



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As usual on the last day of term, we held a whole academy assembly this morning in the sports hall. The Year 11 student leaders spoke passionately to students about their experiences at Six Villages during their years here and encouraged the younger years to grasp every opportunity open to them. I spoke to students about the 70 enrichment clubs on offer to students and I recognised the time and effort that staff put into the enriching activities they provide. We talked about the fun events taking place in the summer term including our inaugural Colour Run which will be held in June and the year group enrichment days planned which will include the climbing wall, laser tag and much more.

On a more serious note, I spoke to the student body about expectations for conduct in lessons. I reminded students of our mantra of 'think hard, work hard and take pride in your work'. I have been very clear that there is a zero tolerance to disruption of learning and I have set the target to students that no child should need to be removed from lesson next half term. If a child does not meet classroom expectations and needs to be removed, they will no longer go to Tier 1, they will go to an allocated classroom where they will sit in silence and complete their work.

We are determined that the educational experience of every child will be the best that it can be and will absolutely not tolerate any disruption to this.

Some of you may be aware that we have had supply teachers working in school this term. I would like to clarify, that these teachers, who are qualified and experienced teachers, follow the scheme of work that is required, their lessons are valuable and students are required to complete work set to the same high standard as for any other lesson. If your child is coming home and telling you that they don't do anything if they have a supply teacher, this is not true. Heads of Department set the work and monitor the work completed closely. All schools, at times, need to use supply teachers; they quickly become valued members of the teaching team and I expect every student to respect them and complete their work as usual.

Please find this week's notices below:

Early finish – Thursday 24th April

Please be reminded that as our Year 8 parents' consultation is taking place on Thursday 24th April, students will finish at 1.10pm. All students must leave site at this time.

The school buses have confirmed that they will collect students at 1.10pm. Passengers for the 500 bus will need to walk to the Eastergate War Memorial/Collins Close stop.

If your child catches a public bus, you will need to make arrangements to get them home.

Please note that all the usual learning will take place on this day and all students must attend. Lessons will be shortened slightly to fit all five lesson in, as follows:

08.20-08.40	Tutor time
08.40- 09.30	Period 1
09.30-10.20	Period 2
10.20-10.40	Break
10.40-11.30	Period 3
11.30-12.20	Period 4
12.20-13.10	Period 5

Year 8 Parents' Consultation

A huge thank you to those of you who have already booked your appointments. If you have not already done so, please take a moment over the Easter break to do this. We are running two sessions as follows, which enables us to provide more appointments overall:

- 2.00pm-3.30pm - online consultation appointments
- 4.00pm-6.30pm - face to face appointments in the Gate theatre

If you need any help, please contact Miss Ryder on rrr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk and she will be very happy to assist you when the academy reopens on 22nd April.

Easter Holidays – FSM vouchers

West Sussex County Council has confirmed that families with Free School Meal (FSM) eligible children will, once again, be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming Easter school holiday 2025.

Celebration Assemblies

Over the last week, year group celebration assemblies have been taking place. Students are recognised for their determination, effort and achievements in subjects, for keeping the core values of the academy, for achieving 95+% attendance and for achieving 100% attendance, for achieving bronze, silver or gold pledges, and for their reward points too. Every child is celebrated in some way and receives a certificate.

Instrumental Lessons

A reminder for parents to check Parent Pay for the latest instrumental lesson invoice for the Summer term 2025 lessons.

To ensure students are on the timetables for next term payment must be received by Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Year 10 Work Experience:

Congratulations to those students and families who have managed to find a placement for work experience week (30th June to 4th July) and we hope you found the process, including Unifrog, easy to navigate.

To help everyone else out, the school web-page for work experience has been updated which you can access by clicking this link: [OSVA Work Experience](#).

On this web-page, you will find links to the following resources:

- **Work experience letter 2025** - this was printed and shared with all families. It contains links to Unifrog explaining the application process and should be able to answer all questions you may have.
- **Work Experience employer letter 2025** - Many employers ask for proof that the school is running the event. Please use this to confirm the dates and to explain the process to them. It is best used as an attachment to an email.
- **Email template for contacting employers** - feedback from careers interviews and parents has highlighted that many students are not confident in composing an email to an employer. This template allows you to copy and paste a professional email and to adjust it to reflect well on your child.
- **Year 10 Work experience launch presentation** - this is a copy of the slides used on 29th January when work experience was launched.

If you know roughly what sort of work your child would be interested in doing but do not have anything lined up, please email Mr Marsh on cmh@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk and he will send you any contact details he has for employers in that area.

For students who have applied to Arun District Council, they are due to process the applications this month.

If a student is struggling to use Unifrog, Mr Marsh is always available at lunch time in HUM4 next to the library.

