



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a privilege to write to you at the beginning of the academic year as the newly appointed Head of School at Ormiston Six Villages Academy. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer break, creating lasting memories and returning refreshed for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

As Mr Slaughter and I welcomed students back yesterday morning, it was wonderful to experience the sense of excitement and anticipation around the academy. For some, particularly those joining us in Year 7, there may also have been a few understandable nerves. Having spent time visiting lessons throughout the day, I have been impressed by the positive attitude, enthusiasm and purpose with which students have begun their learning. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I am excited about all that we will achieve together in the months ahead.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families as they join the Six Villages community. I look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership with you to ensure every student thrives both academically and personally.

Please look out for my weekly Friday letter, which will provide updates and key dates.

Achievement this summer

August's results celebrations provided a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of another successful cohort of students in their GCSE and vocational qualifications. If you have not yet had the chance to do so, I encourage you to read our results press release. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all of our students for their hard work and determination, and thank our dedicated staff and supportive families for the vital role they have played in these successes. As our students move on to the next stage of their education or training, we wish them every success and look forward to staying connected with them through our growing alumni network.

Onto this year

My first letter of the academic year is a bumper one but please do take the time to read the content and save the dates relevant to your child in your diaries.

Early finishes

There are no early finishes this year.

Open Evening – Thursday 17th September

There is no early finish on this day but there will be no after school enrichment. Students will finish school at the usual time of 2.50pm. 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 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. A letter will be available in Reception from Monday. We appreciate that the time between the end of the school day and the 4.30pm return to school is limited, and we hope this will not cause too much inconvenience. Please collect your children promptly at 8pm. Please also promote our Open Evening to your family, friends and acquaintances in the local community.

School photos

The school photographer is coming on Monday to take individual photos of Years 7, 9 and 11. Purchase of the photos is online only.

Please note that if you have not provided consent, your child will not be photographed on Monday.

Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations will be face-to-face this year, 3.30pm-7.30pm and are extremely important occasions. The dates of parents' consultations for this academic year are as follows; please save these dates.

Year 7 Parents' Consultation	- 9 th June
Year 8 Parents' Consultation	- 3 rd February
Year 9 Parents' Consultation	- 24 th March
Year 10 Parents' Consultation	- 20 th May
Year 11 Parents' Consultation	- 13 th January

Key dates for 2026-27

Year 7

I hope your children have enjoyed their first two days of secondary school. Rest assured they will very quickly get to know the layout of the academy, school routines, their teachers and peers. Students brought letters home yesterday regarding Parent Pay. Once you have registered on Parent Pay, you will be able to pay for your child to have a locker, if you wish, and then a locker will be allocated to them. Please allow time for the administration of this once you have paid.

Our information management system is Arbor and a 'how to' guide on setting up the parent app is attached.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Year 7 family project and afternoon tea event at 4pm on Thursday 10th September. We have been delighted by the phenomenal summer projects that have been brought into school, showcasing their creativity, enthusiasm and hard work. Parents and carers are warmly invited to view these fantastic pieces of work at our Celebration Event next week, refreshments will be also be available.

Year 7 events are listed below and the events parents need to attend are in *italics*:

<i>Year 7 Project and Afternoon tea</i>	-	<i>10th September, 4pm</i>
Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco	-	15 th October
<i>Year 7 Settling in tutor meetings</i>	-	<i>21st October, 3pm-6pm (appointment information to follow)</i>
Year 7 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November (subject to parental consent, details to follow)
Year 7 & 8 Valentine's Disco	-	11 th February
<i>Year 7 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>9th June</i>

Year 8

Events are noted below and those parents need to attend are in *italics*:

Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco	-	15 th October
Year 8 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November (subject to parental consent, details to follow)
<i>Year 8 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>3rd February</i>
Year 7 & 8 Valentine's Disco	-	11 th February
Year 8 HPV Vaccine	-	11 th June (subject to consent)

Year 9

Students will have individual career interviews and in the spring term we will be launching the Options process in preparation for Key Stage 4 GCSE courses starting September 2027. Events are noted below and those parents need to attend are in *italics*:

Year 9 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November (subject to consent)
Year 9 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November
Year 9 Career Interviews	-	10 th February
Year 9 DofE Practice Expedition	-	6 th -7 th March
<i>Year 9 Options Evening & Fair</i>	-	<i>10th March, 6pm</i>
<i>Year 9 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>24th March</i>
Year 9 teenage booster vaccination	-	20 th April
Year 9 DofE Expedition	-	8 th -9 th May
<i>Deadline for return of option forms</i>	-	<i>25th March</i>

Year 10

Students started their GCSE courses yesterday which is an important milestone in their education. Please save the date of 30th September to ensure you can attend the information and careers evening. This is a very important event. Please also save the date for the work experience launch meeting on 11th November (Teams meeting at 6pm) to ensure you have all the information you need to arrange your child's placement. The summary of dates is below, with events for parents in *italics*:

<i>Year 10 Information & Careers evening</i>	-	<i>30th September, 6pm</i>
<i>Year 10 Work Experience Launch</i>	-	<i>11th November (Teams), 6pm</i>
Year 10 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November
<i>Year 10 Exam Information Evening</i>	-	<i>24th February, 6pm</i>
Year 10 Mocks	-	19 th - 30 th April
Year 10 Silver DofE Practice Expedition	-	24 th - 25 th April
Year 10 Silver Qualifier Expedition	-	16 th -18 th June
<i>Year 10 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>20th May</i>
Year 10 Work Experience Week	-	5 th - 9 th July

Year 11

Yesterday marked the start of your child's final year of secondary education. Please save the date of 30th September for the information evening which relates to exams, revision and everything you need to know to support your child during their GCSE year. Dates for your diaries are below, with events requiring your attendance in *italics*:

<i>Year 11 Information & Careers evening</i>	-	<i>30th September, 6pm</i>
Year 11 mock exams	-	5 th – 18 th November
Year 11 Flu vaccine	-	26 th November
<i>Year 11 Parents' Consultation</i>	-	<i>13th January</i>
Year 11 whole group photo	-	25 th January
Year 11 final mock exams	-	1 st - 5 th March
Year 11 GCSE main season begins	-	10 th May
Year 11 Exam Contingency Day	-	23 rd June
Year 11 Prom	-	24 th June
Year 11 GCSE Results Day	-	19 th August

Summary of Term Dates

Autumn term 2026	INSET days: 1 st and 2 nd September 2026 First day of term for all students: 3 rd September Half term: 26 th - 30 th October INSET Day: 2 nd November Last day of term: 18 th December
Winter break 2026-27	21 st December – 1 st January
Spring term 2027	INSET day: 4 th January 2027 First day of term for students: 5 th January Half term: 15 th - 19 th February INSET day: 22 nd February Last day of term: 25 th March

Easter break 2027	29 th March – 9 th April (Bank Holidays 26 th and 29 th March)
Summer term 2027	INSET DAY: 12 th April First day of term: 13 th April Bank Holiday: 3 rd May Half term: 31 st May – 4 th June (Bank Holiday 31 st May) Last day of term: 21 st July

Communication

If you need to contact the academy at any time this academic year, please follow the guidance below.

Pastoral matters:

Contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

A full list of contacts is available on the website. Please bear in mind that teachers and directors of learning have busy teaching timetables and are unavailable to take phone calls during the school day or access their emails. We aim to reply within 48 hours. I have also asked staff not to email during the evening to protect their well-being.

If necessary after this, please contact your child's director of learning:

Year 7	-	Miss Trembath (dth@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 8	-	Mr Munt (dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 9	-	Ms Molineaux-Inglis (emx@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 10	-	Mr McConville (mme@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)
Year 11	-	Mrs May (lmv@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)

Subject related queries:

Contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance; if necessary after this, please contact the relevant Head of Department. A full list of contact details is available on the website <https://ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/our-academy/our-staff>

Safeguarding matters:

Contact our safeguarding team: osva_safeguarding@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Attendance:

If your child is absent at any time, it is imperative that a reason for absence is provided before 8.20am on each day of absence. This can be done via 01243 546854, or by email (osva_attendance@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk). Please also inform us of any planned absence as soon as possible.

Reception:

Reception is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday-Thursday, and 8am-3.30pm on Fridays.

