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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to begin this week's letter by commending our Year 11 students for the mature, focused and responsible way they have approached the start of their mock exams this week. These assessments are an important milestone in their preparation for the summer exams and it has been wonderful to see students arriving well-prepared and demonstrating a positive attitude towards the exams.

As the mock exam period continues, we encourage students to maintain a consistent revision routine to support their preparation and build confidence ahead of their remaining exams. At the same time, it is important to balance studying with appropriate rest, relaxation and downtime to support their wellbeing and ensure they are able to perform at their best throughout the examination period. Well done, Year 11!

Please find this week's notices below.

OAT Representatives

Congratulations to Heath and Eva who are our new OAT student representatives. Ormiston Student Voice brings together students from every OAT academy to represent their peers, discuss key issues, and take action. Students collaborate with others from 45 academies across the country and actively participate in decisions that affect their education and school community. Throughout the year, Student Voice participants will represent their peers by consulting with academy, trust, and sector leaders who are responsible for priorities such as behaviour and culture, inclusion, and wellbeing. We are proud to see Heath and Eva taking on this important role and look forward to hearing about their experiences and the ideas they bring back to help strengthen student voice within our academy.

Parent Voice

On the subject of student voice, we are equally keen to receive feedback from all parents and carers. The following link to a short parent voice quiz of 12 questions takes a minute or two to answer. Please can you take a moment to share your views. Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Parent Voice Survey – Fill out form

Your feedback is very important to us. Many thanks in advance for helping with this.

Christmas lunches

We are delighted to announce that throughout December we will once again be holding our annual Christmas Lunch and Enrichment Days, a tradition that we have had the pleasure of delivering for the past five years.

As part of these special days, we invite students to come to school wearing something Christmas-themed on their allocated day. We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 via ParentPay by 30th November, with all proceeds helping to support future enrichment opportunities for students and a percentage going to our chosen charity, St Wilfred's Hospice.

One of the highlights of these days is our free sit-down Christmas lunch with all the trimmings provided to all year groups on their allocated day (see below). This special event reflects our academy values of community, kindness and respect, bringing students and staff together to celebrate the festive season. Students will enjoy a hot lunch alongside their Tutor, Teaching Assistants and Director of Learning, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere that has become a much-loved part of academy life.

The Christmas Lunch and Enrichment Days will take place on the following dates:

- Year 7 - 1st December 2026
- Year 8 - 2nd December 2026
- Year 9 - 3rd December 2026
- Year 10 - 8th December 2026
- Year 11 - 10th December 2026

We look forward to celebrating with our students and thank you, as always, for your support.

Remembrance Day
We will gather as a whole community in the courtyard for our annual Act of Remembrance on 11th November. 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.

Assessments
Congratulations to students across all year groups who completed assessments prior to half-term and applied all their hard work. The data from these assessments will be in their end of Autumn term report.

Flu vaccination programme
A reminder of the need to complete the Flu vaccination consent form if you have not already done so for the NHS Immunisation Service, who 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. If you have any questions please contact the NHS team.

Enrichment
The enrichment activities and fixtures for next half-term can be viewed here: Ormiston Six Villages Academy - Enrichment

Phone Free Environment
Please can you remind your child that once they enter the school site, mobile phones should not be used. Prior to the introduction of the pouch system, students were already expected not to use mobile phones once on the school site, and this expectation remains unchanged.

There is a short period between students arriving on site and their supervised roll call process when phones are secured in pouches. A small minority of students are currently using their phones during this time. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child that phones should not be used on site and that they should be ready to secure their device in their pouch at roll call.

It has been wonderful to see the academy so purposeful and productive this week. Thank you to our students, staff and families for helping ensure such a positive start to the half-term. We look forward to another successful and rewarding few weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully



Josh Case
Head of School