



11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to my penultimate letter of the academic year. I am sure your children are looking forward to a well-deserved break. We have five more school days and teaching staff are working hard to prepare students for next academic year. There are a number of key notices and key dates in this letter, so please read it carefully.

Sports Day – Monday 14th July – Student Safety and PE Kit Expectations

As high temperatures are forecast for Monday, which is our annual sports day, please support us with keeping your children well by following the following and sharing this with your children so they are adequately prepared for sports day:

- PE kit policy

Students must adhere to the PE kit policy as follows:

- Upper body – School logo PE top.
- Lower body – School logo PE shorts or plain navy/black shorts.

The following lower body items of clothing are not permitted:

- **Cycling/Nike pro shorts of any length or any item similar**

- Sun safety guidance

- Please ensure your child has applied sun protection of at least 30 SPF prior to attending school and applies regularly throughout the day
- Hats are encouraged to be worn, but may be required to be removed during participation in certain activities for safety reasons.
- Sunglasses are encouraged to be worn, but may be required to be removed during participation in certain activities for safety reasons.

- Water provision

- Students must bring their own water bottles for the day, please encourage your child to have full bottles at the start of the school day, after break and lunch. This will reduce the need to fill up during participation of events as we will require students to remain at their activity whenever possible to effectively safeguard and monitor students throughout the day.
- Drinks will be available for purchase at the canteen as normal

- Heat exhaustion

- Students participating in physically demanding activities (especially long-distance track events) should keep staff informed if they begin to feel unwell.
- The best prevention is to remain hydrated prior to their participation and to rehydrate as soon as their event has finished

Please note that we will enable students to use as many shaded areas as possible during the day, however, students will be exposed to the sun while participating in sports day. We recommend that during their break and lunch periods, that they use this time to remain in a shaded area to prevent prolonged exposure to the sun as much as possible.

The PE team, led by Mr Dacombe, have worked hard to plan sessions and activities allowing all students to participate. We hope your child will enjoy this annual event which is a day of celebration, competition and achievement. It is an opportunity for students to share their individual sporting talents, to demonstrate their determination and their teamwork. It is the taking part which counts, which will build points and make one of our communities the overall winner.

I am aware that some children do not enjoy physical activity but sports day is a day of team events, it's fun and a lovely opportunity for tutor groups to come together and cheer on their classmates. If your child is trying to convince you that sports day is not for them, please ensure they attend as normal, it is still a mandatory school day and part of the development of the whole child that we are such strong believers in promoting.

End of Year Celebration Assemblies

This is a final opportunity to sign up to attend the celebration assemblies for Years 8, 7 and 10.

- Year 8 - Tuesday 15th July [Y8 guest booking form](#)
Entry is via the double doors from the Gate theatre to the front of the academy
- Year 7 - Wednesday 16th July [Y7 guest booking form](#)
Entry is at the rear of the academy into the sports centre. If you are arriving on foot, please walk down the side of the academy to the rear car park, the entrance doors will be open; if you are driving, there is some parking available at the rear of the academy.
- Year 10 - Thursday 17th July [Y10 guest booking form](#)
Entry is via the double doors from the Gate theatre to the front of the academy

Annual Photography and Video Consent

We are required to obtain photography and video consent annually from parents and carers. If you do not wish to provide consent, we still need you to complete the form to that effect.

Please can you click on the link of the relevant year group below and complete the form. It should only take a couple of minutes. The forms are labelled with your child's current year group and the year they are moving into in September, to avoid confusion. The links are as follows:

[Year 7 into Year 8 photography and video consent form](#)

[Year 8 into Year 9 photography and video consent form](#)

[Year 9 into Year 10 photography and video consent form](#)

[Year 10 into Year 11 photography and video consent form](#)

Many thanks in advance for this.

INSET Days 2025-26

At the heart of everything we do — both here at Six Villages and across Ormiston Academies Trust — is a shared commitment to providing every student with the very best education. As part of this commitment, we are excited to be developing new curricula that reflect the highest standards and are designed to support excellent teaching in every classroom.

To ensure this important development is implemented successfully, we will be increasing the number of INSET (staff training) days to a maximum of eight for the 2025/2026 academic year. This one-year change will provide staff with the dedicated time they need to plan, collaborate and prepare outstanding learning experiences for all students.

