



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

Transition to new school management system

I would like to begin this week's letter with an important update regarding how we manage student and parent/carer data. We are transitioning during half-term to a new digital school information management system called Arbor MIS. I would like to assure you that the data we process remains the same with data protection and cyber security being at the forefront of the Trust's decision-making process. This is a Trust-wide move and your personal data will remain safe and secure.

Over time, we will be able to introduce exciting new features including improved communication links with the academy and a secure online parent app.

Parent app

The Arbor parent app is designed to suit iOS and Android. After half-term, we will no longer be using Satchel One, and you will be able to view your child's homework, attendance and behaviour on the parent app. We will issue login details in due course. Signing up to your parent app is a much simpler process than our current provider too.

Student app

The student app is also designed for both iOS and Android and students, once provided with their login, will be able to view their homework with deadline and status as well as their timetable and many other features including rewards, behaviour and attendance.

Canteen account

Whilst we do not anticipate any disruption to normal academy operations, I would like to ensure we have all bases covered should there be any synching issues. Please can I encourage you, if possible, to top up your child's canteen account by 23rd October to cover purchases on the first couple of days back after half term.

I will keep you updated on the progress of the transition and will introduce you to the new parent app features as they become available. In the meantime, please be patient with our staff as they become familiar with the new system. Our core services staff have spent many hours training on the new system and we are working hard to minimise any disruption or inconvenience.

Health and Safety Notice

Aerosol sprays have never been permitted at the academy as they can trigger a range of respiratory conditions including asthma attacks. Last academic year I was clear to the student body in assemblies to each year group that aerosol sprays are not permitted. For the benefit of Year 7 families, I am re-issuing this information.

Earlier this week, the rule of no aerosol sprays was breached in a classroom triggering an asthma attack in a member of staff who was adversely affected by the aerosol gases.

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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. Aerosols 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 who provide support to 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. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

INSET Day

A reminder that next Friday (17th October) is an INSET day and the academy will be closed to all students.

Hello Yellow

Thank you for supporting our Hello Yellow day. We have raised £563 so far and have yet to count the proceeds of today's bake sale. If you have not yet donated and would like to, Parent Pay is still open for this.



Year 7 parents – Tutor meetings – 23rd October

A huge thank you to the two-thirds of the year group who have already booked their tutor appointment. Please can those of you who haven't yet booked, please take a moment to do so.

During the event, I will be delivering a presentation of key information that every Year 7 parent needs to know. As the appointments with tutors are spread across 3 hours, I will repeat the presentation half-hourly to ensure as follows:

3.20pm, 3.50pm, 4.20pm, 4.50pm, 5.20pm and 5.50pm

This will mean that you can choose to arrive early for your appointment and attend the presentation in the Gate theatre first, or attend after your appointment.

Halloween Disco

A reminder to purchase your child's Halloween Disco ticket on Parent Pay, if they are in Year 7 or 8 and would like to come. The disco is on Tuesday 21st October in the Gate Theatre. There will be a tuck shop should students wish to purchase any snacks, which is cash only. Students are welcome to wear fancy dress.

PE Fixtures this half term

Please find below details of PE fixtures for this half term

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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

Tutee of the week

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

7O	Amber C	8O	Jacob S	9O		10O	Kayden W	11O	George B
7R	Theodora T	8R	Faye T	9R	Katie B	10R	Iola S	11R	Carys T
7M	Lainee O	8M	Sam H	9M	Alex B	10M	Lauren T	11M	Wilbur T
7S	Ivy-Rose S	8S	Paige O	9S	Millie S	10S	Owen H	11S	Alice M
7T	Alexus E	8T	Ro Nash	9T	Scarlet T-B	10T	Lucas T	11T	Maddy M

Adventures Away from Home

Cobnor Activities Centre Trust has asked us to share with you their offer of two fully funded 2-night activity residential camps thanks to generous funding from the UK Youth Adventures Away from Home Grant. These residentials are designed for disadvantaged and vulnerable young people aged 11–18 years.

Dates

- Monday 27 – Wednesday 29 October 2025 – 20 places
- Wednesday 29 – Friday 31 October 2025 – 20 places

What is included

- Land and water-based adventure activities
- Evening sessions such as fire cooking and wide games
- Full supervision by trained and accredited staff
- Bedding provided plus full board catering (all diets catered for)

Cobnor Activities Centre Trust is an accredited outdoor activity provider. All staff are qualified, DBS checked and trained in First Aid and Safeguarding. Our activities provide transformative experiences for young people build leadership, teamwork, resilience and communication skills.

Eligibility

Open to disadvantaged and vulnerable young people. They will register each young person's area of need (social, financial, LAC, Young Carers, etc). Schools, group leaders and families will be asked to provide feedback on the impact.

Apply now

Spaces are limited and will fill fast. To reserve places, please ask parents to contact us direct on schools@cobnor.com

This is a unique opportunity to remove barriers and support local young people. Please spread the word and register as soon as possible.

Key events this half-term

17/10 INSET day

21/10 Y7 & 8 Halloween disco, 6pm

23/10 Year 7 settling in tutor meetings and presentation, 3pm-6pm

Congratulations

Finally, I would like to congratulate Emilio N and Tommy R who have been awarded a second year of term to represent Six Villages as OAT reps and they look forward to continuing their work on student wellbeing.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal