Times](#) to view it.

Tutee of the Week

7O	Harvey S	8O	Lara P	9O	Amber R	10O	Finlay H	11O	Jack F
7R	Gracie G	8R	Lilianna T	9R	Liam B	10R	Ethan C	11R	Karl H
7M	Betsie W	8M	Albie H	9M	Lexi E	10M	Tom M	11S	Lily B
7S	Perry H	8S	Chloe L	9S	Oliver M	10S	Ruby T	11T	Isabel T
7T	Indiana D	8T	Adam H-W	9T	Kyle B	10T	Roxy L		

Key dates for this half term

- 22nd January - Governor day; parents are warmly invited to meet with governors at 3pm
- 27th January - Year 11 year group photo
- 30th January - Work Experience Launch (online) 6pm
- 11th February - Sing Live performance
- 13th February - Careers Fair
- 14th February - Ski Trip
- 17th February - Half term break (to 21st February)
- 24th February - INSET day

Equipment

It does appear that some children must have been on the naughty list for Christmas as they do not appear to have the equipment they need for their learning! Please take a moment to stock up their pencil cases please as soon as possible.

Finally, with the weather being particularly wintry in the mornings, please ensure your child is wearing suitable outdoor clothing over their blazers so that they keep warm and dry.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal