



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

## **Aerosols**

In my letter of 28<sup>th</sup> March, I issued a health and safety notice relating to aerosols. Aerosol sprays have never been permitted at the academy as they can trigger a range of respiratory conditions including asthma attacks. I have been clear to the student body in assemblies to each year group that aerosol sprays are not permitted. Despite this, some students persist in bringing aerosols to school.

Yesterday, the rule of no aerosol sprays was breached in a PE changing room. This triggered an asthma attack in a student who was adversely affected by the aerosol gases.

Wilful transgression of health and protected measures in place to protect public health is serious and deliberate use of this prohibited item may lead to suspension. We are currently investigating yesterday's incident and I am reiterating therefore that aerosol sprays will be confiscated, any child carrying an aerosol spray will be sanctioned and parents will be required to attend a meeting at school.

As Principal of Ormiston Six Villages Academy, I have a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff at the academy and will take every measure needed to meet this. We have a high number of students and staff with respiratory conditions, some of them severe and I hope therefore that you understand the need for my firm stance on aerosol sprays, and that I can count on your support.

There have also been other occasions where members of the community have been affected by aerosol sprays and I would like to thank the first aid team for their dedication to supporting the individuals affected, as well as the families and the emergency services.

Please check your child's bag over the weekend and remove any spray you find; deodorants brought into school must be a roll-on and this is not negotiable.

## **Year 7 Parents' Consultation – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

We look forward to welcoming you to your parents' consultation next week. For those of you who have online appointments, please refer to the 'how to guide' attached to this letter for instructions on how to join your appointments.

If you have not yet booked appointments, there are both face to face appointments and online appointments available. If you need help booking, please email [osva\\_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) and you will be contacted by a member of the admin team.

## **Early finish**

A reminder that there will be an early finish on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May of 1.10pm** for all students due to the Year 7 parent consultation. 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, 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

As usual lesson bells will guide students through the day so please reassure your child there is no need to worry about the adjusted timings on this day.

### Year 11 Exams

We wish Year 11 every success in their forthcoming exams. Please ensure your Year 11 child attends school every day on time even on non-exam days as a schedule of vital revision sessions is in place to further prepare students for their exams. Please note that Year 11 students have not been placed on Study Leave and it is a requirement for them to continue to attend school until their leavers' assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Non-attendance will be unauthorised and as advised previously if 10 unauthorised absences of any kind are accrued a referral for a fixed penalty notice may be submitted. If your child tells you they can revise better at home, I strongly disagree with this as it is in their best interest to access the expertise of subject teachers and the resources which teaching staff have devoted time to putting together. Students have worked hard for many years; it's a shame to walk to the finish line, when they could continue to sprint with school support.

This morning an assembly on managing exam stress was held and I am grateful to Thought-Full, the West Sussex Mental Health Support Team, for their support with showing Year 11 exam students how to manage anxiety and stress related to the exam season.

As with previous years, we will be providing breakfast for exam students on exam days and an exam preparation revision session prior to each exam.

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

A reminder to sign your child up and pay for their place on Parent Pay if you would like them to take part in our first ever Colour Run. The cost of £15 covers their t-shirt, medal, paint and a donation to charity. Please also complete the consent form. .

### Singing lessons

We are delighted to advise our singing tutor, who works through our music hub partner, West Sussex Music, has availability this term for singing lessons. Further information on how to apply for these is available through their website [Registration - West Sussex Music](#)

### Piano donation offer

The music department is offering a piano for any interested student. There is no longer room for this piano in the department. If you are interested, please contact Mr Munt on [dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk). The piano will be donated on a first come, first served basis.



### This week's tutee of the week

7O	Harvey S	8O	Charlie M	9O	Brandon R	10O	Gracie R	11O	Toby D
7R	Austin S	8R	Darcy B	9R	Izabella A	10R	Scarlett P	11R	Charlie C
7M	Elodie W	8M	Oscar M	9M	Imogen C	10M	Oliver B	11S	Erin J
7S	Lauren B	8S	Fletcher H	9S	Layla C	10S	Ellie S	11T	Clara D
7T	Eryn J	8T	Ami P	9T	Huxley T	10T	Albi M		

### Sparx Superstars

This week's superstars have spent the most time on their independent learning

Lucy F	Mia W	Lara P	Alex M	Molly E
Matthew T	Missi R-B	Lola T	Megan F	George G

### Next week's fixtures

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### West Sussex Food Rescue

West Sussex County Council is delighted to announce that our award-winning community food hubs, run in partnership with [UK Harvest](#), have been extended and are now running **until April 2026**. The community food hubs redistribute surplus food from suppliers while educating residents on food waste prevention. They take place once a month in each district and borough across West Sussex.

For a small **voluntary** donation of £5, residents can access a wide selection of surplus food. **No referrals are needed**, and all residents are welcome to visit the **child-friendly** hubs. For a full list of community food hub dates and locations, visit the [West Sussex Recycles website](#).

### Key dates for this half term

- 15<sup>th</sup> May
  - **early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site**
  - Year 7 parents' consultation (see above)
- 26<sup>th</sup> May
  - Half term week
- 5<sup>th</sup> June
  - **early finish, 1.10pm; all students to leave site**
  - Year 10 parents' consultation (details to follow)

Yours sincerely



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