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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.

Amazing GCSE Art & Photography Work

We are incredibly proud of the outstanding work produced by our GCSE Art and Photography students this year. Their creativity, technical skill and personal expression have resulted in an inspiring collection of final pieces that truly showcase their talent and dedication.

To celebrate their achievements, a selection of this exceptional work will be displayed in our main reception area over the coming weeks. We warmly invite all parents, carers and visitors to take a moment to enjoy the exhibition when visiting the academy.

You'll find some of these remarkable pieces featured below – we're sure you'll agree they reflect the imagination, ambition and hard work of our students.



Pupil Success

Congratulations to Jonathan Moore, in year 8 has been nominated by the royal British Legion as Best Cadet for the area. He is currently a Cadet First Class at TS Norfolk, Great Yarmouth Sea Cadets where he has been for 3 years now. Well Done

Wellesley Athletics Event

A massive well done to all students who participated in the Wellesley Athletics Event on Wednesday this week. You all showed excellent resilience, effort and attitude throughout the whole day. We placed 5th overall with some outstanding individual performances resulting in those students receiving either gold, silver or bronze medals.'

To top the event off - Corben Pollard (Year 9) was awarded the Forman Trophy due to his outstanding performance. Corben was selected out of all the students participating at the event which is a huge achievement. **Huge congratulations to Corben from everyone at Cliff Park.**

Farm Trip

On Monday six Cliff Park students had the opportunity to join East Norfolk Sixth Form College at Clinks Care Farm near Beccles as part of East Norfolk's Right to Succeed program. The students had the chance to feed the piglets including measuring out the meals, meeting the recently born goats, seeing the sheep who had been freshly shorn, learning about the organic vegetables grown and meeting the farm cat Jammy. The students loved getting a chance to stroke the animals but were unfortunately unable to bring any back as a school mascot!



Year 11 Leavers

This week we said goodbye to our year 11 cohort. They left under a guard of honour formed of the other year groups and members of staff. We wish them all the best of luck in their futures and look forward to seeing many of them at prom.



Notice to all parents:

With our increased presence on social media, we are reviewing our photograph permissions for all students. Please let the office know if you do not want your child to appear in any photographs or videos that we may share in this newsletter or online. Thank you

Hot Weather

As the weather warms up, we want to ensure all our students stay safe, comfortable, and ready to learn throughout the day.

Please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated. We also recommend that students apply sun cream before coming to school and bring a hat to wear during break and lunch times if they are outside.

Where possible, we will provide shaded areas during outdoor activities and encourage students to stay cool.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and well during the summer term.

Summer Uniform Changes

Thank You for Supporting Our PE Summer Uniform

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers for your support in ensuring students are wearing their PE kit as part of our summer uniform. Your cooperation has helped us maintain high standards while allowing students to stay comfortable during the warmer weather.

We truly value your continued partnership and support.

PE Uniform Reminder:

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 (No cycling shorts). Students are not allowed to wear leggings or jogging bottoms. No other clothing will be permitted.

GL Assessments (Year 7-9)

As part of our assessment programme, Years 7, 8 and 9 students will sit a series of short progress tests in English and Mathematics. Year 9 students will also sit a progress test in Science.

Years 8 and 9 have already sat their English tests but their other tests were postponed due to our Ofsted visit. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Year 10 Work Experience and Careers Activities

Next Wednesday, all of Year 10 will be visiting East Coast College. Students have received letters regarding this and an electronic copy was emailed to parents at the start of the week. Can reply slips please be completed and handed back to Form Tutors on Monday. Many thanks.

On Thursday (X Band) and Friday (Y Band), students will be taking part in a number of workshops in preparation for their work experience visits that begin on Monday 30th June. These workshops will see students engaging in sessions with East Coast College, Norfolk County Council and the UEA, as well as having a go at some mock interviews.

There is still time for students to find a Year 10 Work Experience placement if they do not yet have one. Students have been reminded that they need to be in the academy as normal if they have not secured a placement.

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.

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

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

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.

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 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
Friday 18 th July	Last day of Summer term
Wednesday 3 rd 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

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