OSVA Times – Issue 2

I am delighted to share that the second edition of the OSVA Times has been issued and can be found on the website [School-Newspaper-Issue-2-V4.pdf](#)

I would like to thank Miss Wickham and her team of reporters who have worked to hard to produce this.

This week's tutee of the week

70	Bradley	80	Lani S	90	Amber R	100	Layla-Grace T	110	Jovi W
7R	Faye T	8R	Amelia L	9R	Riley-James T	10R	Carys T	11R	Jamie J
7M	Rosie W	8M	Mila D	9M	Duke H	10M	Isaac H	11S	Eva F
7S	Charlie B	8S	Millie S	9S	Bradley R	10S	Skye T	11T	Chloe R
7T	Eva J	8T	Braylen W	9T	Olivia C	10T	Joseph L		


Next half term's enrichment programme








Lunch

After school
2.50pm-3.50pm

Enrichment Programme - Summer Term 2025

Private lessons



OAT Competitions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 10/11/12/13/14/15 March  10/11/12/13/14/15 March	Wordle Club (by invitation) Hive EBR	Drum Kit lessons Sign up – See DMT/SRS	Wordle Club (by invitation) Hive EBR	Band Practice Sign up – see DMT/STR	Guitar/Bass Lessons Sign up – see DMT/STR
	Philosophy Club Hum4 CMH	Sparx Club IT 2 LMY	Clean & Green Library GAD (Invitation Only)	Newspaper Club Eng 4 KWM	Keyboard club Music Suite DMT
	Table Tennis Club KS3 Only Wyatt Studio MDE/MCR	Italian Club MFL 1 RGI	Kung Fu Wyatt Studio	Violin enrichment Music Suite DMT	Librarian Training invite only (librarians) Library EBH
 1-28 June  Easter challenge 11-28 March  English essay competition  Primary online tournament with 15 Feb  5/6 final 13C ORMISTON'S GOT TALENT	Football Club MUGA JCE Week A - Year 8 & 10 Week B – Year 9 & 10	Chess Club Ma5 SHY	'Voices Together' singing group (All Years) Music Suite DMT	Cornet enrichment Music Suite DMT	Wordle Club (by invitation) Hive EBR
	Hellcats Cheerleading Club Wyatt Studio	Violin Enrichment Music Suite DMT	Football Club MUGA JCE Week A - Yr 8 & 10 Week B – Yr 9 & 10	Chichester Lit Quiz years 7&8 invite only. Library EBH	All Sorts – Pride Club Hums 2 RRL
	Y9 – DofE (Applicates Only) Library LOR	Futsal Club (Girls Only) Sports Hall LOR	Dungeon and Dragon club (D&D) Library EBH	Football Club MUGA JCE Week A – Yr 9 & 10 Week B – Yr 8 & 10	Football Club MUGA JCE Week A – Yr 8 & 10 Week B – Yr 9 & 10
		Football Club MUGA JCE Week A - Yr 9 & 10 Week B – Yr 8 & 10	Inclusion homework Support Hive LME	Photography Club Art 2 AGR	Y10 – DofE (Applicates Only) Library LOR
		Inclusion homework support Hive SWD	Art Club Art 1 NGN	Young Writer's Association Eng1 DLO	
		Science Club Sci1 JME	Film Club Eng1 LSN	Drama Club (Rehearsals) Gate Theatre MPR	
		Band Practice Sign up – see DMT/STR	Book Craft Library EBH		
	Inclusion homework support Hive MCE				

Next half-term's Physical Education Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gym Club – MDE (KS4 Only) Sign up in PE Office	ALL YEARS ATHLETICS – LOR/MCR	ALL YEARS CRICKET -MDE	ALL YEARS SOFTBALL/ROUNDERS - LOR	ALL YEARS TENNIS/BADMINTON /PICKLEBALL - MDE
ALL YEARS RUGBY - JHD	Dance – KWN	Gym Club – LOR (KS4 Only) Sign up in PE Office		
<i>FIXTURES AND EVENTS –SEE SATCHEL FOR DATES AND TEAM SELECTION</i>				
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	U13'S CRICKET FIXTURES - LOR	U13/U15'S ROUNDERS FIXTURES - MCR	U13/U15s GIRLS CRICKET FIXTURES – MDE	
		U13'S TENNIS FIXTURES - LOR		

Fixtures – Summer Term

Fixtures resume week commencing 5th May. Please see below.

