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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Welcome to the first edition of *Cliff Park Connect* – your weekly window into life at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy. Every Friday, we'll bring you highlights from across the academy – celebrating student achievements, sharing important updates, and giving you a closer look at the events, opportunities, and stories that make our community so special. Whether it's a moment of success in the classroom, a sporting triumph, or a glimpse behind the scenes, *Cliff Park Connect* is here to keep you informed about all that is happening in our school community.

Year 10 Football Team Reach County Cup Final

Our Year 10 football team have enjoyed a fantastic season, showcasing determination, teamwork, and resilience that took them all the way to the **County Cup Final**. Along the way, they secured dramatic wins against **Hobart High School** and **Thorpe St Andrew School** in both the quarter-final and semi-final—each decided by nerve-wracking penalty shootouts.

In the final, the team faced a strong **Flegg High School** side and, despite a spirited performance, narrowly missed out on lifting the trophy. Every player should be incredibly proud of their achievements this season – it's been a memorable journey and a real testament to their hard work and commitment.



Year 10 Footballers: Noah Snowling, Kieron Taylor, Marley Harrison, Euan Turner, Max Harden, Colbie Bliss, Jack Wright, Romer Heywood, Cailen Webster, Noah Baker, Max Avery, Alfie Reader, Kyle Taylor, George Cutchey.

Hope Represents Great Britain in Germany

Over the half-term break, **Hope Watts** travelled to **Göttingen, Germany** to represent **Great Britain** in roller skating – an incredible achievement following her national title win in April.

Competing in the prestigious **German Cup**, Hope delivered a fantastic performance and secured an impressive **4th place** finish against tough international competition.

We are incredibly proud of Hope's dedication, talent, and success on the international stage – a remarkable accomplishment and an inspiration to us all!



Parent Forum Recap – Ofsted Feedback and Future Vision

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent **Parent Forum**. It was a valuable opportunity to share the positive outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection and to outline our continued commitment to improvement.

We discussed key feedback from inspectors, short-term priorities, and our long-term vision for Cliff Park as a first-choice academy known for strong academic outcomes and outstanding pastoral care. If you couldn't join us live, you can watch the full recording here:

 [Click to watch the Parent Forum on YouTube](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to the next forum on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Stay Connected – Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

Want to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and celebrations from Cliff Park Ormiston Academy? Make sure you're following us on social media!

Our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages are the best way to get a behind-the-scenes look at life at Cliff Park – from student achievements and classroom highlights to important updates and upcoming events.

Follow us today:

Facebook: [Cliff Park Ormiston Academy](#)

Instagram: @CliffParkOrmistonAcademy

We're proud of our students and everything they're achieving – come and see for yourself what makes Cliff Park such a special place to learn.

Help Us Celebrate Your Child's Success!

At Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, we love to celebrate the achievements of our students – both in and out of school. Whether it's a sporting success, a creative talent, community involvement or a personal milestone, we want to hear about it!

If your child has achieved something you're proud of, big or small, we'd love the chance to share it with our school community through our newsletters and social media channels.

How to share:

Please email a short description and, if possible, a photo to CPOAnews@cliffparkoa.co.uk

Thank you for helping us shout about all the brilliant things happening beyond the classroom!

Year 10 Mock Exams

We have been very impressed with the excellent start that Year 10 students have made to their Mock Exams.

We ask all parents and carers to continue encouraging strong revision habits, excellent attendance, and punctuality during this period. **A copy of the revision pack that students have been given has been posted on ClassCharts.**

If you have any questions about the mock exams or how to support your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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.

Building for the Future: Academy Facilities Update



We're pleased to share an update on the recent and upcoming building works taking place at the academy. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, modern, and inspiring learning environment for all students and staff.

Recently Completed Works

Over the past year, the academy has made significant strides in upgrading key facilities:



Introduction of three new murals to brighten our corridors.

Science Lab Refurbishment

Our science lab has undergone a full transformation. It now features new workbenches, enhanced utilities, modern storage solutions, and cutting-edge teaching equipment, supporting engaging, hands-on learning.



Student Toilet Refurbishment

Toilets across the site have been fully modernised, with new fixtures, ventilation systems, and high-quality finishes, improving hygiene, accessibility, and overall comfort.

Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) System Upgrades

Essential mechanical and electrical systems have been upgraded, including lighting, heating, and electrical infrastructure. These improvements enhance energy efficiency, reduce maintenance issues, and ensure a more comfortable environment for learning.

Looking to the future, several exciting projects are planned as part of our ongoing development strategy:

Coming in 2025:

- **Technology Classroom Refurbishment**
Our technology spaces will be reimagined to support modern teaching methods, with new furnishings, upgraded tools, and a more functional layout for both practical and digital design.
- **Further M&E Upgrades**
We will continue upgrading aging mechanical and electrical items to improve performance, reliability, and sustainability.

Planned for 2026:

- **Transformation of Academy Building Exterior**
A significant investment will be made to replace windows and facias, improving both the building's energy efficiency and its visual appeal.
- **Brand New Sports Hall Floor**
The sports hall will receive a new floor, ensuring a high-quality surface for PE lessons, sports clubs, and school events.
- **Additional M&E Enhancements**
Continued investment into mechanical and electrical systems will further modernise and futureproof the academy's infrastructure.

These projects mark an exciting time of renewal and investment at the academy. We thank our students, staff, and families for their ongoing support and patience as we work to build a better future for our school community.

Student Leadership Team Launch – Applications Opening!

We are excited to introduce a **BRAND-NEW** Student Leadership Team (SSLT) at Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, designed to give students a powerful voice in school life and the opportunity to shadow key areas of school leadership.

This structure has been carefully developed to mirror and shadow the roles within our Senior Leadership Team, giving students genuine insight into how the academy operates, while empowering them to lead on initiatives that matter to their peers.

At the centre of the structure is the Student Principal, who will work alongside staff and students to influence decision-making, lead meetings, and support whole-school development.

Applications for this prestigious role open on Monday 9th June 2025 and must be submitted via a formal application form with the requirement for a reference from staff. Appointments will be made through a shortlisting and interview panel process, ensuring the role is awarded fairly and transparently. It is open to all year groups, 7 through to 10.

The successful Student Principal will then play a key role in selecting the wider leadership team, including deputies responsible for curriculum, wellbeing, behaviour, enrichment and more.

We look forward to seeing our students step forward to lead with vision, voice and pride.

We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your child and support them in their leadership journey!

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.

NEW Weekly Principal Drop-In – Tuesdays 3:00–4:00PM

We're pleased to introduce a new opportunity for parents and carers to speak directly with the Principal in an informal setting. Starting this term, Principal Drop-In Sessions will run every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00PM, right after school.

Whether you have a question, some feedback, or simply want to have a conversation about life at Cliff Park, you are warmly welcome to drop in – no appointment needed.

We look forward to seeing you there and continuing to strengthen the partnership between school and home.

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 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
Friday 18 th June	Last day of Summer term

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