



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 and 11 information evenings

Thank you very much for attending this week's information evenings. We are aware that a lot of information was shared and that you may wish to revisit this. Therefore, please find attached to this email, the powerpoints used on Wednesday evening.

Year 11 families were issued the November mock exam timetable and students should now have completed their revision timetable. Students need to revise one to two hours every day to prepare for the mock exams. The study links guide provided to students is also attached to this email.

Photo and video consent

The requests for consent for the four categories below went live yesterday and you can now view and consent as you wish in the Arbor portal or app. A description and examples of each category are available to view.

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.

Please take a moment over the coming week to review and confirm your preferences by 16th October. I would like to thank all those of you who have already provided your preferences.

If you are not yet up and running 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.

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 has been extended to Tuesday 6th October. To place an order, please visit 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 stating your child's name and tutor group.

Year 7 parents – Tutor meetings – 21st October – save the date

A huge thank you to the 80% of Year 7 families who have already booked their tutor appointments. Meeting with your child's tutor is one of the best ways to understand how they are settling into secondary school.

Please can those of you who have not yet booked your appointments do so as soon as possible. I can't emphasise enough how important the partnership between home and school is in supporting your child's success.

Taster Woodwind lessons: Final call

We are also pleased to advise that through our partnership with West Sussex Music, we are able to offer woodwind lessons from this academic year. As this is an area we would like to build upon, West Sussex have offered a free taster lesson for any students who have not had lessons in flute, clarinet or saxophone before. An instrument will be provided for this. If you are interested in your child taking part in this, please complete this form [Taster woodwind instrumental lessons – Fill in form](#) and a taster lesson will then be arranged.

If you have any questions about instrumental lessons please email Mr D. Munt dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk

Year 7 and 8 Halloween Disco

A reminder that 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 15th 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.

Enrichment Fair

Following on from last week's very successful enrichment fair, we are keen to receive student feedback. Please can you ensure your child completes the enrichment fair review which is an assignment on Arbor and takes two minutes to complete. If your child has not yet attended a club this term, please encourage them to choose one. [The autumn term enrichment programme](#) has a wide selection of clubs.

Mobile Phone Free Environment

A reminder that our mobile phone free environment includes period 6 and enrichment clubs. We have become aware that some students are exiting through the gate, opening their pouches on the maglocks and returning into school for their clubs, fixtures or period 6 sessions. This is unacceptable and in breach of our policy. Please remind your child that they are not allowed any access to their phone until they actually leave site.

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 for an appointment)

15 th October -	Y7 and Y8 Halloween disco
21 st October -	Y7 setting in tutor appointments

OAT Parent Survey

There's still time to have your say! If you have not already completed this Trust-wide survey, please click the link below to share your feedback. We would love Six Villages to be the academy with the most responses, and every contribution makes a difference. Your feedback is of great importance to us.

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=31737-71428-38392398>.

Pumpkin competition

The Art & Technologies department have launched a pumpkin competition for students to design, carve, photograph, paint or create their own pumpkin, however they wish. Entries should be brought into the Gate Theatre on Thursday 22nd October. There will be prizes for the most creative.

New Wall Murals

Finally, I'm delighted to share that we have designed a series of [new wall murals](#) designed to bring learning to life throughout the academy. By transforming corridors, classrooms and communal areas, these striking graphics celebrate achievement, support curriculum learning and promote our values. Carefully crafted to engage and inspire, they help create a positive, aspirational and vibrant learning environment for all students. You may already have seen them, but if not, do take a look, we are very proud of them!

Yours faithfully



Josh Case
Head of School