We understand the importance of balancing staff development with family routines, and this decision has been made with careful consideration. The additional INSET days will directly support improvements in teaching and learning — changes we believe will make a lasting and positive difference to your child's education.

As you may know, INSET days are a required part of the school year and must take place during term time, in line with guidance from the Department for Education. As an academy trust, we have flexibility in setting our school calendar, and many trusts across the country allocate up to 10 INSET days annually. By introducing eight, we believe we are striking a thoughtful balance.

Our INSET days will be:

- 3rd & 4th September (prior to first day of term on Friday 5th September)
- 17th October
- 3rd November
- 5th December
- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February
- 27th March

These days will be used to deliver high-quality professional development for our middle leaders — including subject leads — who play a key role in shaping the teaching and learning that happens every day in your child's classroom. We are sharing these dates now to give you as much notice as possible and to support your planning.

Open Evening – Thursday 18th September

I am keen to give you advance notice of our Open Evening, which will take place on Thursday 18th September. As usual, students will finish school at **1.10pm** on this day. 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, eg 500 bus which runs every 30 minutes between Chichester and Littlehampton. The early finish allows staff time to set up classrooms and activities around site ready for the start of open evening and will give students a break and time to eat prior to returning to school to help at 5.30pm.

We are always very keen to involve as many student helpers as possible, hence the early notice of this. 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 at the start of term in September; a letter will be issued to students summarising timings at the start of next term.

Instrumental Lessons

A reminder for students who are currently undertaking instrumental lessons to pay the invoice for next term to guarantee lessons next term. With the new year 6 cohort having this opportunity opened to them we cannot guarantee spaces will be available in September if the invoice is not paid before then.

Any current student in years 7-9 who wishes to start lessons next term should complete the necessary form on the academy website.

[Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Music tuition](#) For drum kit, electric/bass guitar, keyboard and piano
[Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#) For singing ONLY

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Munt on dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

Sparx Superstars this week are:

Farah B	Jack J	Henry C	Megan F	Lily H
Jiya P	Matthew T	Yasmin D	Williams G	Dhyan T R

This week's tutee of the week

7O	Jacob S	8O	Lily B	9O	Max B	10O	Molly S
7R	Evie S	8R	Jacob P	9R	Riley T	10R	Oscar K
7M	Izzy D	8M	Reuben W	9M	Leon O	10M	Annabella M-B
7S	Emily M	8S	Greta B	9S	Rosie F	10S	Lucy H
7T	Eryn J	8T	Darcie S	9T	Kai Z	10T	Harry H

This half term's fixtures

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
14 th July 2025	U13 Cricket (A) MRC 6:00 pm collection	U15 Tennis @ BL 5:30 pm collection	

Uniform – a message from JW Sports

Our uniform appointment system is now live! You can book a free 1-on-1 uniform fitting by following this link: [Secondary School Uniform Fitting](#).

If your child needs special assistance with uniform fitting, we're happy to arrange an after-hours appointment at around **5:30 PM**. Please call us at **01234 860266** to schedule.

Booking an appointment isn't mandatory—feel free to drop in anytime. The quietest times are usually **9 AM** or **4 PM**, and our store is open **9 AM – 5:30 PM Monday to Friday** and **10 AM – 4 PM on Sundays**.

When collecting online or phone orders, please quote the **order collection number** shown in your collection email; this helps us locate your items quickly at the till.

Returns Policy: If your child outgrows their uniform after an early purchase, we offer a hassle-free returns policy for school uniforms with tags attached.

Payment Options: We provide a convenient three-payment plan through PayPal, both online and in-store (standard PayPal processing fees apply).

Thank you for choosing us for your uniform needs!

Key dates next week

14 th July	-	Sports Day
15 th July	-	Year 8 celebration assembly
16 th July	-	Year 7 celebration assembly
17 th July	-	Year 10 celebration assembly
18 th July	-	Last day of term

We look forward to a great last week of term; please ensure your child attends right up to the end of Friday. Normal lessons proceed right through to the end of term.

Yours sincerely



Paul Slaughter
Principal