



# ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Photo and video consent**

Across Ormiston Six Villages Academy, we regularly use photographs and videos to celebrate learning, achievement and school life. We use them for promotional purposes on official school and Trust websites, social media, and in publications such as prospectuses.

We take safeguarding and data protection seriously. Images are used respectfully, stored securely, and pupils' full names are not published alongside images on public platforms.

We have updated our policy with fewer, clearer categories of use to make it easier for parents to make decisions and for schools to manage consent. The four categories are:

1. Photo and video used within the school.
2. Photo and video used on school/Trust websites.
3. Photo and video used in external media.
4. Photo and video use for promotional materials for the school/Trust.

You will be able to see examples of each category are on the consent form. You can give consent and review your preferences on **Parent Portal** going forward.

## Action

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, Parent Portal will notify you to share your preferences. Please discuss your preferences with your child first, then log in to share them by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

After you have provided consent, you can update it at any time by contacting the School Office on [osva\\_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk).

## Feedback

If you would like to provide feedback on this process, please use the notes section on Parent Portal. If you have any questions or would like further information about the policy, please contact us on [osva\\_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk)

If you are not yet on the Arbor Parent Portal and require assistance, please refer to the guidance on the website and if necessary contact the office on the above email address.

## **Year 10 and 11 Information and Careers Evening – 30<sup>th</sup> September, 5.45pm for a prompt 6pm start**

A final reminder to confirm your attendance at these very important events please using the forms below:

[Year 10 Information and Careers Evening - Wednesday 30th September – Fill out form](#)

[Year 11 Information and Careers Evening - Wednesday 30th September – Fill out form](#)

### **Bus conduct**

Disappointingly, I need to raise the behaviour of a small number of students on the school buses. We have received reports of several incidents of unacceptable behaviour. The students concerned have been spoken to and reminded of our expectations. However, should poor behaviour persist, sanctions may include a temporary ban from travelling on the bus.

I would be very grateful if you would remind your children that when travelling to and from the academy in school uniform, they represent both themselves and the academy within the local community. We expect the same high standards of behaviour on school transport as we do within the academy.

I must recognise that the vast majority of our students behave impeccably on their journeys to and from school and I thank them for being such excellent ambassadors of the academy.

### **Bus passes**

Bus drivers have reported that a number of students are not travelling on the bus allocated to them on their bus pass. Please note that students are only permitted to travel on their designated bus, and drivers may refuse entry if they do not have a valid pass for that service. We would be grateful if parents and carers could remind their child to use their allocated bus each day. Choosing a different bus to travel with friends may result in students being unable to travel home on that service.

### **School photos – Years 7, 9 and 11**

Please be advised that if you have NOT yet placed your school photograph order, the order closing date is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. To place an order, please visit [www.smileYellow.com](http://www.smileYellow.com) using the password on the proofcard. If you do not have your password, please contact reception via [osva\\_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:osva_office@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) stating your child's name and tutor group.

### **Royal Society of Biology's National Spelling Bee**

Next week in Science lessons, all students will take part in a national spelling competition to celebrate Biology Week. There is a list of 100 words on Arbor for students to learn, they will then take on our in-class rounds (with prizes) leading to a final in the following week with even bigger prizes up for grabs!

### **Advance notice for Year 7 parents – Tutor meetings – 21<sup>st</sup> October – save the date**

We are delighted to invite Year 7 parents and carers to our Tutor Meetings on **Wednesday 21 October**. This is a valuable opportunity to meet your child's tutor, discuss how they have settled into secondary school, celebrate their successes so far, and explore any support that may help them thrive throughout the year.

The appointment booking system will open at **3.00pm today**. You will receive an email notification containing a direct link to make your appointment. Please take advantage of this important opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership and support your child's journey at Ormiston Six Villages Academy.

In addition to meeting with your child's tutor, our Head of School will be hosting short information sessions throughout the evening, beginning at 3.30pm and repeated regularly. These sessions will provide important updates about Year 7, key information for the year ahead, and guidance on how we can work together to support your child to achieve their very best. Please attend one of these sessions alongside your tutor appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Instrumental lessons**

Invoices for students who wish to have instrumental lessons this term have been added to Parent Pay and will need to be paid by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, as lessons on drums will start on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, and guitar on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. Timetables will be added to Arbor and also posted on the Music Department notice board.

All Year 7 students who are starting lessons, will be shown where their lessons will be taking place, prior to the first lesson.

If you have any questions regarding lessons, please contact Mr. D. Munt [dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk).

### **Year 7 and 8 Halloween Disco**

Tickets are now available on Parent Pay at £4 each, for Year 7 and 8 students wishing to attend our annual Halloween Disco on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm-8pm. Fancy dress is optional, but preferred! Please send your child with some cash on the night to purchase treats from the tuck shop. The event will be held in the Gate Theatre.

### **OAT Parent Survey**

Further to last week's outline of this survey, I would be very grateful if you would complete the survey by following this link: <https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=31737-71428-38392398>. Your feedback is of great importance to us.

### **Fixtures**

Fixtures this half-term can be found on the Enrichment page of the website [Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Enrichment](#)

### **Key dates this half-term**

Wednesday afternoons - Head of School drop in (contact Mrs Canadas [ccs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk](mailto:ccs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk) for an appointment)

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| 30th September           | - | Y10 and Y11 information and careers evening, 5.45pm for 6pm prompt start |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October | - | Y7 and Y8 Halloween disco                                                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October | - | Y7 setting in tutor appointments                                         |

Yours faithfully



Josh Case  
**Head of School**