

23rd 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 & 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

Over half term, we will be putting on some revision sessions for Year 10 and 11. They are as follows:

TUESDAY:

9.30AM – 11.30AM: Year 10 English Language (Mrs McCrum, EN8)

9.30AM – 11.30AM: Year 11 English Language (Miss Engledow, EN3)

11.30AM – 1.30PM: Year 11 French (Mrs Green, ML3)

FRIDAY:

9AM – 10.30AM: Year 11, Higher (Mr Pillar, MA6)

9AM – 10.30AM: Year 11, Foundation (Miss Beitler, MA2)

10.45AM – 12.15PM: Year 10 Higher (Mr Pillar, MA6)

10.45AM – 12.15PM: Year 10 Foundation (Miss Beitler, MA2)

Year 9 County Cup Final – Well Done!

A huge congratulations to our Year 9 boys football team who represented Cliff Park Ormiston Academy in the County Cup Final against Thorpe Academy, Norwich.

Despite a 3–1 defeat, the team played with determination, teamwork and pride. They showed real character both on and off the pitch and took the result with maturity and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and how they represented the academy.

They'll come back stronger next year – well done, Year 9!

Update to Behaviour Pathway

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, our priority is to maintain a calm, safe, and focused learning environment where every student can succeed without disruption. To support this goal, we have made a small but important adjustment to our **On Call process** as part of our Behaviour Pathway. This change is designed to ensure that, wherever possible, students remain in the classroom and are supported to re-engage with their learning.

Why this change has been made:

We know that students achieve their best in classrooms where expectations are clear, routines are consistent, and behaviour is managed fairly. Our revised Behaviour Pathway strengthens this by providing:

- Clear and consistent consequences for poor behaviour
- Recognition and reinforcement of positive conduct
- A shared language and routine used by all staff

- A focus on keeping students in lessons, learning, and making progress

We believe this approach supports not only academic success but also personal growth and responsibility.

Thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing these expectations at home. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Year 10 Mock Exams (Timetable attached)

Please be reminded that Year 10 Mock Exams run 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.

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

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 half term break.

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal