

13th December 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Please see below some information about forthcoming events / dates for your diary.

Last day of term arrangements

Normal lessons will be taking place up to and including the last day of term. Form Tutors will be holding Form Group Parties during the last hour of the school day.

The last day of term will be a non-school uniform day. Whilst the day is at no cost to the students, we are asking for donations of tinned food for our food bank to help support struggling families in our community over the festive period.

Attendance Incentive - 8 days of Christmas

All students who are in school and on time daily, are entered into a draw to win different prizes, so far we have had cinema vouchers, free lunches at the diner and amazon vouchers! Be in school every day next week for a chance to win Just eat Vouchers, Chocolate hampers and lots more!

Parent Attendance Incentive

All students who have 100% attendance in the last week of term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £40 Just Eat voucher which they can use to buy their family a nice meal over the holiday.

Cliff Park Year 9's Boys Show Class at Acle High!

Fantastic achievement for the Year 9 boys as they progress to the next round of the county cup, defeating Acle High 2-1 on Wednesday. This match featured two outstanding team goals and impressive individual performances. A huge shoutout to the Year 8 players who stepped up and contributed with their excellent play.

Active Lives Survey

Active Norfolk have asked us to complete the Active Lives Survey to students in Years 7, 10 and 11. This report feeds into wider county and national reporting on activity levels in young people. As a school we will get a report into the activity levels of our pupils as well as vouchers for extra sports equipment if enough students respond. The survey has been set as home learning through Class Charts for students in these years and only takes a short time to complete, please encourage your child to complete it before the deadline of Friday 20th December.

Student Absence Line opens at 7.30 am

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

Main reception

Opening hours for our main reception – 8.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday. 8.00 am to 3.30pm on a Friday. Telephone 01493 661504 option 2 or email enquiries@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 cpoaattendance@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
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
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

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal