



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin this week's letter by thanking you for your continued support. This week has been another positive and purposeful week across the academy with students working hard and continuing to demonstrate the standards and values we expect of them. This week we have also welcomed visitors from Ormiston Academies Trust, and it was particularly encouraging to receive very positive feedback about the calm and purposeful learning environments across the academy and the good conduct of our students.

Please find this week's notices below. This week's letter is a little quieter in terms of major announcements as we are approaching the half-term break; however, there are a few reminders relating to routines and expectations which are important to note.

Year 7 Tutor Appointments - 21st October

We look forward to welcoming you to your tutor appointments. Aside from the tutor appointment, I will be holding half-hourly sessions in Inclusion to provide you with key updates. These will be held on the hour and half-past the hour from 3pm to 5.30pm. Please can you plan to attend one of these either before or after your child's appointment. Please sign in at reception on arrival. Tutors will be in the Gate theatre.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is an important occasion in the academy calendar, when the whole school community gathers in the courtyard for our annual Act of Remembrance. The ceremony includes readings and reflections from our student leaders, the playing of the Last Post and a two-minute silence, giving our community the opportunity to remember those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict.

This year, students who are members of the Scouts, Guides, Cadets or other recognised uniformed organisations are warmly invited to attend school in their organisation's uniform and take particular pride in representing their organisation during the ceremony.

Flu vaccination programme

The NHS Immunisation Service are coming into school to offer Year 7-11 students the Flu vaccination on 26th November. The Flu parent letter which contains information about the upcoming vaccination session and instructions on how to complete the online consent form has been emailed separately. For information about the Flu vaccine and frequently asked questions: <https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form: <https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. You will need the school code found within the attached parent letter to complete a consent form.

Year 11 Macbeth trip

A reminder that the English department is offering Year 11 students the opportunity to watch a live performance of Macbeth, on Wednesday 24th March, 2027 at The Kings Theatre in Portsmouth. This trip will enable your child to visualise their GCSE Shakespeare text and will complement their revision for their exams. Please note, we have secured many tickets, but places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for consent and payments is Friday 27th November.

Attendance and Punctuality

As we approach the half-term break, please encourage your child to maintain the excellent routines and standards established since September. This is often the point when tiredness begins to creep in, so good sleep, organisation, attendance and punctuality remain particularly important. As parents and carers, you play an invaluable role in supporting these routines and we are grateful for your continued encouragement at home. Something as simple as checking the timetable and preparing a school bag the evening before can help make the start of the following day much calmer and more successful.

Regarding attendance, we recognise that there can be genuine illness at times, but must emphasise the importance of encouraging resilience and aiming for good attendance and punctuality. If you are not sure if your child can attend school if they have some form of ailment, the NHS provide a useful guide [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) which outlines when a child must remain at home and when a child can still attend school.

Punctuality is also important. Every lesson matters and arriving on time helps students to start the day positively and make the most of their learning. Developing strong habits around attendance and punctuality now will support students throughout their education and prepare them well for future study and employment.

Uniform standards

Thank you for continuing to support our high expectations around school uniform. Taking pride in appearance contributes to a positive school culture and helps ensure that students arrive each day ready to learn. May I remind you that hoodies are not permitted. As the weather becomes colder and increasingly changeable, please encourage students to come to school prepared for the weather conditions. A suitable coat worn over the blazer will become particularly important as students will continue to spend time outside during breaks and at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as travelling to and from the academy.

Cycling to school

We have received a report of a young cyclist who may have been wearing our academy uniform, riding in near darkness without a helmet and lights. As the mornings and evenings become darker, please remind your child to take extra care when travelling to and from the academy. If cycling, we strongly encourage students to wear a helmet, use appropriate lights and ensure they are clearly visible to other road users.

Enrichment

Following on from the very successful Enrichment Fair earlier this half-term, we continue to encourage all students to take advantage of the activities available at school. Getting involved in clubs, activities and enrichment is a fantastic way to develop confidence, build friendships and discover new interests. If your child has not yet attended an enrichment activity this term, please encourage them to explore the choices available and try something new.

INSET day

A reminder that after the half-term break we have an INSET day on Monday 2nd November and students return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

I hope you and your families have an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to a positive final week together before half-term.

Yours faithfully



Josh Case
Head of School