The reception line can be very busy so if you call at peak times and go through to voicemail, please leave a message which will be passed on to the relevant member of staff. We encourage parents and carers to use direct dial numbers which not only connects you more swiftly to the member of staff you wish to speak to but also reduces the volume of calls to reception.

I would be very grateful if you would contact the relevant pastoral or subject member of staff in the first instance; regrettably it is not possible for all matters to escalate immediately to me as Head of School or Mr Slaughter as Executive Principal. Our teaching and pastoral teams are also the most informed about your children and their day-to-day activities and will be able to quickly resolve any query you may have.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a national, trust and academy priority. May I remind you that holidays during term-time are unlawful and I am unable to authorise them. Unauthorised absences meeting the criteria (10 sessions/5 days in a 10 week period), will be referred for a fixed penalty notice. Referral of any parent who received a fixed penalty notice during the last two years will automatically escalate to an increased fine of £160 per parent, per child. Please note that this also applies to fixed penalty notices issued for persistent unauthorised lateness or other unauthorised absence.

I believe that punctuality is one of the most important qualities a person can develop, whether they are a child, parent, teacher or member of the wider community. Being on time demonstrates reliability, self-discipline and respect for others.

If your child sometimes finds mornings challenging, please support them by establishing clear routines and encouraging them to prepare their uniform, equipment and school bag the evening before. Developing strong organisational habits and good punctuality will benefit them throughout their education and prepare them well for the world of work.

Arriving late to school means missing valuable learning time and can disrupt the learning of others. If you would like support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact their tutor in the first instance, who will be happy to help. Arriving late to school or lessons will continue to lead to a lunchtime detention.

For the benefit of our new parents and carers, please note that holidays during term-time are unlawful and will not be authorised. Unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) in a 10-week period will be referred to the local authority for a fixed penalty notice.

Please find below our extensive enrichment programme for this half-term. We would like every student to attend at least one enrichment activity. Please take a moment to look at the clubs on offer below and encourage your child to try one.

Fixtures

Fixtures will begin w/c 14th September; please find the schedule below:

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
14 th Sept 26	Year 9 Football (H) BL Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 10 Rugby (A) CHS Collection time: 5:15 pm	U16 Girls Football (H) TPS Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 11 Football (A) MRC Collection time: 5:30 pm	
21 st Sept 26	Year 9 Football (A) SPH Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 10 Rugby (H) SPH Collection time: 4:45 pm	Year 11 Football (H) SPH Collection time: 4:45 pm	Year 10/11 Netball (A) FCC Collection time: 5:15 pm Year 8 Rugby (H) BCC Collection time: 4:45 pm
28 th Sept 26	Year 9 Football (H) FCC Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 10 Rugby (A) BL Collection time: 5:15 pm	U16 Girls Football (H) BL Collection time: 4:45 pm Year 11 Football (A) TRS Collection time: 5:15 pm	Year 10/11 Netball (A) SPH Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 8 Rugby (H) CFS Collection time: 4:45 pm
5 th Oct 26	Year 8 Football (H) CFS Collection time: 4:45 pm	U16 Girls Football (A) SPH Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 11 Football (H) BL Collection time: 5:00 pm	Year 10/11 Netball (A) TRS Collection time: 5:15 pm
12 th Oct 26	Year 8 Football (H) TAS Collection time: 4:45 pm	U16 Girls Football (H) CHS Collection time: 5:00 pm Year 11 Football (A) CHS Collection time: 5:00 pm	Year 9 Netball (A) FCC Collection time: 5:15 pm
19 th Oct 26	Year 8 Boys Football (A) BCC Collection time: 5:30	Year 11 Football (H) TPS Collection time: 5:00 pm	Year 8 Netball (A) SPH Collection time: 5:00 pm

Head of School Drop In

Following on from Mr Slaughter's weekly drop ins, I will be holding these on Wednesday afternoons this year. If you would like an appointment, please contact Mrs Canadas on ccs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

As we look ahead to the term, we are excited about the many opportunities, events and experiences planned for our students. These events play an important role in enriching school life, building confidence and creating lasting memories.

I would like to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every student makes the most of the opportunities available to them, and we look forward to celebrating many successes with you throughout the term.

Yours faithfully



Josh Case
Head of School