

24th April 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 Mock results

Due to some staff absence at the start of term, sharing Year 10 mock results have been delayed until week commencing 28th April 2025 when they will be shared in a results assembly.

GL assessments for Years 8 and 9

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

These tests will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and will be carried out in exam conditions.

Students should not feel worried about these tests as prior knowledge is not required to complete them. I would like to stress that they are an assessment of ability and not attainment so no pre learning or preparation is necessary.

Further information including the schedule can be found on the attached letter.

Summer Term Rewards Trips

I am excited to share that, starting in the summer term, we have introduced rewards trips for students as a way to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout the year. These trips will offer students a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a fun and memorable experience as a reward for their good attendance, dedication to learning and positive behaviour.

Details about how to secure a place on these trips has been shared with students during assemblies this week. **We look forward to recognising and celebrating the efforts of our students in this way, and I encourage everyone to continue striving for excellence!**

Safeguarding Information

Following on from the Netflix show Adolescence, we just wanted to share some tips and information that we feel could be useful in managing your child's online activity.

Firstly, know what's out there. Whilst we wouldn't encourage anyone to search out hateful sites on the internet, we have attached a useful sheet of emoji's and terms which can help your understanding of the cultures online. Knowing about the most common platforms and understanding how your children engage with them (e.g. passively observing or actively posting) is a good place to start.

Talk to your children and young people about what they are engaging with online and how it makes them feel. Be curious about what your children enjoy about the sites and forums they visit. Encourage them to reflect on whether the communities they are part of feel healthy, or the

opposite. Encourage your child to keep reviewing whether what they are engaging with online still feels right for them, because communities change over time.

Talk to your children as well about age appropriate guidelines and help them understand how they can change algorithm 'bubbles' if they feel they are seeing too much of a particular kind of content. Algorithms will push content they think we want to see – but it's important for everyone to block, mute, unfollow, and report content that makes you feel uncomfortable.

If you have any questions about your child's online activity or have any concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding team.

Year 11 prom

Save the date – Thursday 3rd July 2025 at the Royal Assembly Rooms Great Yarmouth. Invitations including details of how and where tickets can be purchased will be shared with students week commencing 28th April 2025.

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
Thursday 1 st May	Year 8 Parents Evening
Friday 2 nd May	Start of Y11 GCSE Exam season
Thursday 8 th May	On-line Parents forum

Thursday 15 th May	Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday 25 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half Term Break
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
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