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5 th May 2025	U13 Cricket Vs CHS (A) Collection time 5:15pm		
12 th May 2025	U13 Cricket Vs SPH (H) Collection time 4:45 pm	U15 rounders @ FCC (A) Collection time 5:30 pm	U13 Girls Cricket Vs TRS (A) Collection time 5:15 pm
19 th May 2025	U13 Cricket Vs TRS (A) Collection time 5:15 pm	U13 Tennis @ BL (A) Collection time 5:15 pm	U15 Girls Cricket Vs BL (H) Collection time 4:45 pm

Key dates for this half term

- 22nd April - First day of summer term
- 24th April - **early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site at this time**
- Year 8 parents' consultation (see above)
- 28th April - Year 10 mock exams begin
- 1st May - UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge
- 5th May - Bank Holiday
- 7th May - Governor Day; parents and carers welcome to pop in and see them at 3pm
- 15th May - **early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site at this time**
- Year 7 parents' consultation (details to follow)
- 26th May - Half term week
- 5th June - **early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site at this time**
- Year 10 parents' consultation (details to follow)

Advance notice – Road closure after Easter break

The Woodgate Level Crossing on Lidsey Road by the Prince of Wales pub will be closed from 12th-27th April.

This will affect your journey for the first week back after Easter if this is your route to school (school resumes on 22nd April).

The level crossing will remain closed during this time so please plan your safe journey to school and allow plenty of time for travel to avoid any disruption to your child's learning at the start of the day.

Firewise

Sussex Police have advised that they are seeing an increase in youths setting fires. They have provided a leaflet which can be found at the foot of this letter.


As the term draws to a close, I have been reflecting on all the wonderful things that have taken place. Next half term will see the start of Year 11 exams, Year 10 mocks and other events listed above. I would like to thank you for continuous support and wish you a happy Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal

 Aldingbourne Parish Council
11th April


 ROAD CLOSURE: Lidsey Road (A29),
Woodgate
No vehicles over the level crossing


12 April - 27 April


SGN will be carrying out essential gas main reinforcement on Lidsey Road (A29) between Hook Lane and Oak Tree Lane.

What this means:

 No through traffic - a signed diversion will be in place.

 Resident access maintained - south of the level crossing via the south, north via the north. No vehicles over the level crossing.

 Bus services affected - check with your provider.

 Bin collections remain the same unless advised otherwise.

 Emergency services informed - access will be maintained.

Engineers will be working extended hours to complete the work as quickly as possible.

Immediate advice if you have concerns about a young person's firesetting behaviour:

1. Consider your own actions and how they may influence the behaviour of the children you are responsible for.
2. Never leave matches or lighters around the home, even in pockets or handbags.
3. Never assume toddlers or infants are incapable of lighting a match or lighter.
4. Be aware they may hide matches and/or lighters in their clothing, possessions or bedrooms for use later.
5. Ensure that you have working smoke alarms on each floor and one in the bedroom of the young person.
6. Do not allow rubbish to pile up.
7. If you have an open fire make sure it is fitted with an adequate safety guard.



This photograph shows an example of a trained 'Firewise' advisor working with a young child to discuss what is 'safe or unsafe' and the reasons they have for their decisions.

This activity allows the child to talk about experiences they have had with fire and for the advisor to educate about making safe choices.



If you would like more information about the Firewise scheme or to make a referral, please contact us:

0330 2222 515

firewise@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire

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Why do young people play with fire?

Young people may play with fire for various reasons, for example, a natural curiosity or seeking attention. Without help and guidance, firesetting behaviour can escalate and lead to more serious consequences.

We can reduce the chances of young people starting fires by understanding and challenging their behaviour and by giving them some basic fire safety advice.

We can give guidance to parents, carers and professionals who may be concerned about a young person playing with fire.



Watch out for these tell-tale signs of firesetting behaviour:

- Matches or lighters hidden in bedrooms, school bags or coats.
- An unusual fascination with fire.
- Small burn holes on carpets, bedding and furniture.
- Scorch marks in hidden locations such as in wardrobes or cupboards.
- Burnt paper or objects in bins.
- Burnt matches lying around.
- Noticing the smell of burning.
- Unexplained fires in the home or garden.
- Noticing injuries to skin e.g. burns.



Our Firewise Scheme...

Aims to eliminate the likelihood of young people firesetting in the future, by educating them about the dangers and impacts of fire, enabling them to make safer choices.

FIREWISE



West Sussex
Fire & Rescue Service

Do you have concerns about a young person and fire?



All of our 'Firewise' advisors will provide information, support, advice and guidance to you and the young person.

Our advisors are available to visit schools, home or other establishments. Permission of parents/carers is required before any visit is undertaken.

Once a referral is received, an advisor will make contact to arrange a visit at a time and place convenient for you and the young person.

A menu of flexible and tailored activities, have been created to develop and enhance the young person's fire safety knowledge.

Through partnership working, we can liaise with organisations that assist the young people with other needs that they may have.