



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find this week's notices below.

Attendance

This week we have celebrated with 63% of the academy who attended fully for the last two weeks, achieving the first 10-day streak of this half-term in line with the challenge I set on the first day of term to attend every day this half term (29 days). I congratulate those students.

Whilst we are delighted so many students have been in school every day, it also highlights that one-third of the academy has been absent for at least one session in just the last two weeks, which is frankly disappointing and this is below the national average.

I will reiterate that whilst we appreciate that sometimes absence can't be avoided, there are many cases where we feel that it can be either avoided or shortened with increased resilience. Students can and should continue to attend school with minor ailments and need to learn to do so to prepare them for life in the workplace later.

1. The NHS guidance is as follows: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

If your child does not have a temperature, they can come to school with the following minor ailments:

- coughs and colds: children with slight cough or common cold symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat or headache
- cold sores
- conjunctivitis
- slapped cheek syndrome (they are no longer infectious once the rash appears)
- threadworms
- hand, foot and mouth

Students should not attend school if they have:

- a high temperature (defined by the NHS as 38°C or more)
- vomiting and/or diarrhoea
- measles (for at least 4 days)
- scarlet fever (they can return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics)
- impetigo (they can return 48 hours after starting antibiotics)

2. Students arriving late to school after registers have closed are accruing unauthorised absences 'U codes' which, in line with DfE guidance, may lead to a fixed penalty notice. If your child has had a U code in the last two weeks, please discuss their morning routine with them and ensure they arrive at school on time. You will already be aware from previous communications that 10 unauthorised absences of any kind in a 10 week period meets the criteria for referral for a fixed penalty notice and this is that action that will be taken.

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3. Please make medical or dental appointments outside school hours whenever possible. If it is not possible to do this, your child should attend school both before and after the appointment which will have less impact on their learning as well as their attendance.
4. Feeling anxious or worried: if your child is feeling like this or has any friendship, bullying, schoolwork or sensory problems, please contact us.

We recognise that from time to time some children may feel anxious or worried about coming to school. However, school is often one of the safest and most supportive places for them to be and at Six Villages we have a wonderful pastoral team who are experienced in offering the right support to help students manage and overcome these feelings; staying at home is likely to unintentionally increase anxiety. The longer they are absent, the harder it is to come to school.

As a parent myself, I know it can be really hard to bring a child to school when they don't want to come, but attending school is an expectation, not a choice that the child has and once they arrive we can work with them.

School provides routine, trusted adults, peer support and we work hard as an academy to foster a sense of belonging. Please work closely with our staff who can provide emotional support to enable your child to come to school.

I therefore encourage parents to work closely with us and to support attendance wherever possible, even on difficult days, as this gives children the best chance to thrive both emotionally and academically. If you do your part and get your child to the gate, we will support from there.

Year 8 HPV Vaccination Programme

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on Friday 5th June to offer your child the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccination.

Attached to this email is the HPV parent letter which contains information about the upcoming vaccination session and instructions on how to complete the online consent form before the deadline of 2nd June.

If there are any medical queries on the submitted consent form and we are unable to contact you to discuss them, we may have to delay vaccination and invite you to attend one of our clinics.

If you are unable to open the links within the attached document, please follow the links below:

For information about the HPV vaccine and frequently asked questions:
<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/human-papillomavirus-hpv-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

You will need the school code found within the attached parent letter to complete a consent form.

Years 9, 10 and 11 – HPV vaccination catch up

The Immunisation Service are coming into school for a HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccination catch up session on Friday 5th June 2026 to offer this vaccine to students in years 9, 10 and 11 who have not yet received the HPV vaccination, which is routinely offered in year 8.

If this applies to your child and:

- you have already completed and returned a consent form; the Immunisation Service will offer this vaccination at the upcoming catch-up session in school. Where a consent form was submitted in a previous school year, your local Immunisation Team will contact you prior to offering this vaccination.

or

- you consented for your child to receive this vaccination at a different school, and it is still outstanding, please contact your local Immunisation team on 01273 696011 ext. 8100 so that they can update your child's consent form.
- you have not yet consented and would like to do so please see the attached consent information.

Students now only require one dose of the HPV vaccination in total. For information about the HPV vaccine and frequently asked questions visit: [Frequently Asked Questions | Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#) (sussexcommunity.nhs.uk)

Year 11 Prom

Prom takes place on Friday 26th June; the cut off for purchasing tickets is 31st May. Students will be issued with a leavers form in the near future which they will need to get signed off by their subject teachers to confirm all books have been returned. Prom tickets will be issued after the last exam.

Director of Learning Student of the Week Award

Congratulations to the following students who have this award for making the best contribution to their year group this week.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Vanessa Z	Ellie P	Damien H	William S	

Tutee of the Week

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

7O	Lucas T	8O	Lexie M	9O	Eva H	10O	Ollie H	11O	Layla-Grace T
7R	Charlie M	8R	Jack B	9R	Leon S	10R	Phoebe W	11R	Oscar K
7M	Jenson C	8M	Noah P	9M	Harry B	10M	Reggie H	11M	Tom M
7S	Lillie-Mae F	8S	Molly T	9S	Laila M	10S	Jess S	11S	Darcey H
7T	Lily A	8T	Austin S	9T	Evelyn T-B	10T	Nina L	11T	Lexie S

Science

Skye C	Lucas T	Megan F	Jayden M	Violet T
Elizabeth T	James K	Lillie-M	Theodore B	Dhyan T

Maths

Amber C	Ivy Rose S	Willow S	Kacy S	Hayden T
Arthur B	Lilli M	Joshua W	Harry S	Leon S

English

Alby H	Lilli M	Willow R	Cara B	Eryn J
Sebastian C	Molly D	Julia S	Fletcher H	Max W

Fixtures

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4/5/26	U13 Boys Cricket (A) MRC Collection time: 5:15pm U13 Girls Cricket (H) CFS Collection time 4:45pm	WSW Senior Athletics	
11/5/26	U13 Boys Cricket (H) BCC Collection time: 4:45pm U13 Girls Cricket (A) FCC Collection time: 5:15pm		U15 Boys Cricket (A) BCC Collection time: 5:30pm U15 Girls Cricket (H) TPS Collection time: 4:45pm
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Key dates for next term

4 th May	-	Bank Holiday
13 th -15 th May	-	Silver DofE expedition
21 st May	-	Early finish, 1.10pm
21 st May	-	Year 10 Parents' consultation, 2pm-6.30pm
25 th -29 th May	-	Half-term break
5 th June	-	Year 8 HPV immunisations and catch ups Y9-11
11 th June	-	Military Cricket Event, Arundel Castle
18 th June	-	Portchester Castle trip
24 th June	-	Mountbatten Athletics Competition
26 th June	-	Year 11 Prom
w/c 29 th June	-	Year 10 work experience week
30 th June	-	Year 6 parents transition meeting, 6pm
1 st July	-	Countywide Transition Day
2 nd July	-	Colour Run, Years 7-9
10 th July	-	Sports day
15 th July	-	Year 8 celebration assembly
16 th July	-	Year 9 celebration assembly
20 th July	-	Year 10 celebration assembly
21 st July	-	Year 7 celebration assembly
22 nd July	-	Last day of term

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely extended weekend and we look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal