



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first letter of the summer term. I am pleased to say that students have made a positive start to term.

Please find this week's notices below:

Year 7 Parents' Consultation – Thursday 15th May

Please save the date. We will be using the same format as for previous parents' consultations this academic year as follows:

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

The appointment booking system will go live on Monday 28th April and will be open until 12th May. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers and I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this.

If you have any queries, please contact the academy on osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Early finish

There will be an early finish on Thursday 15th May of 1.10pm for the Year 7 parent consultation to accommodate the online afternoon appointments, providing overall more appointments. 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 lessons in.

Sparx Reader Trial

You will already be familiar with Sparx Maths. We are going to proceed with a Sparx Reader trial this term led by the English department.

Sparx Reader is an engaging and supportive platform in which students can develop their reading and literacy skills. It helps them practise reading regularly.

Sparx Reader will be launched to students in Year 8 in assembly next week; students will be able to access it via their Sparx Maths login. Initial assessments will be organised and homework will be set on Tuesdays by the English team for completion by the following Tuesday. The first homework will be set on 29th April. As happens with Sparx Maths already, teachers will review completion of the work and those who have not completed the work will fall into the agreed sanction structure.

As parents and carers, your support and encouragement are hugely important. The following video will provide you with tips on how you can support your child at home [Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader](#).

The Six Villages Colour Run – Years 7, 8 and 9

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are invited to take part in the first Six Villages Colour Run on Monday 30th June. Students will come off timetable and have an early lunch. The run will take place periods 4 and 5 on the school fields at the back of the academy. This is a charity event and proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity and to raise money for the Year 11 Prom.

How can my child be part of the Six Villages Colour Run 2025?

- Log into Parent Pay to pay £15 for your child's participation. This covers their t-shirt, medal, paint and a donation to charity.
- Complete the consent form
- Students will NOT be wearing school uniform; they will change beforehand
- Students will need a pair of glasses to wear on the run

FAQs

What if I am not good at running?

This doesn't matter – you can always walk about the course to complete the route

How long is the route?

It will be 5K and we'd expect you to take an hour to complete it

What will the route look like?

We will create a route around the back of the school using the space the school fields are in. We will add fun challenges on your route like obstacle courses to go under or over

What about the coloured powder?

You will be allowed to throw the coloured powder at each other at certain points of the race and we expect you to get messy!

What is in the powder?

It has been created so that no-one can get unwell since it has no negative effect on you, animals or plants and can be easily washed off afterwards

Can I buy more coloured powder on the day?

afterwards, and all proceeds will go to charity

What about getting home and being on the bus when I am really messy?

You will be able to change afterwards, and we will inform the bus companies so that they know we are having this event on the day.

If you have any additional questions, please contact either your child's director of learning or Mr Kidd

If you are not familiar with Colour Run, here is a video. We will also have an obstacle course set up during the run. [THE COLOR RUN™ - Be a Color Runner™](#). This is going to be great fun as well as raising money for charity.

Communication

Secondary schools are considerably different to primary school settings and unlike primary school where the child spends the day with their class teacher and it is generally easy to have a quick chat with them at the start or end of the day, secondary school students can be in contact with at least 5 different teachers daily as part of their learning experience as well as their tutor, director of learning, members of the senior leadership team and duty staff and staff are unlikely to be available for conversations without prior arrangement.

At Six Villages, we are committed to ensuring the highest standards are maintained both in the provision of education to our students and in every other aspect of running the academy.

Should an issue arise in regards to lack of progress, attitude to learning, homework, pastoral student concerns around behaviour, we have protocols and strategies in place to establish effective resolutions to such enquiries.

The initial stage of contact is to speak to the child's tutor or subject teacher. The staff contact list is available on the website [Contact-list.pdf](#). Please bear in mind that teaching staff have timetabled lessons during the school day and these will always be the priority. You are welcome to email staff. All Six Villages email addresses consist of staff initials (3 letters) followed by @ormistonsixvillages.org.uk. Staff initials can be found on the above contact list. The academy will endeavour to provide an initial response within 48 hours and many queries are resolved during this

first contact. At times, it may be necessary to gather information and/or arrange a meeting for a more detailed discussion.

In the event that the initial stage followed leaves a query unresolved, escalation to directors or learning or heads of department (depending on the nature of the concern) is appropriate.

Directors of Learning are as follows:

Year 7 - Miss Trembath (dth@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 8 - Mrs McHale (jme@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 9 - Mrs May (lmy@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 10 - Mr Munt (dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 11 - Ms Molineaux-Inglis (emx@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)

The staff contact list, referred to above, lists staff by department starting with each head of department.

Following contact with either the tutor or subject teacher, depending on the reason for the contact, and escalation to director of learning or head of department as appropriate, if discussion on the matter has not been to your satisfaction then the matter should be referred to the designated senior leader as follows:

Year 7 - Mrs Barber, Assistant Principal – SENCo (ebr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 8 - Mr Case, Vice Principal (jce@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 9 - Mr Kidd, Assistant Principal (tkd@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 10 - Mr Palmer, Vice Principal (mpr@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 11 - Miss Jones, Assistant Principal (cjs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)

If after the above steps you feel your concern has not been resolved, then escalation to me is appropriate.

Please bear in mind that to meet with staff, appointments are necessary. We regret that it is not practical to have parents or carers arrive at the gate asking to meet with a member of staff, particularly first thing in the morning, due to the busy schedules that we all have including before school duties, assemblies, tutor time and teaching timetables.

Year 10 mock exams

Year 10 exams begin on Monday. Please ensure that your child has all the equipment they need including a scientific calculator and a clear pencil case. An exams assembly took place yesterday during which all the exam regulations were explained including [Information for Candidates](#) issued by the Joint Council for Qualifications. The mock exams will be conducted in accordance with JCQ exam regulations to start preparing students for public exams next year. Punctuality to school is particularly important on exam days to ensure that the exams of other students are not disrupted by late arrivals.

Year 11 Public Examinations

Likewise, Year 11 exams are fast approaching. Please ensure you have a copy of your child's exam entries (you may wish to stick a copy on the fridge) to ensure your child is prepared for their exam and has the correct equipment for each one.

All students have previously been given a copy of the [Information for Candidates](#), 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, watches of any kind 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 Miss Molineaux-Inglis on emx@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk, or Mr Case on jce@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk, or Miss Jones on

cjs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk as a matter of urgency. Year 11 students have worked very hard to prepare for their exams and we wish them every success.

This week's tutee of the week

7O	Indy W	8O	Layla B	9O	Beth D	10O	Brooke B	11O	Toby B
7R	Jonah W	8R	Hunter H	9R	Leland S	10R	Aaron M	11R	Imogen E
7M	Noah P	8M	Leon B	9M	Matilda H	10M	Maiara C	11S	Jack S
7S	Charlie B	8S	Poppy-Rae T-J	9S	Declan B	10S	Skye C	11T	Hannah K
7T	Frederick H	8T	Hugo D	9T	Sophia G	10T	George G		

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

Parent Webinars – Keeping Children Safe Online

Tickets are available online for these sessions. See the poster opposite for more information.

Key dates for this half term

28 th April	-	Year 10 mock exams begin
1 st May	-	UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge
5 th May	-	Bank Holiday
7 th May	-	Governor Day
15 th May	-	early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site
	-	Year 7 parents' consultation (see above)
26 th May	-	Half term week
5 th June	-	early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site
	-	Year 10 parents' consultation (details to follow)

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal

CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

Sessions in April, May and June available to book NOW!

TICKETS ONLINE:
Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS
run by Police Cyber Protect teams

Hints and tips to secure your family online, covering cyber risks and scams in:

Gaming  **Social Media**  **Email** 

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Click [here](#), scan the QR code or search online for "eventbrite police southeast cyber"



DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER
LEVEL UP YOUR ONLINE SECURITY