



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you at the end of a very successful academic year and as the term draws to a close I would like to begin by thanking you for the continued support you have given us over the course of the year. I am so impressed daily with the vast majority of our students for their engagement with life at Six Villages, for exemplifying our core values daily and for their many achievements.



This year has seen a relentless focus on academic excellence as well as an increased focus on rewards and enrichment as part of our commitment to personal development. The recent inaugural Colour Run, the year group enrichment days, Year 10's work experience week, the summer production of 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat', curriculum related performances on site by visiting groups and a long list of trips, fixtures and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have taken place, to mention but a few, and there is much more planned for next academic year. I am always very pleased to see students making the most of all the opportunities we offer, and if your child hasn't been going to any enrichment activities this year, please encourage them to try some in the autumn term.

I was delighted to see so many parents and carers supporting the celebration assemblies over the past week and I thank you for taking to time to share these lovely events recognising your children's hard work, progress and attainment. Students have shown resilience, creativity and a thirst for knowledge; their achievements academically, in sport, arts and other areas of school life are skills and experiences that they will carry with them forever.

This week we have received the news that Six Villages has again excelled in careers provision across all year groups, meeting 100% of the 17 assessment areas for provision of a stable careers programme, for meeting 100% of the assessment areas for learning from career and labour market information, for addressing the needs of each student through advice and support tailored to the needs of each student. We have also met all assessments for linking curriculum learning to careers as well as assessments for encounters with employers and employees and experiences of workplaces, further and higher education. I am indebted to Mr Marsh, our Careers Lead, whose commitment to careers provision and to meeting the six Gatsby benchmarks has led to these successes.

Please review the notices below carefully as there are numerous dates to note.

Staff leavers and starters

As with every year we have said good-bye to some staff today: Ms La, Miss Grossi, Mr Munro and Miss Goacher and wish them every success in the future in their new jobs and careers.

We will be welcoming new staff at the start of September including Mr Mitchell to the English department, Mr O'Connor and Miss Aldis-Hobbs to the Design & Technology department, Mrs Jackson to the MFL department and Mr Owen to the Science department.

Uniform

I realise that some students exert pressure on their parents to purchase items which are unacceptable instead of our stated uniform. Please refer to our uniform expectations prior to replacing school uniform. [Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Uniform](#). We will be returning to full, smart academy uniform on 5th September, with blazer and tie. It is highly unlikely that jumpers will be needed at the start of September and they may not be worn in place of the blazer.

Jewellery, hair colour and piercings

Please be reminded of our expectations regarding hair colour and piercings. If your child will be having a piercing done over the summer other than one ear-ring stud in each year, please ensure that it is healed by the start of the new term as nose and tongue piercings are not permitted in school and will have to be removed. Similarly, acrylic nails and nail varnish will also need to be removed by 5th September. Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted either. We are very proud of our smart uniform and thank you for your helping maintain our high standards.

Equipment

Please give your child a good start to 2025-26 by ensuring they have the following compulsory equipment: a pencil case; 2 black or blue ball point pens; a green pen; 2 HB pencils; an eraser, a pencil sharpener, a pair of compasses; a protractor; a 30 cm ruler; a black whiteboard pen and a whiteboard rubber. Students need a scientific calculator and a reading book of their choice. Students need a school bag.

School Photos and Annual Photography and Video Consent

The annual visit by the school photographer, Yellow, to take photos of Year 7, 9 and 11 students will take place on 10th September. Your help is urgently needed please. We are required to obtain photography and video consent annually from parents and carers. If we do not have consent from you, we will not be able to allow Yellow to take your child's school photo. Currently, only approximately 25 children in each year group will be allowed to have their photo taken. If you do not wish to provide consent, we still need you to complete the form to that effect.

Please 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 consent form](#)

[Year 8 into Year 9 consent form](#)

[Year 9 into Year 10 consent form](#)

[Year 10 into Year 11 consent form](#)

Please help the admin team prepare for 2025-26 and 10th September in particular, by completing the form today.

Open Evening – Thursday 18th September

A reminder of last week's 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.

Sparx Superstars this week are:

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| Annabelle G | Peach B | Josh C | Oliver E | Ben H |
| Emilie P | Alice M | Milly P | Joshua W | Zachary B |

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| 7O | Ronnie C | 8O | Charlie M | 9O | Ryan M | 10O | Skye C |
| 7R | Emily O | 8R | Chloe P | 9R | Louie B & Riley T | 10R | Shreyaa P |
| 7M | Alex Y | 8M | Bradley H | 9M | Eddie S | 10M | Dominika F |
| 7S | Lilli M | 8S | Laila F | 9S | Alan S | 10S | Tom W |
| 7T | Frederick H | 8T | Poppy R | 9T | David N | 10T | Jacky D |

Enrichment Programme and Sports Fixtures – Autumn Term

The enrichment programme and sports fixtures will be issued at the start of September.

Kung Fu lunchtime club

Kung Fu will take place at lunchtime on Wednesdays from 10th September at a cost of £84 per term. If your child would like to take part, this is now live on Parent Pay to secure and pay for their place.

Free summer events for families

West Sussex have asked me to share details of their free summer activities. Please see attached.

Resources to support young people with their mental health and wellbeing over the summer months

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation provide the following support.

- Text SUSSEX to 85258. Text SUSSEX is a free text service, there to help anyone who is struggling with their feelings. If a young person is feeling worried, sad, or lonely, text the word 'SUSSEX' to 85258 to start a silent conversation with a mental health professional. The service is free, confidential, and available at any time, day or night.
- Resources for families, carers and professionals: Please visit Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's website for a range of resources for families, carers, and professionals. This includes a series of pre-recorded webinars for parents and carers with hints and tips on how to support young people who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health.



If you have any questions, please email justine.williams1@spft.nhs.uk or Andrea.Potter@VCSE-MHTransformation.org

Summary of Term dates 2025-26

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| Autumn term 2025 | INSET days: 3 rd September and 4 th September First day of term for all students: 5 th September INSET day: 17 th October Half term: 27 th -31 st October INSET Day: 3 rd November INSET Day: 5 th December Last day of term: 19 th December |
| Winter break 2025-26 | 22 nd December - 2 nd January |
| Spring term 2026 | INSET day: 5 th January 2026 First day of term for students: 6 th January Half term: 16 th - 20 th February INSET day: 23 rd February Last day of term: 26 th March INSET day: 27 th March |
| Easter break 2026 | 30 th March – 10 th April (Bank holidays 3 rd and 6 th April) |
| Summer term 2026 | First day of term: 13 th April Bank Holiday: 4 th May Half term: 25 th – 29 th May (Bank holiday 25 th May) Last day of term: 22 nd July |

Safeguarding

During the summer holidays, we are aware that many children will spend time on their devices at home. It is important that you know how to make sure children are kept safe from online harms by ensuring there are appropriate security settings on their device. I would encourage you to review the advice issued by the NSPCC [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

OSVA Times

Please follow this link to read the latest edition of our school newspaper [OSVA Times](#) which will go live at 6pm today.

This year has been filled with growth, achievements and memorable moments for our students and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team of staff for their relentless hard work this year and wish all families in our community a very happy summer break. Above all, please stay safe.

We look forward to welcoming students of all year groups back on **Friday 5th September**. Thank you once again for your support and partnership with our academy. We look forward to working with you next year to maximise the potential of your children.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul Slaughter', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Slaughter
Principal