

24th January 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 11 Parents Evening & Mock Exams

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the Year 11 Parent Evening yesterday evening. In total 82 families were in attendance.

As we prepare for the important Year 11 mock exams, I would like to remind you of the start dates. The mock exams will begin on Tuesday 25th February and run until Friday 7th March. These exams are a vital part of preparing students for their final GCSEs, helping them identify areas for improvement and build confidence in exam conditions.

Please encourage your child to make the most of their revision time and to approach these exams with focus and determination. A full exam timetable will be shared with students next week.

Buildings Update

I am pleased to inform you that the roofing work at the academy is progressing well and is on track to be completed by the end of next week. Following this, the scaffolding will begin to be removed shortly afterward, which we expect to be a swift process. These improvements are part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and quality of our school environment.

New Lunch Menus

After half term, we are introducing new menus in the academy diner. The new menus have been carefully developed for our students and continue to offer high quality, wide variety of nutritious hot and cold options for them to pick from at break and lunch. The new menu options continue to be provided at a reduced cost for all students, ensuring better value for families.

We have attached copies of the new menus with this newsletter

Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on 29th January 2025 with a special menu which will include: **Chicken or Quorn Chow Mein or Sticky Hoi Sin chicken both served with egg fried rice and mini spring roll.**

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.

Enrichment Links with East Norfolk Sixth Form

I am delighted to share news of an exciting new enrichment partnership between our academy and East Norfolk Sixth Form College. This collaboration will provide our students with access to a range of opportunities, including workshops, taster sessions, and expert guidance to support their academic and personal development. Recent activities have included visiting the Seals at Horsey and mentoring from College students at Norwich Ski Slope.

This partnership reflects our commitment to broadening horizons and inspiring students to achieve their full potential as they prepare for life beyond secondary education.

Academic Performance Reports

I want to sincerely apologise for the delay in issuing the recent academic performance reports. Unfortunately, we have experienced unforeseen technical issues whilst introducing an updated data system that have impacted our usual timeline.

Reports have been emailed to parents **TODAY**. If you have not received a report or if the report appears to be inaccurate, please do not hesitate to contact the academy by emailing wrowe@cliffparkoa.co.uk

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
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

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