

4th April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made in embedding the **4-part lesson structure** across the academy.

Over the past term, our teachers have worked tirelessly to implement this new approach to teaching, and we have already seen significant improvements in the quality and consistency of lessons. The 4-part lesson structure, which focuses on clear objectives, engaging activities, opportunities for independent practice, and thoughtful reviews, has become a cornerstone of our teaching practice.

The 4-part lesson has allowed us to create a more cohesive and purposeful learning experience for our students, ensuring that each lesson is structured to support their development and achievement. **I'm incredibly proud of the dedication shown by both our staff and students as we continue to refine and build on this approach.**

Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions

Year 11 have now received their examination timetables and Booster booklets. I would like to congratulate students for attending their Period 6 sessions and would ask that you support us in ensuring students continue to attend these up until their first exam. Sessions are shown on their ClassCharts timetables.

A copy of the Booster booklet that students received is attached to this newsletter. Within this booklet, you will find a copy of the summer exam timetable. The first exam (Travel and Tourism) will be taking place on Friday 2nd May, with the last whole-cohort exam taking place on Monday 16th June (Chemistry).

Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term and responding directly to student feedback, I am pleased to inform you that we will be introducing summer uniform for students. **This means that students will not be required to wear a tie during the summer term.** However, it is important to note that all other elements of the school uniform, including shirts, trousers or skirts, blazers, and shoes, must still be worn correctly.

We believe this adjustment will help keep students comfortable while maintaining our high standards of appearance and pride in the academy.

A letter reminding students and parents of uniform expectations and details of where uniform can be purchased will be shared towards the end of the Easter break before we return for the summer term. **I would like to thank parents for supporting our uniform expectations.**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our students adhere to the uniform expectations.

Year 11 Easter Revision

To support students with their revision, we are holding a number of Easter revision sessions as shown below. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions.

Summer Term Rewards Trips

Tuesday 8th April	9.30am - 1pm	iMedia (RRE)	IT4
	9am – 2pm	HSC/CC (1 hour session by appointment)	IT1
	10am-12pm	BTEC Sport	IT5
	9:30-12:30pm	Travel and Tourism (JOB)	IT6
	10am-11.30am	French (RGN)	SSU (computers)
	12.30pm-2.30pm	English Language (AWA)	EN5
	9am-12pm	Maths - Foundation (JLE)	MA5
Wednesday 9th April	9am-2pm	Art (NCU)	AR1
	10am-2pm	Music (AJO)	MU2
	10am-12pm	Drama (CCA)	IT5
	9am-2pm	Engineering (KMI)	DT1
Thursday 10th April	10am-12pm	English Literature (SSO)	EN5
	10am-2pm	Media Studies -Coursework (NDO & SSO)	IT5
Friday 11th April	9am-11.30am	Maths - Higher (GPI)	MA6
Wednesday 16th April	10am-12pm	History – Medicine (SMI)	HU6
	12.30pm-2.30pm	Sociology – Families and Education (SMI)	HU6

I am excited to share that, starting in the summer term, we will be re-introducing our 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 will be shared with students during assemblies in the first week of the summer term. **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.

Pupil Success

On Wednesday the year 8 football team played in the semi final of the county football cup against Wymondham High. The result was a comprehensive 8 - 1 victory! The boys played extremely well demonstrating their passion and desire to reach the final with attacking football till the final whistle. We would also like to thank Noah and Marly from year 10 who officiated brilliantly.

We are extremely proud to say that we now have 3 teams in the County Cup Finals, years 8, 9 and 10. This a real achievement as the competition across the whole county is of a very high level. We will make sure parents are made aware of the date of these finals as soon as we have them as support in these events will be very much appreciated.

We wish all the teams Good Luck with their finals.

Work Experience

Year 9 should now have handed in their work experience forms. Next week, they will be uploading these onto our Unifrog system. This will then send an email to their employer. Once the employer has signed off the electronic form, parents will receive an email to confirm that they are happy with the placement. Placements cannot be confirmed by the academy until parental sign-off has happened.

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 when we return after the break.

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
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term (Week 2)
Thursday 1 st May	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 15 th May	Year 10 Parents Evening
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 holiday.

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal