

16th May 2025

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.

Year 10 Parents Evening

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who attended our Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 15th May. It was a pleasure to welcome you into the academy and to have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as they move into this crucial stage of their GCSE journey.

If you were unable to attend and would like an update on your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Year 10 Mock Exams (Timetable attached)

As part of our ongoing support for academic success, Year 10 students will sit their mock examinations between Monday 2nd June and Friday 27th June 2025.

These mock exams are a vital opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions, practise applying their knowledge under timed pressure, and identify strengths and areas for improvement ahead of their final GCSE year. The results will also help teachers tailor support, interventions, and future planning to ensure every student is on track for success.

We ask all parents and carers to encourage 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.** This includes a draft revision timetable for students to use. Some blocks have already been added in blue as suggested independent revision times. This booklet also contains the full mock timetable. This mock timetable is also attached to this email.

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 30th 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.

The original letter and guidance on how to complete the online work experience form are attached to this email.

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.

Year 11 GCSE Exams

I would like to congratulate Year 11 students on an excellent start in their full first week of GCSE exams.

Punctuality to exams is vital. Students must arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of each exam. Arriving late risks disqualification and increases unnecessary stress. If for any reason your child is running late or there is an emergency, please call the school immediately on:

01493 661504 OPTION 1

Student Behaviour on Public Transport – Representing our Academy with Pride

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we are proud of the way our students conduct themselves in school, and we expect the same high standards to be upheld in the wider community — including on public transport.

Many of our students use local bus services each day, and we've been pleased to receive positive comments from members of the public about the respectful and courteous behaviour of most students. However, we've also been made aware of a few incidents where behaviour has fallen short of the standards we expect.

We want to remind all students that when wearing the Cliff Park uniform, you are representing not just yourself, but our whole school community. Whether you're on the way to school or returning home, your behaviour makes a lasting impression.

Here's how you can help:

- Use respectful language and speak at a reasonable volume.
- Offer your seat to those who may need it, including the elderly, disabled passengers, or those with young children.
- Dispose of litter properly and respect the bus environment.
- Follow the driver's instructions and travel safely at all times.
- Treat other passengers and transport staff with kindness and courtesy.

We will continue to work with local transport providers to monitor behaviour and ensure that all students feel safe and supported on their journeys. Inappropriate behaviour may be reported back to the school and could result in follow-up action.

Respecting our Staff – A Polite Reminder

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we are proud of the strong and positive relationships we have with the vast majority of our parents and carers. Our staff work incredibly hard every day to support your children and are committed to doing the very best for every student.

However, we have recently experienced an increase in incidents where staff have been spoken to in an unacceptable manner, both over the phone and in person. We want to be clear that verbal abuse, threats or disrespectful behaviour towards any member of staff will not be tolerated.

We understand that school matters can sometimes be sensitive or emotional, but we ask that all conversations are conducted respectfully. If you ever feel concerned or need support, we are here to help and will always do our best to work with you.

Thank you for your understanding and for continuing to work with us to create a safe, respectful environment for all.

Diary Date: Parent Forum – Ofsted Outcome Discussion.

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our next Parent Forum, where we will be sharing and discussing the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection.

The forum will take place on **Thursday 5th June at 6.00PM on Microsoft Teams**. During the session, we will talk through the key findings from the inspection, highlight areas of strength, and outline our next steps post inspection.

This is an opportunity to hear directly from academy leaders, ask questions, and share your feedback. We are proud of what we've achieved so far and value your continued partnership in helping us make Cliff Park the best it can be for every student.

The MS Teams link will be circulated to parents W/C 02/06/25

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 30th June and Tuesday 1st July
Your child will spend these two days with us, getting to know the school, their teachers, and fellow classmates.
- **Parent Information Evening:**
Monday 30th 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 3rd 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

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
May and June	Y11 GCSE Exam season
Monday 25 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half Term Break
Thursday 5 th June	On-line Parents forum
Monday 9 th June (week Commencing)	Y10 Mock exams start
Monday 30 th June – Friday 4 th July	Y10 Work experience week
Monday 30 th June / Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition days
Monday 30 th June	Year 6 Parents Evening 6.00 pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 11 Prom

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

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