



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

## **Year 10 and 11 Information evening 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

A reminder that one of our key events for years 10 and 11 students and parents is taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Arrival is 5.45pm for a start at 6pm, to 7pm. As well as a post-16 careers fair with stalls from the major college and 6<sup>th</sup> form providers, there will be a 30-minute presentation on key information for the year. I can't emphasise how important it is for you to attend. The two events will be run concurrently, but the content of them is vastly different. If you attended last year's for Year 10, we do need you to attend this year's for Year 11.

## **Sparx Science is now live for all Years!**

Science homework is being set on Thursdays this year for all students. Students log in at [app.sparx-learning.com](https://app.sparx-learning.com). They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details. The first homework is due on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and by this point students should have completed 100% of the tasks. This has been set to take around 20 minutes. KS4 students will also receive additional guided revision homework to support their exam preparation. Each half term, students who have completed all work on time will be entered into a sweets raffle. Each week, those that do not will be asked to complete the following Monday at lunchtime in IT2. Please email Miss Clements on [ecs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:ecs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) if you have any queries or technical issues.

## **Mobile phones**

Headteachers are empowered by the government to develop and implement a policy which prohibits the use of mobile phones and enforce it rigorously. This has been in place at Six Villages for over a decade. Mobile phone use during the day at Six Villages is not allowed and all students are made aware of this when they join the academy. I regularly attend meetings of all secondary headteachers in the locality and I know therefore that this is common practice.

May I remind you all that whilst students may bring their mobile to school, it should be switched off and placed in the child's school bag on arrival.

Students found to be using their mobile phone will have it confiscated. On the first occasion, the child will be permitted to collect their phone at the end of the day. On any subsequent occasion, a parent will be required to collect the phone in person.

We are aware that a number of Year 7 students are using their phones during the day and this is not allowed. Please support the academy by resisting the temptation to contact your child during the day to see how their day is going. In the event of an emergency, please contact Reception. If your child has a need for you to be contacted during the day, they need to go to a member of staff or Reception for this.

Please also note that in the event that a child needs to borrow an item of clothing, for example a school tie, or other item, for example a lift key, it is a requirement to hand over the phone as a deposit. The phone is returned to the child when the item is returned at the end of the day. I introduced this system last academic year and it is very successful.

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Children no longer forget to return the borrowed item! Last year, over 100 ties were borrowed and not returned, at a cost of more than £1000 to the academy. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Advance notice for Year 7 parents – Tutor meetings – 23<sup>rd</sup> October – save the date**

An appointment booking system will be available to you in due course to book to see your child's tutor. In addition, you are asked to attend a brief presentation in the Gate theatre, during which I will outline essential information concerning your child's education at Six Villages. Please save this date.

### **Uniform**

I have noticed a couple of persistent uniform breaches have been occurring over the last couple of weeks.

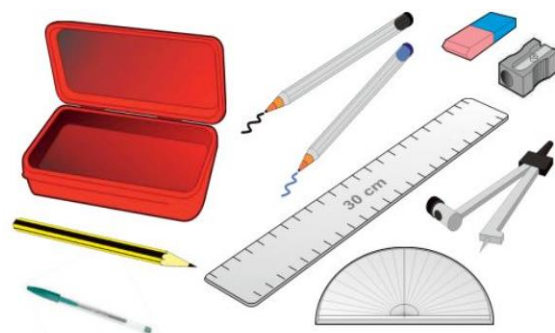
#### Winter coat v Hoodie

Please note that a winter coat may be worn over the blazer, particularly now the weather is turning colder. However, hoodies are not permitted in school, and may not be worn instead of a blazer. Hoodies arriving in school will be confiscated. Please ensure your child does not have a hoodie in their bag when they leave home; we are finding that wearers of hoodies have their blazers in their school bags.

#### Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted in school apart from one pair of stud ear-rings and a watch or similar wrist item. In the older years in particular, we are seeing an increase in bracelets and necklaces which are not permitted. It concerns me that some students are wearing expensive Pandora bracelets to school which I know to be costly. The academy cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to any such item.

Finally, a reminder that students should bring their equipment to school every day, ideally in a pencil case, and a reading book.



Students must have the following equipment (shown above):  
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 will also need:

A scientific calculator

Model Casio fx-83GT CW or fx-85GT CW



A reading book of their choice



### **Flu vaccination – all year groups**

The NHS Immunisation Service is coming to school on 10<sup>th</sup> October to give flu vaccinations to those students for whom consent is given.

Please read attached the Flu parent letter which we have been asked to share with you. For information about the Flu vaccine and frequently asked questions, please click on the following link:

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. You will need the school code found within the attached parent letter to complete a consent form.

Please note that we only provide the venue for this; if you have any questions, please contact the immunisation team.

### **Halloween Disco**

We are holding a Halloween Disco for Year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, in the Gate Theatre.

If your child would like to attend, please pay for their ticket on Parent Pay. There will be a tuck shop should students wish to purchase any snacks, which is cash only.

Students are welcome to wear fancy dress.



### Tutee of the week

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by their tutors this week:

7O	Bentley W	8O	Izzy H	9O	Mya B	10O	Amber R	11O	Faith W
7R	Riley C	8R	Amelia B	9R	Tom A	10R	Phoebe W	11R	Lucy S-F
7M	Kacey R	8M	Elodie W	9M	Jessica B	10M	Gideon L	11M	Luke B
7S	Kacper W	8S	Matilda M	9S	Iris W	10S	Laura Z	11S	Roo G
7T	Noomi M	8T	Esa D	9T	Archie D	10T	Kyle B	11T	Leon H

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
29/09/25	U16 Girls Football (H) SPH Collection time: 5:00 pm	Year 9 Football (A) FCC Collection time: 5:15 pm	Year 9 Netball (H) CFS Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 11 Football (A) BL Collection time: 5:30 pm	Year 8 Rugby (H) MRC Collection time: 5:00 pm
06/10/25		Year 8 Football (H) BCC Collection time: 5:15pm	Year 11 Football (A) MRC Collection time: 5:30 pm	U16 Girls Football (A) FCC Collection time: 5:15 pm
13/10/25	KS4 Table Tennis Tournament	Year 8 Football (H) TPS Collection time: 5:15 pm	Year 9 Netball (A) BCC Collection time: 5:15 pm Year 11 Football (H) FCC Collection time: 5:00 pm	Tag rugby tournament
20/10/25	KS3 Table Tennis Tournament	Year 8 Football (H) TRS Collection time: 5:15 pm	Year 8 Netball (H) TPS Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 11 Football (H) TPS Collection time: 5:00 pm	U16 Girls Football play off

### Key events

02/10 Y10 and 11 information/careers evening, 5.45pm for a prompt 6pm start  
06/10 Open Morning, 9am  
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10/10 Flu vaccine (all year groups, subject to consent)  
17/10 INSET day  
21/10 Y7 & 8 Halloween disco, 6pm  
23/10 Year 7 settling in tutor meetings, 3pm-6pm

Finally, I would like to share that today is National Teaching Assistant Day. We have a team of teaching assistants who are dedicated to supporting our students. I would like to commend our team for their hard work and the lasting impact they make every single day.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter  
Principal