

28th February 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.

4 Part Lesson

This week marked the launch of our 4-Part Lesson Structure, an approach designed to enhance student engagement, promote independence and with that improve academic progress. From the very first lesson, it has been fantastic to see the energy and enthusiasm from both students and staff as they adapt to this new way of learning.

Already, the impact has been evident. Students have responded positively to the structured approach, showing increased engagement, independence, and enthusiasm for their learning. Our teaching staff have also played a crucial role in making this a success, embracing the structure and ensuring lessons remain engaging, purposeful, and high quality. Their commitment to refining and embedding this model has been excellent.

As we move forward, we will continue to gather feedback from students and staff to ensure this approach is as effective as possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this strong start. We are excited to see the long-term impact this structure will have on our students' success.

Reminder - Change to lunch break times due to Mock Exams

Students will be sitting their mock exams after the half term break. This means that for the duration of the exam period we will be moving our lunch break forward an hour to 12.20pm. Students will have their usual period 3, then lunch followed by period 4 and 5.

Phone Pouch Update

We are so proud of our students who have been excellent in making cliff park a mobile free academy. We wanted to take this opportunity and thank parents for their continued support of our mobile free policy at the academy and to inform parents that from Monday we will be issuing a detention to any student who does not have their phone pouch with them.

Pupil Successes

The Year 10 boys football team have progressed into the Semi Finals of the County Cup. The team played Aylsham High and beat them 2-1 on penalties. We face Thorpe High school for a place in the final which will be held at the NCFC Nest. This year the team hope they can go all the way to the final and become County Champions.

Congratulations to Corben Year 9 who recently competed in the England Indoor athletics championships in Sheffield. Qualifying times are required just to enter this competition. Corben qualified to semi-finals in 60m and got a new personal best time of 7.52 seconds. He then qualified for the final in 200m gaining a personal best of 23.72 seconds, which is also a Norfolk county record for U15 boys indoor 200m. Finishing 5th in the U15 boys 200m.

Casey in Year 8 entered the Norfolk Schools Individual Table tennis Championships and is through to the National round of the competition. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to hearing how she gets on!

Autism Acceptance Week

To celebrate Autism Acceptance Week in Norfolk and Suffolk, we are delighted to offer an autism-friendly, fun live music performance for families with young people between 5 and 25, in partnership with First Light Festival CIC and Norfolk County Council. This performance will include all your favourite sing-along pop and musical songs in a safe family environment, where families can enjoy the music together, joining in singing and dancing with a live band and dancers.



Venue: East Point Pavilion, Royal Plain, Lowestoft NR33 0AP [View on map]

Date: Friday 4th April

Time: 6.30pm-7.15pm

Young people must be accompanied by a guardian or family member at all times who will remain responsible for the young person.

This concert will be interactive, with the hope that young people and families will join in with the dancing and singing, you can either join in on the dance floor at that front of the auditorium or participate from the seating area. The concert will be performed noise sensitively, although we do ask that you please also bring any ear defenders that may enhance the experience for your young person.

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
Monday 3 rd – Thursday 13 th March	Y 11 Mock exams continue
Tuesday 11 th – Monday 17 th March	Y10 Mock exams
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