

25th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the half term and to share some information about forthcoming events / dates for your diary.

Change to lunch break times due to Y11 Mock Exams

From today, Monday 11th November 2024 Year 11 will be starting their exams. This means that for the duration of the exam period we will be moving our lunch break forward an hour to 12.20pm. Students will have their usual period 3, then lunch followed by period 4 and 5.

Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

| Day | Subject | Teacher | Time | Room |
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| Monday 28 th October | Media Studies | SSO | 9.00am-2.00pm | IT6 |
| | English | AWA | 9.30am-11.30am | EN7 |
| Tuesday 29 th October | Engineering | KMI | 9.00am-1.00pm | DT1 |
| Wednesday 30 th October | iMedia | RRE IFO | 9.30am-1.30pm | IT4 |
| Thursday 31 st October | Maths (Higher) | GPI | 9.00am-10.30am | MA6 |
| | Maths (Foundation) | GPI | 10.45am -12.15pm | MA6 |
| Friday 1 st November | No revision sessions | | | |

Student Success

On Thursday, our U14s girls football team played their county cup fixture away at North Walsham. After being 4-0 down at half time, we brought it back to 4-4 with 2 goals each from Eleanor and Harper. Unfortunately, in the final minutes the opposing team scored a winner making it 5-4. Second half game play was outstanding, to bring it back. A huge well done girls!

Year 9 Bronze DofE Bronze enrolment

Thank you to all the Year 9 students who have returned their DofE enrolment forms. We have nearly 30 students who will be starting to work towards their bronze DofE after half term, which is really exciting. I will be sending letters out in the new term; detailing the dates of the DofE training sessions and expeditions.

I will ask finance to add the enrolment fee of £28.50 to everyone's Parent Pay accounts (this may not happen until after the half term break). Once this is paid, we will be able to set up the accounts on electronic (e) DofE. Please be aware that once paid this cannot be refunded as it is a direct payment to DofE.

Please let me know if you will have difficulties paying the enrolment fee by then or if you are entitled to Pupil Premium so I can see how we can help you.

After the half term break, we will have the first welcome meeting, on Thursday November at 3pm, when DofE pupils can come along to the first of their DofE training sessions with us.

Please email ccormack@cliffparkoa.co.uk with any queries/concerns. Mrs Cormack

PE Lessons

From Monday 11th November 2024 through to Friday 22nd November 2024 we have our mock exam period. This will mean that the indoor spaces for PE are unavailable. During this period, lessons will be held outside regardless of the weather. Please make sure your child brings in suitable clothing for PE by checking the weather forecast for the day. Extra layers such as coats and waterproof jackets, ideally without hoods due to health and safety, will be allowed as long as they are not restricting the student for the PE lesson.

Year 8 girls are moving onto Hockey which we strongly advise students to wear shin pads and gum shields for these lessons.

Any issues or questions, please email Miss Briggs rbriggs@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Lost property

we have lots of it and all unnamed could we ask parents to name their items. We also have lots of expensive coats here unclaimed. If parents are aware their child has lost a coat, please contact the attendance team, parent can describe it and we will see if we have it. If not they will be donated to a charity in December.

Student Absence

We have a lot of parents letting us know their child is ill/has an appointment after 8:30am. Could we remind parents that they need to notify school before 8:30am for illness and in advance for appointments. Any emergency appointments we understand cannot be made aware in a advance.

Medication in the Academy

Please can we remind parents that students are not permitted to carry any form of medication with them around the academy. If your child needs to take any medication during the academy day please complete a medical form and leave the medication with main office. Student will be able to access the medication when required at break and lunch (or as directed by GP). Thank you in helping us to support the safety of our students.

After School pick-ups

If for some reason you are delayed or your child misses their ride home please can you ask them to return to the front office where a member of staff will help them. As the dark nights approach, we do not want students waiting outside on the road or being uncertain what to do in this situation.

School Diner

We are delighted with the positive response we have received from students regarding the new menus and food in the school diner.

We continue to offer a free breakfast for all our students. The Breakfast Club is available between 8.00AM and 8.25AM and all students are welcome.

Please could I remind parents to make sure that you have placed sufficient funds on your child's Parent Pay account to help maintain the smooth running of the checkouts.

Heads of Year Contact details

If you need to contact your child's head of year please email them or call the main reception to pass a message on for you.

Year 7 - Ms Phillips ephillips@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Year 8 - Mr Warnes mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Year 9 - Miss Harris mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk
Year 10 – Mrs Dudley ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk
Year 11 - Mr Callaby rcallaby@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Attendance contact details

If you need to contact attendance please either call the student absence line – 01493 661504 and choose option 1 or email attendance@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Reminder for PE Kit

A polite reminder that students must bring in their PE kit for all PE lessons. However hoodies are not acceptable due to health and safety.

Knowledge Organisers

Years 7, 8 and 9 all have their knowledge organisers. These are important documents that outline the core knowledge being studied in each of their subjects this half term. Students have been informed how the academy will be using the knowledge organisers, as well as how they can be used at home to help with their knowledge retention. Copies of the knowledge organisers and the six ways in which students can use them can be found on our website: www.cliffparkoa.co.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers

Please discuss the knowledge organisers with your child; it is important they are viewed by students as an essential part of their daily table service. As outlined in the letter and through assemblies, students will receive a sanction for not having their knowledge organiser with them for each lesson.

Punctuality Reminder

Students should be present on academy site by 8.30am

Punctuality plays a vital role in your child's academic success and overall well-being. Arriving to school on time ensures that students can fully participate in all aspects of the learning experience, including morning routines, important announcements, and instructional time.

We understand that there may be occasional circumstances beyond your control that contribute to lateness. However, establishing and maintaining a consistent routine is essential in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day.

Uniform donation request

We support our students and families by holding a bank of spare academy uniform for any student who needs it for whatever reason. We are asking for your help please. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and you would like to donate it to our uniform bank that would be amazing. Any donations can be given to our reception.

Thank you in advance for any support you can give us.

SEND drop in reminder

If you have any concerns or questions around SEND, Parents and Carers are invited to attend a SEND drop in session which is held at the academy every Tuesday morning 8.30 - 8.50am.

Parent Drop In reminder

Parents / Carers are welcome to drop into the academy to meet with myself or a member of my Senior Team every Wednesday. **You do not need to make an appointment, please just come to reception between 8.50 and 9.30AM and we will be happy to meet with you.** I understand the crucial role that parents play in a community school and welcome discussion on any aspect of our school community.

Unfortunately we will not be able to see parents who drop into reception outside of this period except where there is a safeguarding concern.

Important Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 4 th November | Students return to academy (Week 1) |
| Thursday 14 th November | Online Parent Forum |
| Thursday 16 th January | Year 11 Mock Exam Information Evening |
| Thursday 6 th February | Year 9 Parents/Options Evening |
| Thursday 20 th March | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| Thursday 1 st May | Year 8 Parents Evening |
| Thursday 15 th May | Year 10 Parents Evening |

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining the high standards that we know you expect from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.

Have a brilliant weekend and half term break

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal