

## Volume 2.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Welcome to *Cliff Park Connect* – your weekly window into life at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy.**

We want to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your unwavering support. Whether it's encouraging your child each morning, attending meetings, supporting behaviour expectations, or working in partnership with us when challenges arise - your involvement makes a real difference. There has been some publicity about Cliff Park following our recent Ofsted inspection. You can read the full article here:

👉 [Great Yarmouth Mercury – Cliff Park Academy rated 'Good' by Ofsted](#)

### Student Successes

Congratulations to Corben Pollard who competed at Crystal Palace at the weekend and won a bronze medal at the South of England Athletics championships in the U15 boys 200m.

He beat his PB in his heat, then again in Semi-final and then again in the final running 22.97 seconds, which has matched the current Norfolk county record.

Such a huge achievement at such a big completion. Well done Corben!

### Year 8 Tea Time Athletics

On Tuesday 16 Year 8s took part in the Tea Time Athletics at Wellesley. There were some excellent results and performances from all involved.

**Well done to everyone who took part.**



### Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday lunch time we will be holding a wellbeing walk around the field. Students will meet with Mrs Huggins and Miss Read 10 minutes into lunch and we will walk and talk for around 20 minutes. This is open to all students and staff who want to join in and there is no need to sign up. Please encourage your child(ren) to come along. We will also be sharing a Wellbeing tip each Wednesday on our Instagram and Facebook pages. Please follow our pages for more information on this and other news and activities throughout the week.

### Summer Uniform Changes

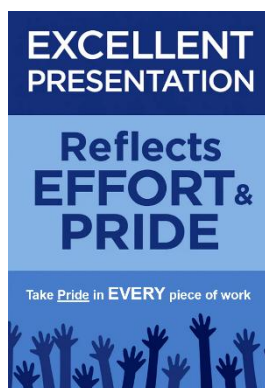


As the hot weather approaches it is important to us that all students feel as comfortable as possible. From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, students will have the option to wear their PE kit in place of their normal school uniform.

#### **PE Uniform**

Students should wear a white polo shirt or T shirt, a plain blue or black jumper (without large logos) and either plain blue or black shorts or skort. Students are not allowed to wear leggings or jogging bottoms. No other clothing will be permitted.

## Focus on: Book Presentation



During the final weeks of the Summer Term, we will be working with staff and students to reset expectations around exercise books focusing on 'Effort and Pride in every piece of work'. **We believe that how students present their work says a great deal about how they value their learning.**

In the coming weeks, staff will be working with students to reinforce consistent expectations for how work should begin, be structured, and completed including title and date underlining and high-quality written work with an aim to build strong habits across every subject and year group.

**We will be sharing examples of great work via our social media channels.**

## Holland Trip – exciting opportunity

We are excited to announce a proposed **Sports Tour to Valkenburg, Holland** during May Half Term 2026, for students with a passion for football and adventure! It would mark one of Cliff Park's first overseas trips for some years and is shaping up to be one of its most memorable!

This five-day trip promises to be a memorable experience, combining competitive football fixtures with cultural exploration and personal development. Students will enjoy:

- Three football matches against local Dutch teams
- Visits to three exciting theme parks
- A stay in a local hotel with full board meals
- Travel by coach and ferry, with full insurance included
- A commemorative trip hoodie



The is expected to cost around **£800**, with a savings plan available to help spread the cost.

At this stage, we are gauging interest. If your child would like to be part of this incredible opportunity, please return the reply slip from the letter which was sent home to all Year 7-9 pupils, and be prepared to pay a **£100 deposit by Friday 18th July 2025**.

An information evening will held before the end of the academic year to firm up details once we have received enough interest from students and their families.

For further details or queries, contact Mr K. Palmer at [kpalmer@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:kpalmer@cliffparkoa.co.uk).

## Parent Forum

We look forward to welcoming you to the next forum on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Please see below the video recording of our last forum which focused on our Ofsted report.

 [Click to watch the Parent Forum on YouTube](#)

## Stay Connected – Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

Want to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and celebrations from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy? Make sure you're following us on social media!

Our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages are the best way to get a behind-the-scenes look at life at Cliff Park – from student achievements and classroom highlights to important updates and upcoming events.

## **Follow us today:**

**Facebook:** [Cliff Park Ormiston Academy](#)

**Instagram:** @CliffParkOrmistonAcademy

We're proud of our students and everything they're achieving – come and see for yourself what makes Cliff Park such a special place to learn.



### **Tootoot**

Last term I wrote to parents introducing a new platform called Tootoot as an additional element of our anti-bullying and safeguarding strategy.

Tootoot is a safe, anonymous online service that allows students to report concerns or worries they may have – whether they are experiencing bullying, struggling with wellbeing, or have seen or heard something they feel uncomfortable about. It empowers young people to speak up and seek help in a way that feels secure.

**All students have access to Tootoot from their school internet account at any time.**

### **Help Us Celebrate Your Child's Success!**

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we love to celebrate the achievements of our students – both in and out of school. Whether it's a sporting success, a creative talent, community involvement or a personal milestone, we want to hear about it!

If your child has achieved something you're proud of, big or small, we'd love the chance to share it with our school community through our newsletters and social media channels.

### **How to share:**

Please email a short description and, if possible, a photo to [CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Thank you for helping us shout about all the brilliant things happening beyond the classroom!

### **Year 10 Mock Exams**

We have been very impressed with the brilliant attitude Year 10 are showing towards their mock exams. We ask all parents and carers to continue encouraging strong revision habits, excellent attendance, and punctuality during this period. **A copy of the revision pack that students have been given has been posted on ClassCharts.**

If you have any questions about the mock exams or how to support your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

It is great to see that so many of our Year 10 have now confirmed their work experience placements for the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> June. We encourage those who have yet to find a placement to do so as it always proves to be an excellent opportunity for students to find out about the world of work.

Students who are unable to find a placement will be required to attend the academy as normal and will be accessing a number of workshops.

### **Student Leadership Team Launch – Applications OPEN NOW!**

We are excited to introduce a **BRAND-NEW** Student Leadership Team (SSLT) at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, designed to give students a powerful voice in school life and the opportunity to shadow key areas of school leadership.

This structure has been carefully developed to mirror and shadow the roles within our Senior Leadership Team, giving students genuine insight into how the academy operates, while empowering them to lead on initiatives that matter to their peers.

At the centre of the structure is the Student Principal, who will work alongside staff and students to influence decision-making, lead meetings, and support whole-school development.

Applications for this prestigious role opened on Monday 9th June 2025 and must be submitted via a formal application form with the requirement for a reference from staff. Appointments will be made

through a shortlisting and interview panel process, ensuring the role is awarded fairly and transparently. It is open to all year groups, 7 through to 10.

The successful Student Principal will then play a key role in selecting the wider leadership team, including deputies responsible for curriculum, wellbeing, behaviour, enrichment and more.

We look forward to seeing our students step forward to lead with vision, voice and pride.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and support them in their leadership journey!

### **Year 6 Transition Information**

Transition for our new Year 7 students is now underway. Key Transition Dates are as follows:

- **Transition Days for Students:**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Your child will spend these two days with us, getting to know the school, their teachers, and fellow classmates.
- **Parent Information Evening:**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm**

An opportunity for parents/carers to meet key staff, learn more about our routines, expectations, and how we will support your child's journey at Cliff Park.

More detailed information about enrolling your child and further information about tutor group, uniform, equipment, and our first day arrangements will follow in due course.

### **Year 11 Prom Information**

We were delighted to invite Year 11 students to the Leavers Prom this week. The details of the Year 11 Prom are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Time:** Arrive for 6.30pm – 11.00pm

**Venue:** Royal Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth

**Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay for £40

### **Breakfast Club**

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.**

### **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.

### **Main reception Opening Hours**

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](mailto:enquiries@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

### **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.

### **NEW Weekly Principal Drop-In – Tuesdays 3:00–4:00PM**

We're pleased to introduce a new opportunity for parents and carers to speak directly with the Principal in an informal setting. Starting this term, Principal Drop-In Sessions will run every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00PM, right after school.

Whether you have a question, some feedback, or simply want to have a conversation about life at Cliff Park, you are warmly welcome to drop in – no appointment needed.

We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to strengthen the partnership between school and home.

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                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y10 Work experience week       |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June / Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July | Year 6 Transition days         |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Year 6 Parents Evening 6.00 pm |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                               | Year 11 Prom                   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Last day of Summer term        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                         | School reopens                 |

### **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](mailto:ephillips@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 8 - Mr Warnes [mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mwarnes@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 9 - Miss Harris [mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:mharris@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 10 – Mrs Dudley [ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:ddudley@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

Year 11 - Mr Callaby [rcallaby@cliffparkoa.co.uk](mailto:rcallaby@cliffparkoa.co.uk)

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**